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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 email 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. We will, however, be hosting a Zoom meeting for those interested. We will do this on the same evening and time as our regular scheduled meeting. We will send out a link to the Zoom site along with the password the week of the meeting.

Next Meeting will be June 18, 2020.

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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.

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in memory of Patrick Doyle

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# Understanding Grief in the Age of the COVID-19 Pandemic

### **Grief After an Unexpected Death**

In addition to the anticipatory grief that people may be experiencing, people may also be struggling with the grief caused by the unexpected death of a loved one. Under normal circumstances, we turn to others in our lives for support. We might gather with friends and family to cry, share happy memories, and offer care and support to one another. The coronavirus pandemic has wreaked havoc on many of these rituals.

This inability to engage in traditions that support the grieving process can make it that much more difficult to cope. Factors associated with the nature of the virus itself can also complicate the emotions that people experience.

If you have lost a loved one to COVID-19 or during the pandemic, you may experience:

### Feelings of Guilt

You might be left with regret because you could not be there to support your loved one in their final moments. While these feelings are difficult, it is important to remember that this is not a situation you could control.

### Lack of Closure

The grieving process usually involves a period of saying goodbye after the person has passed away. When dealing with a highly contagious illness, the bereaved are often deprived of this important step.

<u>Social distancing</u> means that friends and family cannot gather to hold a funeral, memorial, or another religious service. Rather than a traditional funeral, many families are faced with a small graveside service with only a very small group of mourners.

Family members who have been exposed to the virus may be quarantined and unable to see their loved ones or attend a burial service.

The inability to spend time with loved ones afterward can make it more difficult to come to terms with the reality of death.

### Loss of Traditions

Whatever your religious background or beliefs, the rituals and traditions that take place after death are designed to honor the deceased and offer emotional and instrumental support to those who are grieving. For some, these traditions may be deeply spiritual in nature, so not being able to perform these final rites can be yet another source of distress and loss. **Continued on Page 9** 



Welcome New Friends.

Liz Hardy - Son, Tyler Hardy Diane Daigle - Son, Joshua Daigle

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.

# A Parent's Heart

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When you feel like breaking down or crashing in, Who do you turn to, to forgive your sin? When you cried your lonely tears, Who will be there to fight your fears? And when it feels like no one would understand, Who was there to hold your hand?

There are people whom you can't replace, They're the ones who gave you your face. They'll love you through thick and thin, They show you the light from deep within. And if by chance you happen to die, They'll be the ones who will really cry.

### You see, my friend,

There's no one who can love you more Than your very own parents, that's for sure. Always remember this is true, That wherever you go,

Your parents will be there for you.

[Happy Mother's Day & Father's Day!]



REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Cody Darby	May 1	Lori & Steve Darby
Chris Weisenborn	May 1	Gina Weisenborn
Alexander Beall	May 1	Haven Stillwater
Robyn Kulas	May 2	Patty Kulas
Harvey Nicole King	May 2	Jerima King
Susan Gordon	May 3	Mr & Mrs Arthur Gordon
Martin Joseph Lanoue	May 4	Judy Lanoue
Sara Hernandez	May 4	Kayhy Hernandez
Patrick Niedringhaus	May 5	Leah & Dave Niedringhaus
Anthony Paul Gratton	May 5	Luci Abrahamson
Jay Simco	May 5	Loretta Chancellor

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Kobyn Kulas
Harvey Nicole King
Susan Gordon
Martin Joseph Lanoue
Sara Hernandez
Patrick Niedringhaus
Anthony Doul Crotton
Anthony Paul Gratton
Jay Simco
Abbi Rose Starzynski
Douglas Radowski
Jose N. Camacho
Gregory Randall Davis
Devin John Seifert
Thomas Rosenkranz
Avery Keirsey
Henry Rael
Malachi Mooneyham
Jacob Hunter Smathers
Malik Boykins
Ashley Meston
Liam N. McDougal Lasher
Michael Benjamin Decker
Kyle Lyon
Andrew Paul Weaver
Reanna Maria Reedy
Jason Fields
Rocke Lee Corley
Jeremiah Martinez
Kai Milner
Brian Michael Gregory
Jonathan Ell-Duncan
Ryan Colgrove
Kara Nichols
Chris Keenan
Jeffrey Russell Schumaker
Joshua C. Attardi
Douglas Michael Gratton
Patrick Michael Doyle
Skylar Lynn Boyle Ringland
Tristan Millman Troeger
Audrina Elyse Escano
Erica Lynn Groat
Jordan James Miranda
Andrew Uveges
Damon Vincent Christianson

Lari & Starra Darby	
Lori & Steve Darby	
Gina Weisenborn	
Haven Stillwater	
Patty Kulas	
Jerima King	
Mr & Mrs Årthur Gordon	
Judy Lanoue	
Kayhy Hernandez	
Leah & Dave Niedringhaus	
Luci Abrahamson	
Loretta Chancellor	
Sherry Starzynski	
Renee Roettger	
William & Veronica Camacho	
Cora Davis	
Steve & Debbie Seifert	
Carolyn Kochis	
Carissa Keirsey	
Maria Rael	
Damien Mooneyham	
Patty, Becky & Renee Smathers	5
Matissa Dunkley	
Jerry Meston	
Ashley Snyder	
Mary & Jerry Decker	
Tami Lyon	
Valerie Lightbody	
Carol Reedy	
Teresa Fields	
Jeanne Corley	
Lionel & Geri Martinez	
Petra Milner	
Roy & Phyllis Gregory	
Dan & Becky Duncan	
Theresia Colgrove	
Julia Nichols	
Julieanna Bala	
John & Vera Schumaker	
Paula Attardi	
Luci Abrahamson	
Ruby Doyle	
Cathleen Boyle	
Lisa & Joel Millman	
Chris & Christina Pearson	
Linda Groat	
Mike & Jonette Miranda	
Joe & Kisten Uveges	
Chaela Christianson	







# REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY

Name	Age		Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Dylan Sagraves	30	years	May 1	Lance & Terri Hill
Shawn Adelgren	20	years	May 2	Russ & Dee Adelgren
Julie Bankston	25	years	May 4	Peggy & Obie Bankston
Alyanna Livingston	4	months	May 4	Kirstin Klinkerman
Martin Joseph Lanoue	1	day	May 4	Judy Lanoue
Malachi Mooneyham	18	years	May 4	Damien Mooneyham
Jason Lamb	32	years	May 5	Jan Lyons-Lamb
Douglas Chadwick, Jr.	26	years	May 6	Deborah Chadwick
Daniel Foreman	7	years	May 8	Jan Foreman
Jacob Foreman	10	years	May 8	Jan Foreman
Andrew Talley II	27	years	May 8	Jackie Talley
Joshua Cesar Menendez	1	year	May 10	Dianna Castellanos, Julio Menendez
Marcus Richards	38	years	May 10	Martha Williams
Justin A. Clayton	16	years	May 12	Terry & Sharon Clayton
Genevieve Sucharski	18	years	May 12	Mark and Karen Sucharski
Branden Howland	17	years	May 13	Julianne Howland
Kaden France	15	days	May 14	Jeremy & Sarah France
Joshua Aaron Munkirs	25	years	May 14	Dana & Laura Munkirs
Jason Nathanial Lurch	23	years	May 15	Kathleen & John Lurch
Riley Calen Winters	15	years	May 15	Lucrecia & Joel Sjoerdsma
Gavin Perez	2	years	May 16	Shannon Paolini
Brandon Naymik	18	years	May 16	Megan Riley
Paul Kovacevic	29	years	May 17	Mary Kovacevic
Tyrone Binnebose	2	years	May 18	Natasha Binnebose
Kimberley Dawn Leir	6	years	May 18	Adaline and Herb Leir - TCF Regina
Jeremiah Martinez	1	day	May 18	Lionel & Geri Martinez
Michael Williams, Jr.	28	years	May 18	Carmen Randall
Kai Milner	16	years	May 19	Petra Milner
Kira Ann Schager	5	years	May 19	Frank & Lori Schager
Andrew Uveges	15	years	May 19	Joe & Kisten Uveges
James Wiezorek	31	years	May 20	Mary Beringer
Eric Evans	26	years	May 21	Linda & Dick Evans
Christopher Clayton	22	years	May 22	Eric and Janice Hodson
Christopher J. Novich	15	years	May 22	Susan & Joe Novich
Mark Anthony Hickman	22	years	May 23	Aundria & Dennis Casey
Zachary Nicholas Hoke	6	years	May 24	Debra & Steve Hoke
Zack Orr	12	years	May 25	Dave & Sharon Orr
Carl Simco	27	years	May 28	Loretta Chancellor
Leah Ann Trutna	21	years	May 28	Steve & Phyllis Trutna
Nicholas Clare Cousineau	3	years	May 29	George & Chris Cousineau
Gina Marie Geffre	14	years	May 29	Joann Jahraus
Michael William Sarmento	46	years	May 29	Donna (Sarmento) Pugh
Nicolas Jay Broughton	18	years	May 30	Rose Broughton
Mallory Paulene	1	year	May 30	Celine & Gary Hendrickson
Kyle Curtis Hill	21	years	May 31	Ursula Hill



#### REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR BIRTHDAY Compassionate Friend Name Birthday Jacob Foreman Jun 1 Jan Foreman **Benjamin Stewart Easton** Jun 3 Susan Stewart Jun 3 Madalynn Ann Bergevin Mollie Bergevin Jun 3 Mary Kovacevic Paul Kovacevic Jake Matthew Jun 5 Malcolm Matthew Douglas Chadwick, Jr. Jun 6 Deborah Chadwick Renee Lee Seiberlich Jun 6 Joe & Leda Seiberlich Tyler Schmidt Jun 6 Valerie & Jeff Schmidt John Doles Jun 6 James & Susan Appleman Sandra Steckiel Jun 10 Beth Steckiel Mindy Baker Jun 10 Terri Baker Jun 13 **Clinton Boland** Velda Fields Yancy Hufford Jun 13 Patty Hufford Carl Simco Loretta Chancellor Jun 14 **Daniel Prickett** Jun 14 Jim & Elaine Prickett Matthew Flint Jun 14 Cathy Flint Andrea Mischel Jun 14 Gary & Jerri Zimmerman Terri Robison Jessica Robison Jun 14 Jun 16 Susan Gentry Nathan Gentry Giorgiana Elizabeth Gordillo Jun 16 Jennifer Gordillo Gryphen Barber Jun 16 Sean & Cherie Barledge Forrest Kelly Jun 16 **Cindy Bronner** Jason Bradford Pfeif Chris and Brad Pfeif Jun 17 Chris Barns Jun 17 **Bonnie Barns** Laura Dean Jun 17 Barbara Dean Jun 18 Lin Alan Camper Linda Camper Michael Jeffery Micke Jun 18 Alice Micke Mary & Tim Sheridan Jay William Sheridan Jun 18 Jim Elev Jun 19 Judith Eley Richard McShan Jun 20 Paul & Angelika McShan Jeanne Burroughs Widmar Jun 20 Arlene & Charles Burroughs Dennis Lynn Gerringer Jun 21 Kim Gerringer Robert Beynon Jun 25 Donna Beynon Noah R. Wilkerson Jun 26 Sarah Wilkerson Cyan Pratt Jun 26 **Stanley Pratt** Ashleigh Peltzer **Kyleigh Peltzer** Jun 26 Kirsten Evelyn Cornell Jun 26 Will & Marion Cornell Amy Feight Jun 27 Patty & Bill Feight Charles MacDuff Jun 27 Cheryl & Melissa MacDuff Phebe Bishara James Bishara Jun 28 Jun 28 Tammy Haynes Ian Izzeh Jimmy Schmidt Jun 28 Jim & Laurie Schmidt Jun 28 Kathleen & John Lurch Jason Nathanial Lurch Landon Spangler Jun 30 **Emma Spangler** Mike Petersen Jun 30 Doug & Shelli Petersen





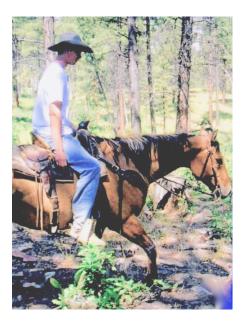


# REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY

Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Evan Carara	18 years	Jun 2	Cindy & J.D. Carara
Madalynn Ann Bergevin	1 day	Jun 3	Mollie Bergevin
Billy E. Hendrickson	19 years	Jun 3	Grace & Delbert Hendrickson
Colin Robert Spangenberg	31 years	Jun 3	Lois Spangenberg
Aaron Steffens	36 years	Jun 5	Lynn Nickel
Sean O'Connor	20 years	Jun 5	Dennis & Tracy O'Connor
Anton "Andy" George Horn	13 years	Jun 6	Emma Horn-Adams
Mindy Baker	41 years	Jun 7	Terri Baker
Robert (Robby) George, Jr.	48 years	Jun 7	Robert & Margaret George
Ashley Meston	14 years	Jun 7	Jerry Meston
Sarah Ness	24 years	Jun 8	Mary Ness
Jon Van Pelt	21 years	Jun 8	Claudette Van Pelt
Nicole Johnson	34 years	Jun 10	Sherry Turner
Sandra Steckiel	4 days	Jun 13	Beth Steckiel
Arthur Lipphardt Jr	24 years	Jun 15	Art & Chris Lipphardt
Austin Sutton	22 years	Jun 15	Jenny Sutton
Gryphen Barber	1 day	Jun 16	Sean & Cherie Barledge
Erica Lynn Groat	26 years	Jun 16	Linda Groat
Ryan Sayers	20 years	Jun 16	Tom & Kate Sayers
Bruce White	16 years	Jun 16	Gordon White
Scott White	12 years	Jun 16	Gordon White
Megan White	15 years	Jun 16	Gordon White
Vinnie Franz	18 years	Jun 17	Barb Franz
Michael Jeffery Micke	1 day	Jun 18	Alice Micke
Giorgiana Elizabeth Gordillo		Jun 19	Jennifer Gordillo
Sara Hernandez	21 years	Jun 19	Kathy Hernandez
Kyle Lyon	31 years	Jun 19	Tami Lyon
Kyle Joe Manning	11 years	Jun 19	Carol & Don Manning
Abbi Rose Starzynski	2 years	Jun 20	Sherry Starzynski
Tucker Ray Graef	14 years	Jun 21	Kathy Graef
Nicholle Guy	14 years	Jun 22	Lezlee Guy
Daniel Prickett	32 years	Jun 22	Jim & Elaine Prickett
Karen Sue Crawford	16 years	Jun 23	Joy Andrews
Anthony Paul Gratton	35 years	Jun 24	Luci Abrahamson
James Michael Burroughs	43 years	Jun 24	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Andrea Mischel	30 years	Jun 25	Gary & Jerri Zimmerman
Jay Simco	58 years	Jun 26	Loretta Chancellor
Nickolas Robert Vingren	3 years	Jun 26	Dale Vingren
Daniel J. Whisler	38 years	Jun 27	JoAnn Mowdy
Tyler Joseph Budfuloski	2 years	Jun 28	Rob & Alice Budfuloski
Anthony James "Tony" Pisor		Jun 28	Cynthia Pisor-Zapel
Stephen Lucas Tyler	19 years	Jun 28	Catherine Tyler
Kade Riefenberg	19 years	Jun 29	Andy Gibson
Liam N. McDougal Lasher	11 years	Jun 29	Ashley Snyder
Kimberly Ann Hayes	22 years	Jun 30	Patty and Patrick Hayes
Nick Naples	17 years	Jun 30	Laurie Naples
Colby McCarley	17 years	Jun 30	Tami Sisneros
Noah R. Wilkerson	5 days	Jun 30	Sarah Wilkerson







Patrick Doyle May 24, 1988 - January 27, 2010

Happy 32nd Birthday Patrick I see you as I watch birds ride the air currents and as the bumble bees that visit my backyard flowers. I miss you and remember many of our shared adventures in the mountains. I love you always

Mom



# Damon Vincent Christianson May 30, 1977- July 3, 2010

How God Made Little Boys He took some jam, and some apple pies, He mixed in freckles, and put twinkles in the eyes. He mussed up the hair, and scuffed the knees, Created a desire for climbing tall trees. Spirit, fun, courage, heart ... the need to explore, He added these items ... and so much more, When He was done, He rested with joy For there before Him was the wonder of Boy. Wendy Lyn



# Understanding Grief in the Age of the COVID-19 Pandemic - Con't from page 3

#### Feelings of Isolation

One of the greatest challenges of grieving in the age of COVID-19 is the isolation that the disease creates.

Grief can be an isolating experience under normal circumstances, but social distancing and quarantine have made the process lonelier still. Loss is a reminder of how many things are out of our control—and sudden and unexpected loss can bring on feelings of anxiety and fear along with that grief.

Not only are people unable to be there to offer comfort to others, but they are also forced to grieve alone. Instead of basic human comforts such as the embrace of a friend, people are cut off from trusted social support networks in their darkest moments.

#### Signs of Grief

It is important to remember that grief is a normal reaction to a loss. We all experience grief at some point in our lives. While we might expect feelings of shock, numbness, sadness, anger, and anxiety, signs may be less clear for those experiencing anticipatory grief.

Some signs that you might be coping with grief in light of the pandemic include:

- Trouble focusing on normal tasks
- Sleeping much more or less than usual
- Feelings of anger and irritability
- Headaches and upset stomach
- Fatigue or low energy
- Re-experiencing feelings of past grief
- Engaging in activities such as eating, drinking, or online shopping to cope with anxiety
- Avoiding thinking or talking about the pandemic

The good news is that people tend to be resilient in the face of grief. Once the immediate crisis has passed, people are usually able to reach a place of acceptance where they are able to adapt and find ways to cope with their loss.

#### Ways You Can Cope

No matter what type of loss you have experienced, it is important to remember that your feelings are valid and that you are not alone in this. If you are not sure how to manage your feelings of grief, there are some things that you can do that may help.

#### Practice Self-Care

In the immediate aftermath of a loss, caring for yourself can seem like a monumental task. Focus on the basics and make sure that you are eating, staying hydrated, and getting enough rest. Don't put too much pressure on yourself to maintain normalcy in the face of a crisis.

#### **Give Yourself Time**

Giving yourself time to feel without rushing yourself through the process allows you to work through the pain of loss. Reaching a place of acceptance takes time, but in doing so you are able to acknowledge that your loved one is no longer physically here, but that you will always have the memories, joy, and love that you shared with that person.

#### **Remember That Your Feelings are Valid**

There is no right or wrong way to feel after you lose someone. The shock and disbelief that follow an unexpected death are often followed by a sense of numbness. Feelings of anger, regret, sadness, and depression are also common. The fact that you were not present for the death can add to the sense of unreality.

In a world that seems turned upside down, you might not experience grief the same way you might have under normal circumstances. Try to remember that grief is personal and everyone experiences it differently.

The important thing is to give yourself some time to work through these emotions at your own pace. It takes time to integrate this loss into your life, but this is especially true when your normal daily routines have been disrupted.

Even if you have not personally experienced a death related to the pandemic, don't dismiss what you are feeling. It's important not to engage in a comparison of losses. You may not have lost a loved one, but experts like David Kessler stress that the losses you are experiencing now are valid and legitimate.<sup>1</sup> You have experienced loss and you have the right to grieve and feel those emotions.

#### **Reach Out to Family and Friends**

The illness has also decimated the normal grief support systems that people rely on after a loss. Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) discourage any event of 10 or more people—including funerals.<sup>2</sup>

While you might be tempted to shut everyone out in the midst of your grief, it is important to reach out. Find ways to memorialize what you have lost. If you have lost someone, write a letter about your loved one's life and their impact on you.

Ask friends and family members to also share their memories and experiences. No one should have to experience grief alone. While you might not be able to gather together with others for support, you can connect virtually through Facetime or Zoom.

COVID-19 might rob you of the physical presence of loved ones as you grieve, but you can still maintain an emotional connection to people who will support you during this time.

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