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2025 Sep/Oct



NEWS letter



“MISSION

Helping grieving parents and families rebuild their
lives following the death of a child.

Tampa Bay Chapter

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- Contribute a Story, Article, Poem or Artwork
- Share Your Thoughts and Feelings with Our Chapter
- Share Helpful Links

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Where grief meets hope and healing for parents, siblings and grandparents.

Meeting Information

Call Lori Scragg at 813- 361-2946
for directions or information

SUNDAY

Regular Monthly **SUNDAY** Meeting
(held second Sunday of each month)
Tampa area
Sep 14 and Oct 12
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Joseph's Hospital
Medical Arts, Auditorium
3001 M L K Jr. Blvd., Tampa, FL.

09 | SEPTEMBER 2025

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THURSDAY

Regular Monthly **THURSDAY** Meeting
(held last Thursday of each month)
Riverview/Gibson/Brandon areas
Sep 25 and Oct 30
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

HCA Florida Brandon Hospital
Cafeteria - Oak Room I
119 Oakfield Drive, Brandon, FL

10 | OCTOBER 2025

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Chapter News

September Activities

September 14 and 25, 2025

- Open Discussion-topic and Suicide Awareness



September is Suicide Awareness Month. Awareness isn't enough.

Because sometimes the smallest proof that we matter — a text, a call, a steady presence — is the thread that keeps someone here.

October Activities

October 12 and 30, 2025

- Open Discussion-topic and October is recognized as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month,



Telephone Friends

Need to talk? Having a bad day? Call one of our Telephone Friends. They're here to lend a knowing ear because they've been there. Don't hesitate to call, we understand.

Debbie Nemitz {Long term illness}	813-501-9567
Lori Scragg (Adult child & Accident)	813-361-2946
Barbara Dietrich {Death of only child}	813-340-9120
Gregg Lalis (Death of young child)	813-778-2605
Julie Woofter (Suicide)	813-754-4848
Sherry Reber (Sibling & Overdose)	813-598-2285
Rita Zvada (Se Habla Espanol)	813-961-1011
Crisis Center	211

Sponsorship, Contribution and Charitable Donations

Sponsor a Newsletter Page

Anyone can sponsor a page in this newsletter in memory of a child to support our chapter.

Full Page: The price for a full page is \$30 which includes photographs and your tribute to your child (poems, stories or whatever you like).

Half Page: The price for a half page is \$15.

As an incentive to have more help to run the chapter, we are giving all of the steering committee members one free page each year.

To sponsor a newsletter page, contact Newsletter Editor at:
news.bptampabay@gmail.com

Please note that sponsorship pages are due by the 25th of the month before the publication month. We publish every 2 months.

Charitable Donation / Love Gift

A Thoughtful Way to Remember

Love Gifts are a beautiful and loving way to remember a loved one. Through Love Gifts, we are able to reach out to others with our brochures and newsletters as well

as obtain books and other information for our library. We truly appreciate every Love Gift, donation and sponsorship. **Our Chapter work is done by volunteers and these donations help us reach out in many ways.**

Newsletter Contributions

Have you written a poem or article about your bereavement process? Would you like to share it in the newsletter? We are looking for article submissions every month from members of our chapter. Articles will be edited if needed. Contact the Editor at news.bptampabay@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2025 Remembrance Candlelight Ceremony

Date:

December 14, 2025; Sunday

Time:

7 PM (Please begin to arrive by 6:00 pm; program will begin promptly at 7pm)

Location:

St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Arts Building; (3003 W MLK Blvd, Tampa)

Bereaved Parents of the USA, Tampa Bay Chapter

will hold its annual Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony at 7 PM. on Sunday December 14, 2025.

This day is the day of the Children's Worldwide Candle Lighting event, created and shared by The Compassionate Friends (TCF), initiated in 1997.

Candles will be lit around the world in memory of all children that have died in every time zone starting at 7:00 PM.

Please join us in this beautiful tribute to our children. Any bereaved parent or family member and friends are invited to participate. For those of you who are newly bereaved, we encourage you to attend. This service may make handling the holiday season a little easier.

KEEPSAKE VOTIVE

Each family who attends will light a candle in honor of their child and take the candle home to light throughout the holidays. Due to a decrease in the amount of donations we have received, we are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per person. If you have votives from previous years that you would like to donate, please get in touch with us so that we can plan accordingly.

**RECEPTION**

This year we will be having a pot-luck dinner after the Candle Lighting as we have done in previous years. We encourage all to participate in the dinner. During this time, we will be announcing the winners of the raffled gift baskets.

PHOTO PRESENTATION

A Special Slide Photo Presentation of our beautiful Children! If you are planning to attend our Candle Light Ceremony, please see Participation Form. Include your child's full name as you want it displayed on the slide presentation including the birth and death dates.

Photo should be of your deceased child only. If your child's photo was included in previous year's candle lights, any of the National

Gathering closing ceremonies, or Chapter Newsletters and you want to use the same photo, just let us know that. Photos mailed in will be returned to you at the Candle Light Service - please pick them up at the registration desk. You can scan the photo yourself and send via email, but please be sure it is at least 600 dpi. If you have an questions, please contact us.

NO BOUTIQUE**There will be FUNDRAISING RAFFLE OF GIFT BASKETS.**

You can donate a basket in memory of your child/children or you can send a donation in with your registration, and we will do one for you in memory of your child/children.

The raffle tickets will be:

\$1 for one ticket,

\$5 for 6 tickets,

\$10 for 15 tickets

\$20 for 35 tickets.

**PARTICIPATION FORM**

For planning purposes, or to ensure your child's name appears in our candle lighting program, or if you wish to have a candle lit for your child in your absence, please complete and submit the form attached and send it in before November 30.

2025 Candlelight Ceremony Participation Form

2025 Candlelight Ceremony Sunday December 14 at 7pm

Please return this registration by November 30 to have your child's name / photo appear in the Program.

Send to: BP/USA, c/o Lori Scragg, 1406 Stephens Oak Ct., Plant City, FL 33567

Email to: lsragg@verizon.net or bptampabay@gmail.com

I (family) will be attending the service on December 14, and will light a candle in remembrance of my child/children

Number of people attending: _____

New participants

I have enclosed a photo

Use the photo from previous presentation

I will be unable to attend the service, but would like to have a candle lit in memory of my child /children.

NOTE: Due to time restraints, only picture for parents ATTENDING the Ceremony will be shown. Thank you for understanding.

Child's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Keepsake Votive donation \$1.00 per person Number of votives _____

I would like to provide / bring / donate for the reception:

NOTE: Please try to donate food (sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, etc.) since we seem to have an abundance of desserts.

I am enclosing a donation in the amount of \$_____ in memory of my child / children.

I would like to purchase _____ **Poinsettia(s)** in the amount of **\$12.00 each**
in memory of my child / children; to be used for decorating at the
Candle Lighting. (You will take the poinsettia home afterwards)

Your Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

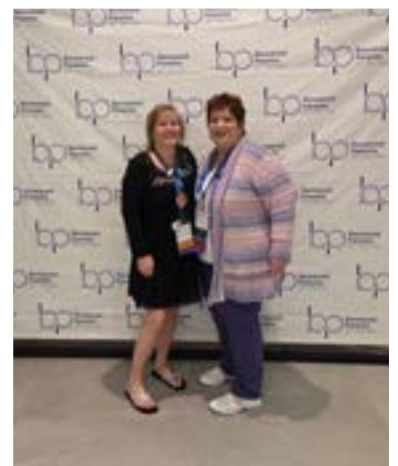
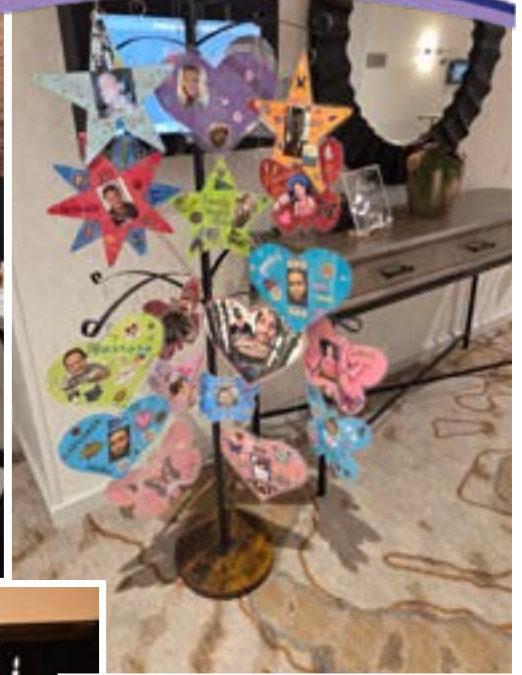


2025 NATIONAL GATHERING

Conference



Bereaved
Parents
OF THE USA



There is something to be said about Sadness

Chad Prather

It doesn't always knock. Sometimes, it just walks in—uninvited, barefoot, and quiet. Other times, it shows up like a storm: sudden, loud, and all-consuming. And then there are the days when sadness feels like an old friend who knows where you hide the spare key. You find it sitting in the kitchen of your soul, brewing a cup of memories you didn't ask to revisit.

Sadness is strange like that. It doesn't always come from a specific moment. Sometimes it creeps in on the heels of a song, a scent, or a quiet evening when the world slows down just enough for you to hear the echo of something you've buried.

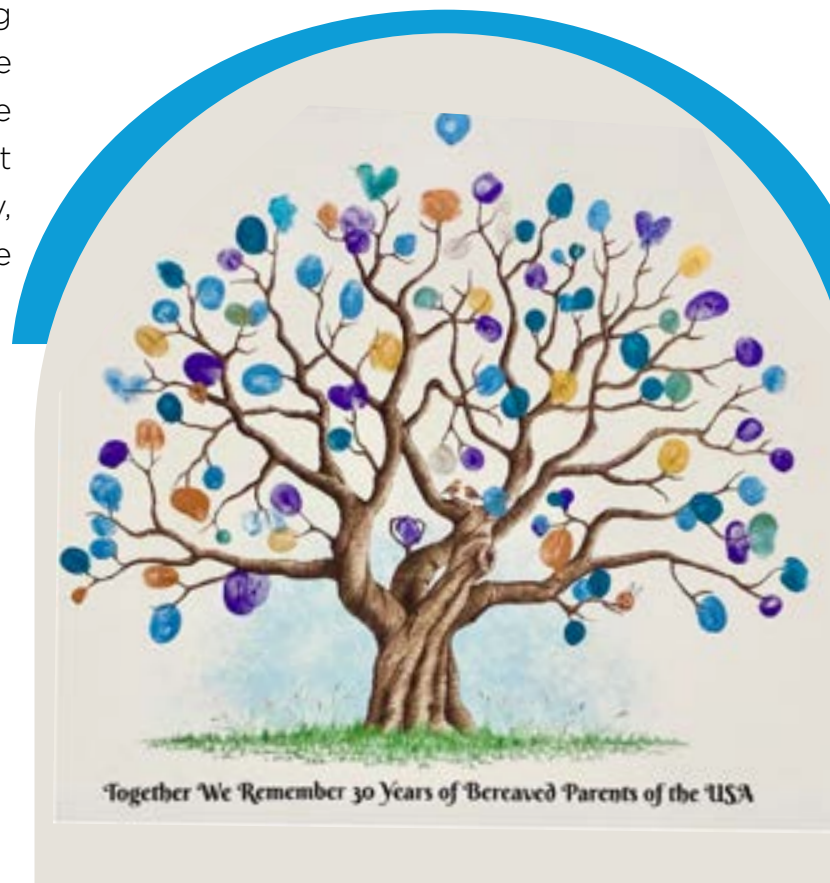
Some people fear sadness—they fight it, numb it, outrun it. Others recognize it as a signal, a signpost that says, "Hey, something inside you needs attention." And then there are those who, oddly enough, welcome it. Not because they enjoy the pain, but because sadness, in its raw honesty, reminds them they're alive. That they've

loved. That they've lost. That they feel—and in this world of noise and distraction, feeling anything at all can be a holy thing.

Sadness is not weakness. It's not failure. It's not something to hide in the closet with your skeletons. It is the soft ache of being human. It teaches empathy. It carves out space for joy. It slows us down enough to remember what matters.

So if you're in it right now—don't rush it away. Don't stuff it down. Sit with it. Ask what it came to teach you. Because even sadness has something to say.

And maybe, just maybe, it's saying: "You're healing."



Angel of Hope Memorial Garden Information

Riverside Park
201 S. Riverhills Drive, Temple
Terrace, Florida

Parking lot is across the street and
up a hill on the left as you turn
onto S. Riverhills Drive from 56th.
Street.

Follow either path to the back to
the ANGEL!

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September Birthdays

Arnold, Ryan
9/1/1988 - 11/28/2007
P - Ron & Marcia Arnold
B - Jason and Matt
GP - Charlie & Kathy Arnold, and
Allan & Florence Knopf

Brady, Mark A.
09/27/57 - 01/03/89
M - Margaret Brady
S - Margaret J. Bruner
B - Hayward L. "Bubba" Brady, Jr.
GP - Wallace & Josephine Bagley and
Wm. & Cinderalla Brady

Brown, Linsey
9/29/1983 - 7/4/2010
M - Stacy Valdivia
B - Matthew Brown

Brown, Tracy M.
9/10/74 - 3/26/16
M - Phoebe Brown
F - Brian Asci
B - Justin Asci
Daughter - Taylor Rose Brown

Cash, Christopher
9/13/1977 - 8/23/2004
M - Rita & Thomas Zvada
F - Charles & Mika Cash
Child - Leah Cash
B - Charles Cash II
GP - Gustavo & Ida Arencibia

Castellano, Lina
9/15/1966 - 2/20/2004
P - Sam & Jean Castellano

Cepero, Caylee Marie
9/3/2000 - 3/8/2005
P - Dawn and Lee Cepero
B - Corbin
S - Kennedy
GP - Sandy Boehning

Daly, Cole
9/9/1983 - 12/17/2001
M - Katie Brock

Dechant, Matt
9/26/1984 - 4/14/2007
F - Tom Dechant

Donnarumma, Sophia Marie
9/1/2000 - 12/23/2004
P - Benjamin & Diane
S - Olivia
GM - Pat Donnarumma

Eddy, Steven
9/16/1960 - 7/9/2008
M - Marilyn Eddy
S - Pam Bishop & Tammy Eddy
B - Sonny
N - Angie Valente & Missy Bishop

Finucane, Peter
11/23/1997 - 9/1/2017
M - Cindy Finucane

Funk, Benjamin
9/9/1976 - 6/25/2001
P - Mr & Mrs Funk

Gould, Richard J.
9/26/1981 - 3/3/2001
M - Cindy PhelpsWise
F - Ralph Gould
B - Ryan, Bryan & Mark
S - Karen

Gray, Jay
09/07/70 - 11/09/01
M - Dee Gray

Holland Jeffrey K. Moses
9/10/1986 - 7/7/2009
P - Thomas & Donna Holland and
Henry Moses
Sibs - Derrick & Logan
GP - Beverly Cash, Joan & Steve Holland

Jones, G. Randy
9/6/90 - 4/9/17
M - M Cristina Jones
F - Charlie Jones
B - Brian Jones
GP - Jorge and Maria Rodriguez and
Gilbert Jones

Kelley, Christopher Shawn
09/07/1972 - 5/26/2012
M - Patricia L Kelley
F - Harry J Kelley
SM - Donna Kelley

Knight, Matthew A.
9/1/1982 - 12/28/2001
P - Ron & Sandy Knight
GM - Jack & Mary Griffin & Doris I. Knight

Kushner, Jonathan
09/13/62 - 10/28/73
P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner
B - Andy & David

Lane, Jim
9/7/1966 - 1/2/2005
M - Carol Lane

Lopez, Jakub
9/6/06 - 11/2/22
P - Claudia and Julio
B - Julio Lopez Jr
S - Alexa Lopez

Mart, Aaron Paul
09/24/96 - 09/11/99
P - Hank & Donna Mart
B - Daniel
GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael &
Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

Morrill, Daniel
9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007
M - Amelia Lubrano

O'Berry, Michael Sean
09/13/94 - 12/15/97
P - Mike & Valerie O'Berry
B - Christopher O'Berry
GM - Linda Hoffman
A - Joyce Weil
U - Mike Kasrich

B - Siobhan Castillo
S - Brayden Castillo
P - Larry and Jeanne O'Neil
B - Kevin & wife Rene'
S - Kitty & husband Joseph;
Jennifer & husband Randy

Peel, Matthew Shane
9/9/92 - 9/9/92
A - Beth Biggs U- Eddy Biggs
GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul
9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995
F - Donald J. Perrotti

Russo, Marilyn
9/3/45 - 11/10/18
S - Barbara Dietrich

Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi"
9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995
P - Carl & Lisa Will
S - Megan & Rachel Will
B - Zachary & Seth Will

Williams, Travis Aaron
9/11/1979 - 4/19/2000
P - Bill & Linda Williams
GP - Loretta Ayers, Raymond Ayers
& Edna Williams

Zettles, DJ
9/25/93 - 6/13/16
P - Doug & Tammy Zettles
GP - Fred & Barbara Coate



September Anniversaries

Carter, Cassandra D. "Casie"
2/22/1982 - 9/28/2000
P - Ted & Gayle Carter
B - Justin Carter
GP - Luna Carter

Castillo, Schyler
2/5/12 - 9/1/22
F - Randall Castillo
B - Siobhan Castillo
S - Brayden Castillo

Cooley, Malena Rose
3/23/1998 - 9/4/2000
P - Scott & Traci Cooley
B - Nolan
S - Madelyn & Olivia

Finucane-Terlop, Peter
11/23/97 - 9/1/17
M - Cindy Finucane

Gereaue, Ryan
5/20/1987 - 9/12/2008
M - Laurie Gereaue

Gravette, Austin Lee
8/31/1993 - 9/26/2009
P - Randy & Pamela Gravette
S - Jessica Lynne Beauchamp
GP - Oscar & Penny Rodriguez

Gregory, Stephen John
11/4/1962 - 9/1/2016
P - DeLores and John (stepfather)
B+ Mike Gregory
S - Pam Gregory

Guy, Reese
3/27/2002 - 9/23/2020
M - Tammy Guy
Dad - Josh Miller
Grandparents - Kelly & Kerry Rhodes

Harris, Eric Michael
2/4/1984 - 9/12/2003
P - Mike & Pam Harris
B - Mark
GM - Joan Matthews & Verna Harris

Henry, Sumara Raquel
07/12/88 - 09/18/93
P - Louis & Cindy Henry
GP - James & Ruby Reese & Bernice Henry

Horst, Trey
4/16/1974 - 9/8/2000
P - Art & Linda Horst
B - Todd & Thad
S - Trisha & Tammy

Hoyt, Scott
10/27/75 - 9/16/18
M - Kathy Kellinger

Kowall, Spec. Corey J.
2/1/1989 - 9/20/2009
M - Kelly Kowall
Sibs - Kyla & Kristen
GP - Marshall & Marty Schoeff

Kenefick, Aaron Michael
2/5/1979 - 9/8/2009
M - Susan Price
Sibs - Jacque & Jade
GM - Carol Price

Kutz, Dylan
4/12/95 - 9/7/12
P - Marivic & Richard Kutz

Lowe, Anna
1/30/1994 - 9/30/2007
M-Beth Lowe

Mack, Anthony Joe
5/31/96 - 9/28/14
P - Barbara & Rob Riches

Mart, Aaron Paul
09/24/96 - 09/11/99
P - Hank & Donna Mart
B - Daniel
GP - Betty & Trevor Harvey, Michael & Iris Willsher, Gene & Mim

McMillion, James Christopher
7/26/1984 - 9/26/2003
GP - Ralph & Martha Hamilton

Metallo, Armando
5/3/1984 - 9/15/2005
P - Angelo & Luisa Metallo
S - Ana, Angelo, Luisa, & Joe Metallo
GP - Armando & Ana Metallo and Graciela & Dorotheo Martinez

MinkMiller, Deborah
3/26/1965 - 9/27/1991
M - Diane Mink
S - Renee Mink Crosby

Moore, Maya
7/16/05 - 9/23/20
Mom - Maryam Ahmed
Dad - Clarence Moore II
Sister - Maha Smith
Brother - Clarence Moore III
Grandparents - Mery Love and Tahira Abuukar

Morrill, Daniel
9/30/1972 - 9/8/2007
M - Amelia Lubrano

Nichols, Melissa
11/9/1982 - 9/4/2002
M - Terrena Nichols
F - Shannon Nichols
S - Brandy Nichols
B - Shannon Nichols, Jr.

Peel, Lee Anna Campbell
8/5/1972 - 9/9/1992
M - Patricia Campbell
S - Beth Biggs
B - Eddy Biggs
GP - Estele & James Carleton

Peel, Matthew Shane
9/9/92 - 9/9/92
A - Beth Biggs U - Eddy Biggs
GM - Patricia Campbell

Perrotti, Paul
9/5/1969 - 9/25/1995
F - Donald J. Perrotti

Pippin, Shawn
10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002
M - Anita Pippin

Pispitsos, Richard John
01/23/72 - 09/14/98
P - Catherine Webb & Philip Finkelstein
S - Michelle Webb
GP - Anne & Owen Beglane

Rainey, Wendy Michelle Price
3/7/1968 - 9/27/2006
M - Shelia Farmer
B - Peter Price
S - Emily Furst

Roberts, J. Michael
5/31/1963 - 9/25/2002
M - Ann Roberts Mitchel
GP - Merle H. Brunson

Russell, Karron Michelle
1/20/1967 - 9/12/2000
P - Ben & Sue Bowditch and Children - Brytani, Derak & Melody Sisters - Catherine, Roben & Laurie Bobby Jr. & Scott
GP - Cathren Dickerson and Jimmy & Kay Senseney

Schulman, Adam J.
6/7/1971 - 9/26/2004
M - Pat Schulman
Freddie Kelly Jr. and Kenny Schulman

Scragg, Keith Joseph
8/4/1986 - 9/5/2008
P - Richard & Lori
Son - Macklin
B - Matthew
S/O - Emily Popke

Silva, Marina
7/3/99 - 9/3/23
M - Alicia Silva

Smith, Clay Daniel
10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996
P - Francia & Chuck Smith
B - Jed & Kyle

Thornton, Teresa E.
01/12/66 - 09/24/81
P - Ken & Mirta Thornton
S - Lisa Buckner
B - Nick Thornton
GP - Tony & Berneda Pino



I never knew a love so deep
until I had you.
I never knew pain so cruel
until I lost you.



Seven Profound Lessons

from “Shattered” By Gary Roe

1. Grief Has No Timeline

Roe gently dismantles the myth that grief follows a predictable pattern or schedule. When he writes, “Your heart will heal on its own schedule, not anyone else’s,” he remembers how society often expects the bereaved to “move on” when they’ve barely begun to process their loss. This permission to grieve at your own pace feels like a hand holding yours in the darkness.

2. Your Child’s Life Matters More Than Their Death

One important passage reveals Roe’s insistence that “Your child’s life always trumps their death.” He encourages parents to honor their child’s memory not just through mourning, but by celebrating who they were – their quirks, dreams, and the unique ways they changed the world. This shift in perspective doesn’t diminish the loss but adds meaning to it.

3. Grief Transforms Rather Than Ends

“You don’t get over this loss. You learn to carry it,” Roe writes with unflinching honesty. This recognition that grief becomes integrated into who we are rather than something we overcome felt revolutionary. It acknowledges the permanence of love even as it transforms.

4. Connection Is Vital to Healing

The book emphasizes how isolation compounds suffering. Roe’s guidance on finding understanding companions who

can simply be present without trying to “fix” your pain resonated deeply. His practical advice on building a supportive community acknowledges that while grief is personal, we weren’t meant to bear it alone.

5. Self-Care Isn’t Selfish

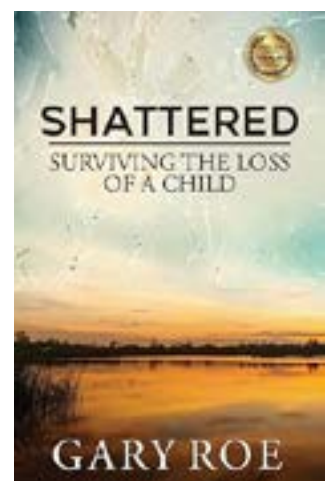
Many parents feel guilty for experiencing moments of joy after loss. Roe compassionately insists that caring for yourself honors your child: “Your child would want you to live, not just exist.” This permission to find small pleasures becomes an act of courage rather than betrayal.

6. Making Meaning Matters

“Your pain can have purpose,” Roe suggests, showing how many bereaved parents eventually find ways to honor their children through foundations, advocacy, or simply extending compassion to others who suffer. This isn’t presented as an expectation but as a possibility that has helped many find footing on shifting ground.

7. Hope Is Possible

The most profound gift of this book claims the reviewer is the authentic hope it offers – not the hollow cheerfulness that dismisses pain, but the hard-won conviction that light can eventually return. “Hope doesn’t mean forgetting,” Roe writes. “It means remembering in a way that brings life.”



October Birthdays

Baez, Roberto G
10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005
M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

Baker-Dixon, Lori Kathleen
10/29/1975 - 4/12/2001
Child - Ryan
Spouse - Rusty
P - Donna & Ron Budd and
Marie & Bill Baker
S - Tracy Goodson & Phylcia Baker
B - Jamey Baker

Black, Justin
10/3/1989-11/6/2007
F-Chris Black

Burger, Teresa
10/26/58 - 07/10/87
M - Cecelia Burger
B - Hal & Curt Burger

Carpenter, Ben
10/3/1965-5/10/1995
P-Carl & Marilyn Carpenter

Casey, Ryan
10/15/86 - 5/4/12
P - Mike & Katie Casey
S- Lauren Casey

Cason, Todd
10/28/1968 - 4/12/2003
P-Earl and Kay Cason
Child- Spouse-

Chilson, Candice
10/24/83 - 11/10/01
M - Wendy Chilson

Fitzpatrick, Brad R
10/8/72 - 10/27/2000
M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Fleming, Ibree
10/15/01 - 6/1/03
M - Vonetta Fleming
S - Aniya
B - Merquis and Martell

Fox, Eric
10/30/69 - 8/30/23
M - Nancy Didier

Hester, Debbie
10/14/61 - 07/25/98
P - Buddy & Sue Butler

Hoyt, Scott
10/27/75 - 9/16/18
M - Kathy Kellinger

Jackson-Carter, Atticus
10/1/24 - 10/1/24
M - Deanna Jackson-Carter
B - Denvyr

Knight, Arleen Diane
10/16/1947 - 5/4/2004
P-Arthur & Ethel Fernandez
S-Elaine Rogers
Daughters-Trina Fuller, Amy Diaz,
Katie Tuclula

McElwaine, David Christopher
10/01/90 - 06/22/12
M - Kim Joannides
F - Brad McElwaine
S - Sarah McElwaine
B - Anthony Joannides,
Grant & Andy McElwaine
GP - Chris & Chris Joannides,
Jack & Gayle Cornish, Jeannine Dohse

Mercer, Bret
10/5/1988 - 6/25/1992
P - Eddie & Darlene Mercer
S - Lindy, Crystal & Kaley
GP-Loren & Christine Mercer
GP-Beverly Jaudon Quincannon

Miller, Tyler Lee
10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003
P-Perry and Barbara Miller

Mira, Anita
10/22/1992 - 12/4/2010
M- Patricia Mira

Nichols, Shannon Jr.
10/5/1979 - 3/29/2004
M-Terrena Nichols
F-Shannon Nichols
S-Brandy& Melissa Nichols

Ojeda, Jayden
10/6/04 -10/6/19
M - Alicia Ojeda
B - Jorge Adriaazole

Peters, Chalama
10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005
P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis

Pippin, Shawn
10/16/1984 - 9/16/2002
M-Anita Pippin

Rigney, Kyle
10/27/90 - 12/13/2020
F - Louis Rigney

Ross, Johnathan
10/13/86 - 2/23/25
M - Cheryl Kaplan

Short, Kimberley
10/21/1969 - 2/11/1993
P - Terrance & Sue Short

Sluder, Theresa Elaine
10/14/61 - 11/17/2008
P-Tom & Judy Sluder
S-Kathryn
B-Tom III & Keith
Children-Brandy & Brandon
Grandchildren-Romeo, Thaliana
N/N-Israel,
Keith II and Miranda

Schmedlen, Nathan
10/27/1968-2/2/1990
M-Rose Schmedlen

Smith, Clay Daniel
10/24/1967 - 9/30/1996
P-Francia & Chuck Smith
B - Jed & Kyle

Snyder, Janna Marie
10/21/1978 - 11/11/1995
GP - Marian & Paul Bullard
P - Dana & Connie Snyder
B - Jeff Snyder

Thomas, Destiny Jean
10/1/1990 - 4/24/1998
F-Craig Thomas
B-Braxton and tin
GP-Augie & Betty Thatcher and
Marty & Carol Thomas

Thompson, Timothy A.
10/27/70 - 01/07/93
P- Bettie & Richard Thompson

Verde, Alex
10/1/1987 - 11/14/16
M - Andria Verde
S- Amber Davis

Wallowicz, Michael (Mikey) Kevin
10/23/1981 - 4/28/1990
P - Jim & Judy Wallowicz
B - Jimi Wallowicz
GM-Josie Varselona

Welch, Kimberly Michelle
10/24/1971 - 8/28/2003
M-Nancy Welch
Child-

Wynne, Adam Charles
10/13/1971 - 4/24/1993
P-Chuck & Gloria Judson
S-Lori Wynne
Father to Morgan Wynne



October Anniversaries

Baez, Roberto G.
10/30/1985 - 10/3/2005
M-Jeannette Carrasco Baez

Baker, Jennifer
12/13/1973 - 10/15/1995
P-Terry & Susan Baker

Ferrera, Alex
8/11/1977 - 10/4/1997
P - Nelson & Guisela Ferrera
B - Paolo Ferrera
GM - Magda Alvarez
Aunt - Mirta Diaz
Uncle - John Ferrera

Fitzpatrick, Brad R.
10/8/1972 - 10/27/2000
M - Barbara Fitzpatrick

Gardner, Gary Dwain Jr.
8/25/1995 - 10/4/2000
P - Gary & Janelle Gardner
B - Jacob Gary Gardner

Gonzalez, Tarik C.
1/16/1976 - 10/12/2007
M-Susan Zapata
GM-Jacqueline Rodriguez

Griner, Matthew Ian
7/10/1985 - 10/27/2006
P-George & Barbara Griner
B-Daniel & Kurt
GP-Bill and Ann Griner

Gugliotta, Dan & Nadine
3/26/1976 - 10/14/2003
P-Dan & Nadine Gugliotta
Son-Jason

Howard, Joseph
3/14/1985-10/5/2002
M-Krista Howard

Jackson-Carter, Atticus
10/1/24 - 10/1/24
M - Deanna Jackson-Carter
B - Denvyr

Johnston, Nathan
8/22/1981-10/19/2005
M-Indra Johnston-Wilhour

Kelley, Emmanuel
2/27/1987-10/25/2006
M-Cyntheia Kelley
A-Deitra Luropler
C-Angel Kelley

Knox, Patricia Lynn
7/27/1964 - 10/21/1997
M - Shelby Jean McClure

Kushner, Jonathan
09/13/62 - 10/28/73
P - Lorraine & Gil Kushner
B-Andy & David

Lingefelt, Fiona
12/20/1989 - 10/15/2000
P - Karen & Douglas Lingefelt
B-Alexander & Andrew

Lovett, Sandra Sandy
12/3/1968 - 10/4/1997
M - Barbara Bryant

Martinez, Joseph
4/23/1972 - 10/13/2007
M-Josie Martinez
S-Patty Camuns

McDonald, Brooke
11/8/1990-10/04/2008
P-Mitch & Barbara McDonald

Milam, Perry Edward
11/4/1974 - 10/1/1994
M-Nancy Milam
S-Suzanne Milam Clark

Miller, Tyler Lee
10/16/2003 - 10/16/2003
P-Perry and Barbara Miller

Ojeda, Jayden
10/16/04 - 10/16/19
M - Alicia Ojeda
B - Jorge Adiazole
S - Sacaria and Jenavecia Ojeda

O'Neil, Clark Dean
9/1/1962 - 10/24/2004
P-Larry and Jeanne O'Neil
B-Kevin & wife Rene'
S-Kitty & husband Joseph; Jennifer & husband Randy

Parrish, Tyler Stephen
8/6/1991 - 10/24/1991
P - June & Terry Parrish

Peters, Chalama
10/29/1988 - 10/4/2005
P-Veronica and Thaddeus Francis

Rayburn, Geoffrey (Jeff) Ware
3/2/1970 - 10/15/1995
P-Robert and Sue Moos
B-Bobby Moos
S-Amy Rayburn
GP-Richard & Jeannette Roberson
and Josephine Rayburn

Schank, Jamie
11/3/1972-10/26/2003
M-Joan Schank

Schneider, Adam
01/29/71 - 10/23/75
P - Bill & Georgia Schneider

Simone, Benjamin Arthur
3/29/1975 - 10/10/1997
P - David & Kathy Simone
S - Dawn Figueroa

Will, Madison Kathleen "Madi"
9/2/1995 - 10/4/1995
P - Carl & Lisa Will
S - Megan & Rachel Will
B- Zachary & Seth Will





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