



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



July, 2021

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Any of these members may be contacted to
talk about your loss:

CHAPTER HELP - 719-344-3216

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Welcome

The death of your child is probably the most traumatic, life-changing event that you will ever experience. The Compassionate Friends is an organization of parents who have also lost a child to death. Each of us has experienced the deep, searing pain that you are feeling now. Each of us has turned to other parents who were farther into their grief journey for guidance, support and understanding. This is done through our monthly meetings, our newsletter, our website, our Telephone Friend program, our library and our e-mail program. Each month parents find our meeting to be a safe place where they can talk about their pain and problems with others who are uniquely qualified to understand; bereaved parents offer gentle suggestions or often simply listen. We invite you to bring a friend to your first few meetings until you feel a level of comfort with the group. Do not be surprised if we talk about the happy times with our children, the wonderful memories and the various methods we have created to keep our children close to us. It is here that many bereaved parents find hope as those who are more seasoned in their grief shine the light of experience to help illuminate each grief path. We have no dues. We are self-sustaining through donations and the generosity of so many in our community.

We understand your pain; won't you let us help you through your grief?

Remember The Children
Balloon Launch
August 20, 2021 - 7PM
Bonaforte Park
Details Inside This Newsletter





LOVE GIFT DONATION

Costs are rising. We need your *Love Gift* to support our chapter & newsletter! If you can, please help.

I would like to make a donation: ☐ in Memory of ☐ a Chapter Gift

In loving memory of: _____

Love Gift Donation: \$ _____ Please make check payable to: The Compassionate Friends

Cut and mail this form with your Love Gift to: Ruby Doyle – 6552 Lange Dr. – Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Contributor Name & Address: _____

Relationship: ☐ Son ☐ Daughter ☐ Grandson ☐ Granddaughter ☐ Friend ☐ Other

Photo Enclosed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Photo To Be Returned: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Love Gift Donations

A "Love Gift" is a wonderful way to remember your child, while also helping our TCF chapter "reach out" to bereaved families. There is no charge to attend meetings, use the library, or receive the newsletter. We depend solely upon these gifts, monetary or gifts-in-kind, to support our chapter. You may choose to donate a tax deductible "Love Gift" at any time. Let us be here for the families who do not know today that they will need us tomorrow.

Our chapter exists entirely through your donations which are tax deductible. A Love Gift is money donated to the chapter in memory of your child who has died. If you feel a Love Gift is an appropriate way to honor the memory of your child, please consider a donation, large or small. Please fill out the form located in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed. All pictures submitted will be electronically scanned and added to our electronic Child Remembered "Picture Frame" displayed at monthly meetings and then returned to you.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

\$50 or more - Newsletter Sponsor. May include a full page for printing. Please remember to send your page "Copy Ready" as you would like to see it printed in the newsletter.

\$25 up to \$50 - A picture, if available, and dedication to be listed in the newsletter.

\$0 up to \$25 - A Love Gift acknowledgement. All Love Gift donations should be sent directly to our treasurer, Ruby Doyle whose address is listed on the Love Gift Donation Form. Wouldn't you like to make a dedication to your child and help our chapter?

✍️ Send Love Gifts to Ruby Doyle, 6552 Lange Drive Colorado Springs, Co 80918 ✍️

Thank you for contributing and supporting the work of our local chapter!



Michaela Christianson
in memory of Damon Vincent Christianson

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CHAPTER NEWS

The Pikes Peak Chapter has determined that our members really don't want Zoom meetings. These meetings have not been as popular as we initially thought with attendance being comprised primarily of our board members. **This month our regular meeting will be held via Zoom because Leta and I will be out of town and the school will be unavailable.** Login information can be found at the bottom of this page.

We will continue to have our in person meetings at the Kempo Karate school located at 410 South 8th Street directly behind the Taco Express. Each month we will have a different facilitator hosting the group with a wide range of topics to engage our members. These in person meetings will be held the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. Masks will be optional if you have been fully vaccinated and mandatory for those who have not. Refreshments can be brought/served but we ask that they be consumed on the carpeted area only. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on September 17th. The August meeting will be held at Bonforte Park for our Remember the Children Balloon Launch. The park is located at North Wahsatch & Jackson across from the Bonn Shopping Center. Refreshments will be served.

We have been in contact with the First Baptist Church about hosting our meetings there again and they are ready to host us but only smaller rooms are available at this time. We will continue to be in touch with them and look forward to starting back up at the church in the near future.

Meetings are available to all members each month and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



Welcome New Friends.

At nearly every meeting we welcome new members to our group, always with mixed emotions. We are glad you found us, but we are so sorry for the circumstances that bring us together. We understand your pain; we hope our unconditional friendship and understanding will help you through your grief. Attending a meeting for the first two or three times takes courage, but for many it is the first real step toward healing. It may seem overwhelming, so we encourage you to come to several meetings to give yourself a chance to become comfortable.

ZOOM Meeting Login Information

Topic: TCF Pikes Peak's Zoom Meeting
Time: Jul 16, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86784853745?pwd=eVBlejRFRVRDUIAwbHd2RFFXNjlyUT09>

**THIS MEETING HAS ALREADY
TAKEN PLACE**



REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Charlie Josh Jones	Jul 1	Sue Jones
Ryan Thompson	Jul 1	Yvette & Bob Thompson
Charlie Josh Jones	Jul 1	Angie Jones
Steven Bondurant	Jul 1	Karen Bondurant
Sean Michael Benjamin	Jul 1	Kathy Benjamin
Timothy Scott Williams	Jul 3	Lea Blanc
Karen Sue Crawford	Jul 4	Joy Andrews
Sean Thompson	Jul 5	Rick Korschog/Frankie Thompson
Kyle Joe Manning	Jul 7	Carol & Don Manning
Blake Smith	Jul 8	Brian Smith
Daniel Foreman	Jul 8	Jan Foreman
Sam Blew	Jul 9	Bryan & Jennifer Blew
Anthony James "Tony" Pisor	Jul 10	Cynthia Pisor-Zapel
Pearl Marion Irby	Jul 11	Haley & Michael Irby
Lora Lee	Jul 11	Kathy Hollaway
Nathan Luther Spangenberg	Jul 12	Lois Spangenberg
Bruce White	Jul 12	Gordon White
Jack Lincoln Farrell	Jul 13	Pamela Welch
Cristoval Ornelas	Jul 13	Annette & Chris Ornelas
Travis Holappa	Jul 14	Kim & Terry Packa
Eli Witcher	Jul 16	Phyllis Lallier
Everly Jacobs	Jul 18	Raelyn Jacobs
Cris Cruz	Jul 19	Henrietta Madrid
Tiffany Maxwell	Jul 20	Diane Maxwell
Ryan Sayers	Jul 20	Tom & Kate Sayers
Brian Patrick Adair	Jul 21	Duane & Mary Adair
Justin William Winner	Jul 21	Dale & Rosanne Winner
Arthur Lipphardt Jr	Jul 23	Art & Chris Lipphardt
Amanda Stocchero	Jul 24	Sandy Stocchero
Craig Matthews	Jul 24	Cathy Genato
Raven Guinevere Hosmer	Jul 24	Terra Tice
Alexander Pegler	Jul 26	Eric & Lisa Pegler
Anadelia Vega	Jul 27	Dale Vega
Mallory Jane Hooper	Jul 28	Bill & Beth Hooper
Michael Williams Greist	Jul 28	Judy Greist
Scott Michael Gerwatowski	Jul 28	Linda Gerwatowski
Michelle Howie	Jul 31	Annette Howie



REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY

Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Kyleigh Peltzer	1 year	Jul 2	Ashleigh Peltzer
Damon Vincent	33 years	Jul 3	Chaela Christianson
Heidi Susanne Wolfe	20 years	Jul 3	David & Karen Wolfe
Adam Roy Hodges	5 years	Jul 4	JoAnn Ewing
Ramon E.G. Lucero	26 years	Jul 5	Diana & Kimber Michael
Devin John Seifert	21 years	Jul 5	Steve & Debbie Seifert
Raven Guinevere Hosmer	32 years	Jul 5	Terra Tice
Nicole Megan Yagi	9 years	Jul 5	Jackie & Dennis Yagi
Sebastian Salkind	39 years	Jul 6	Skye Aubrey (c/o Shay)
Jay Aguanno	19 years	Jul 7	Jean Aguanno
Kaitlin Bartlett	17 years	Jul 8	Kim Bartlett
Andrew Aguilar	24 years	Jul 9	Delecia (Dee) Brooks
Shannon Diane McMahon	16 years	Jul 9	Robert & Jeanette McMahon
Brooke Hromadka	32 years	Jul 10	J.D. Farmer
Pearl Marion Irby	1 day	Jul 11	Haley & Michael Irby
Jack C. Jefferson	5 years	Jul 11	John & Dena Jefferson
Abigail Ruth Smelser	23 years	Jul 11	Robin Myers
Chance Tyler Nichols	17 years	Jul 11	Charlie Nichols
Cristoval Ornelas	1 day	Jul 13	Annette & Chris Ornelas
Christopher Skaggs	15 years	Jul 13	Ernest & Tanya Skaggs
Jack Lincoln Farrell	1 day	Jul 13	Pamela Welch
Eric Paul Deming	27 years	Jul 14	Denise Deming
Zachary Dean Glenn	3 years	Jul 14	Kristin & Larry Glenn
Avery Keirse	2 months	Jul 14	Carissa Keirse
Kristopher Lohrmeyer	17 years	Jul 16	Dan and Lori Lohrmeyer
Eli Witcher	2 days	Jul 17	Phyllis Lallier
Blake Smith	1 year	Jul 17	Brian Smith
Jeanne Burroughs Widmar	33 years	Jul 18	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Malik Boykins	12 years	Jul 18	Matissa Dunkley
Matthew Alan Haywood	22 years	Jul 18	Roger Haywood
Roy Polhemus	23 years	Jul 18	Kathleen Landry, Edward Pohlemus
Ryan Rickman	11 years	Jul 19	Jean Rickman Place
Amanda Stocchero	15 years	Jul 19	Sandy Stocchero
Michael Benjamin Decker	18 years	Jul 20	Mary & Jerry Decker
Robert "Bobby" Slaughter	20 years	Jul 20	Robert Slaughter
Veronika Olivia Baca	1 year	Jul 22	Sharon Baca
Courtney Marie Becker	27 years	Jul 22	Joseph Becker
Travis Grimmer	29 years	Jul 23	Mary Lou Grimmer
Cathleen Bartlett Maxwell	6 years	Jul 24	Dick & Marty Maxwell
Travis Holappa	25 years	Jul 25	Kim & Terry Packa
Kari Ann Kirt	15 years	Jul 26	Lon and Andrea Kirt
Cyan Pratt	20 years	Jul 27	Stanley Pratt
Nicholas Bettke	22 years	Jul 28	Bruce Bettke
Christie Fike	32 years	Jul 28	Shirley & Dan Emerson
Benjamin Stewart Easton	22 years	Jul 28	Susan Stewart
Nathan Gentry	7 years	Jul 29	Susan Gentry
Haley Yarbrough	23 years	Jul 29	Andrea Yarbrough
Mike Petersen	20 years	Jul 30	Doug & Shelli Petersen
Jimmy Schmidt	13 years	Jul 30	Jim & Laurie Schmidt
Ian Steele	27 years	Jul 30	Donna Vezakis
Giovani Duran	15 years	Jul 31	Kelly & Gustavo Duran
Jonathan Steven Gabriel	5 years	Jul 31	Steve & Jane Gabriel



**Damon Vincent Christianson
5/30/77 - 7/3/2010**

God's Garden

**God looked around His garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful; He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,
so He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
for parts of us went with you the day God called you home.**





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Our Child's Annual Memorial Balloon Release

will be held at **7 pm** in Bonforte Park
(2323 N Wahsatch Ave, 80907 - Across from Bonn Shopping Center)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th

Special reading, music and time to reflect,
Watching the balloons dance as they lift into the sky.

Refreshments will be served after the balloon release in the park.
Please join us for Fellowship and to Celebrate The Children!

Please Bring Your Lawn Chair



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