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Supporting Family After a Child Dies



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From The Editor -

Today we live in a time where news and information travels at the speed of light. Unfortunately the same holds true with our airborne illnesses.

The Coronavirus caught most of us off guard and found us scrambling to make sure we have the essentials to keep our families safe.

Due to these circumstances we find that our restaurants, places of worship, gyms, and community gathering places have found their doors closing willingly or by directive for safety reasons. This, of course, includes our monthly meetings at the church which many find not only helpful but necessary.

Losing our face to face community and even our family connections when added to the pain of losing your child can be crippling. What do we do now? Where do we turn for help.

I ask you to pick up the phone and reach out to one of us listed on this page. We are here to help and, possibly add a comforting voice to your stressful day. Should you find this a daunting task, call a friend or family member. Your voice just might be the voice they need to hear as well.

None of us knows exactly how long this is going to last or how long we may be practicing our social distancing. I do know we need each other and shouldn't feel uneasy or embarrassed to reach out during this time.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay in touch.

Much love,
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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

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Photo Enclosed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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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.

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\$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!



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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.

Our support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the parents, grandparents and older siblings of your loved one. We meet at the First Baptist Church downtown at 317 E. Kiowa. We understand your pain; won't you let us help you through your grief?

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak we have suspended our monthly meetings until further notice.



Welcome New Friends.

Liz Hardy - Son, Tyler Hardy

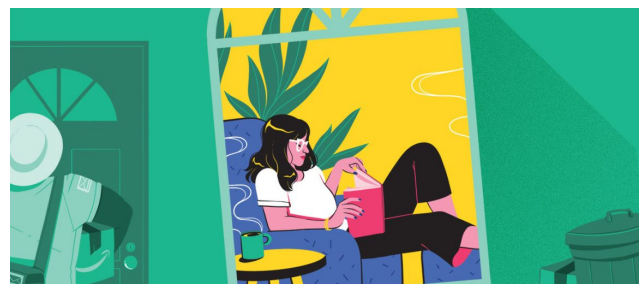
At nearly every meeting we welcome new members to our group, always with mixed emotions. We are glad you found us, but we are so sorry for the circumstances that bring us together. We understand your pain; we hope our unconditional friendship and understanding will help you through your grief. Attending 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.

I Will See You Again

I will see you again, in the fullness of time,
You will reach out your hand, I will take it in mine.
As together we walk, all the sorrow-filled years,
Will dissolve in a cloud, in the midst of our tears.
I will see you again, we will laugh as before.
I will kiss your dear face, as I pass through the
door To a place where you are, and a bright
shining sun Will assure my glad heart that my life
has begun.

I will see you again, though the journey be long,
I will try, for your sake, to sing some kind of song,
And for you, I'll endeavor to live through my pain,
'til the moment, dear child, when I see you again.

Betty Kenna, TCF UK



Be Safe, Self Isolate.



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays

Child's Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Sebastian Salkind	Mar 1	Skye Aubrey (c/o Shay)
Wayne Allen Garrett	Mar 4	Joyce and Greg Garrett
Desiree D'Gornaz	Mar 4	Louie & Edna D'Gornaz
Amber Pacino	Mar 5	Candace & Gregory Valdez
Logan Lawrence	Mar 5	Janet & Edward Lawrence
Erin Marie McCallister	Mar 7	Steve & Carol McCallister
Keith Andrew Barrett	Mar 8	Ree Barrett
Samuel Christensen	Mar 9	Stacy Christensen
Owen William Howard	Mar 10	Mike & Carol Parker
Philip	Mar 11	Natasha Schlenoff
Ava Rose Wolfe	Mar 12	Kristy Wolfe
Conri Lee Barber	Mar 13	Sean & Cherie Barledge
Marisa Nicole Pilant	Mar 14	Stephen & Julie Pilant
Ian Vincent	Mar 16	Vicky Campbell
Thomas Cooper	Mar 17	Marianne Lawless
Cathleen Bartlett Maxwell	Mar 17	Dick & Marty Maxwell
Julian King	Mar 18	Carl Reese & Leonie Cramer
Austin Sutton	Mar 20	Jenny Sutton
Megan Huyge	Mar 21	Stan & Rebecca Huyge
Terry "TJ" Basgall	Mar 21	Stephanie Basgall
Billy E. Hendrickson	Mar 22	Grace & Delbert Hendrickson
Michael Colgrove	Mar 23	Theresia Colgrove
Christopher J. Novich	Mar 24	Susan & Joe Novich
Nathan Pulham	Mar 24	Elliot Pulham
Clayton Champion	Mar 24	Jessie & Phyllis Roark
Marc Darby	Mar 25	Lori & Steve Darby
Scott Martinson	Mar 26	JoAnn Martinson
Justin A. Clayton	Mar 26	Terry & Sharon Clayton
Jon Van Pelt	Mar 27	Claudette Van Pelt
Kira Ann Schager	Mar 28	Frank & Lori Schager
Kari Ann Kirt	Mar 28	Lon and Andrea Kirt
Alana Durkee	Mar 30	Tina Harms
Michael Eck	Mar 31	Patricia Eck

Since we have lost our children, part of what remains of them are pictures from the heart, which are those mental images we hold so dear. For some of us these pictures are memories of what had been, and for others these pictures are dreams of what might have been. And for some of us these pictures are a little of both. For us, dreams and memories are really the same. It is the dimension where our children now reside.

In a sense, dreams are nothing more than memories of the future, because we remember our children by the dreams we had for them; and memories are nothing more than dreams of the past, because to remember them is certainly to dream of them. I believe it is incorrect to think that someone will not hurt as much because they only had their child for a little while or to think that someone will not hurt as much because their child had the chance to grow up. In these dreams and memories, these pictures from the heart, all of our children are infants and all of our children have grown up. The sadness and pain comes from the broken heart, the memories and the dreams from the pieces that remain.

Kenneth Hensley TCF Nashville, TN



Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries

Child's Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Kevin Michael Burns	16 years	Mar 3	Stan & Willie Burns
Jessica Robison	17 years	Mar 3	Terri Robison
Steven James Gantz	13 years	Mar 4	Diana Gantz
Dequan Maiik Hampton	16 years	Mar 4	Simona Hampton
Brian Michael Gregory	16 years	Mar 6	Roy & Phyllis Gregory
Terry A. Shank	28 years	Mar 6	Carol Vierling
Tiffany Maxwell	34 years	Mar 7	Diane Maxwell
Michelle Sandra Seal	3 years	Mar 7	Walter & Diana Seal
Jay William Sheridan	27 years	Mar 9	Mary & Tim Sheridan
Christopher Russell Tyson	27 years	Mar 9	Cory Lynn Tyson
Terry "TJ" Basgall	25 years	Mar 11	Stephanie Basgall
Gregory Frayne	27 years	Mar 13	Marion & Larry Frayne
Andy Cope	27 years	Mar 14	Debbie & Kurt Adelbush
Chris Barns	32 years	Mar 14	Bonnie Barns
Alana Durkee	17 years	Mar 14	Tina Harms
Kevin Edward Farley	27 years	Mar 15	Elizabeth Farley
Tyrese Gayle	17 years	Mar 16	Mia Gayle
Charlie Josh Jones	12 years	Mar 16	Sue Jones, Angie Jones
Jim Agnew	31 years	Mar 17	Tom & Bev Agnew
Jody Elizabeth Houtz	17 years	Mar 18	Jane and Chris Houtz
Danae Lynne Marie Mannon	3 months	Mar 18	Art Mannon
Melody Agee	19 years	Mar 21	Ron Agee
John Daniel Ringo	8 years	Mar 21	Angela Randle, Paul Ringo
Christopher Calegar	10 years	Mar 22	Kevin & Linda Calegar
Megan Huyge	2 days	Mar 22	Stan & Rebecca Huyge
Michael Colgrove	1 day	Mar 23	Theresia Colgrove
Lauren Hoover	26 years	Mar 23	Jill & Banty Hoover
Amanda T. Hill	34 years	Mar 27	Connie Milligan
Colin Peter Baerman	32 years	Mar 28	Paul & Kerry Baerman
Timothy Patrick Shea	21 years	Mar 31	Joe & Paula Shea

MISSING YOU

I just can't believe it...
The sun still rises and sets,
The moon and stars Still shine.
The flowers still bloom, The birds still sing.
I expected a change
In everything.
I just can't believe it...
It still gets dark and light,
The ocean still has waves.
The rain still rains, The wind still blows.

Is it because
They do not know?
I just can't believe it...
I thought
The world would stop, When in my house I found
An empty chair,
A missing smile.
I thought it would stop, For just a while.
I just can't believe it...
Gretta Viney TCF Yakima, WA



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays

Child's Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Michael Robert Pugh	Apr 2	Robert & Donna Pugh
Christie Fike	Apr 2	Shirley & Dan Emerson
John Andrew Schoen	Apr 2	Joyce Schoen
Sarah Ness	Apr 2	Mary Ness
Kaitlin Bartlett	Apr 3	Kim Bartlett
Michael Zwirlein	Apr 3	Chris Zwirlein
Gabriel King Mixon	Apr 3	Rhonda Wilson
Steven James Gantz	Apr 4	Diana Gantz
Colin Robert Spangenberg	Apr 5	Lois Spangenberg
Mike Mozo	Apr 5	Valerie Kirchhofer
Heidi Susanne Wolfe	Apr 6	David & Karen Wolfe
Joseph Gentry Richardson	Apr 6	Miriam Gentry
Acacia Barbara Clen	Apr 8	Cindy Santarte
Tommy Kinslow	Apr 9	Pam Kinslow
David Bankston	Apr 13	Peggy & Obie Bankston
Julie Bankston	Apr 13	Peggy & Obie Bankston
Jared Todd LeFevre	Apr 16	Susan Reed
Zachary Nicholas Hoke	Apr 16	Debra & Steve Hoke
Sabrina Stanard	Apr 17	Ramah Stanard
Colby McCarley	Apr 19	Tami Sisneros
Jonathan Steven Gabriel	Apr 19	Steve & Jane Gabriel
Caleb Norris	Apr 19	Keith Norris
Jake Holm	Apr 20	Eric & Kalyne Holm
Beau Matthew Begier	Apr 20	Don & Gina Begier
Bryan Michael Womeldorff	Apr 20	Shawn Brown
William Murphy	Apr 21	Deb Murphy
Ka'Quanthy Sutton/Glover	Apr 22	Shirley Ann LaCour
Tyrone Elliott Bautista	Apr 22	Rosemary Devney
Miguel Meza	Apr 24	Susan Meza
Logan Jude Swearingen	Apr 26	Stephanie & Landon Swearingen
Steven Miller	Apr 27	Mike Miller
Michael Stump	Apr 29	Polly Kelley
Juan Marine	Apr 29	Pamela Marine
Sara M. Losasso	Apr 30	Cindy Losasso
Micah David Smilser	Apr 30	Robin Myers
Kaden France	Apr 30	Jeremy & Sarah France





Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries

Child's Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Richard McShan	23 years	Apr 1	Paul & Angelika McShan
Erin Marie McCallister	3 weeks	Apr 2	Steve & Carol McCallister
Matthew John McCallister	22 years	Apr 3	Steve & Carol McCallister
Brian Patrick Adair	13 years	Apr 4	Duane & Mary Adair
Skylar Lynn Boyle	22 years	Apr 4	Cathleen Boyle
Abraham Daniel Boukhari	18 years	Apr 4	David & Deborah Woodrow
Kristie Diaz	26 years	Apr 7	Julie Diaz
Douglas Radowski	41 years	Apr 8	Renee Roettger
Lindsey Everding	18 years	Apr 10	Trena Everding & Dave Kiefer
Kyle Snyder	24 years	Apr 10	LuAnn Walters
Rocke Lee Corley	42 years	Apr 11	Jeanne Corley
Patrcia Elliott	19 years	Apr 11	Connie and Dave Elliott
Timothy Scott Williams	27 years	Apr 12	Lea Blanc
Lindsay Jean Morris	20 years	Apr 12	Linda Morris
Michael Robert Pugh	13 years	Apr 12	Robert & Donna Pugh
Eric Johnson	22 years	Apr 13	Gary Johnson
Michael Eck	15 days	Apr 14	Patricia Eck
Karey Ackerman	40 years	Apr 14	Bob & Joann Zelins
Dennis Lynn Gerringer	16 years	Apr 16	Kim Gerringer
Sarah Sunshine Wedekind	30 years	Apr 16	Lorry Pearson
Richard "Richie" Petras	3 years	Apr 16	Richard Petras
Acacia Barbara Clen	13 years	Apr 16	Cindy Santarte
Naomi Katherine Schwartz	1 year	Apr 16	Tim and Sonoko Schwartz
Jayden Pierce	3 months	Apr 17	Dawn Hendricks
Dawn Michelle Wiley	21 years	Apr 18	Luanne Wiley
Jalynn Cameron	4 months	Apr 19	Jessica Cameron
Miguel Meza	20 years	Apr 19	Susan Meza
Forrest Kelly	27 years	Apr 20	Cindy Bronner
Leah Rae Wiley	23 years	Apr 21	Russ & Kelly Wiley
Ka'Quanthy	5 years	Apr 24	Shirley Ann LaCour
McKenzie Boutin	17 years	Apr 25	Colleen Boutin
Gary Carlson	44 years	Apr 25	Phil & Rose Carlson
Blaine Joseph Steele	15 years	Apr 26	Paul Petta
Philip	24 years	Apr 26	Natasha Schlenoff
James Bishara	19 years	Apr 27	Phebe Bishara
John Andrew Schoen	55 years	Apr 27	Joyce Schoen
David Bankston	37 years	Apr 28	Peggy & Obie Bankston
Rachel Rafferty	24 years	Apr 28	Gary & Kris Rafferty
Sarah Lowes Robertson	43 years	Apr 29	Barbara Ball
Micah David Smilser	1 day	Apr 30	Robin Myers
Clay Cline	53 years	Apr 30	Arlene Robush



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