



**THE
COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



November, 2018

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*Steering Committee

Welcome

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?

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 next meeting will be on Nov. 15, 2018





Information About our Candle Light Memorial Service

We are shortening our newsletter this month to dedicate much needed time to developing and completing this years slide presentation. We hope to have a full and complete newsletter issue for you in December.

Our **deadline for submitting your pictures and dedications will be Sunday, December 2nd.** The following illustration shows the information you will need to submit. Please, no more than 2 pictures so the lettering on your dedication is legible.

Pictures may be sent to
Stew Levett
160 El Dorado Ln
Colorado Springs, CO
80919

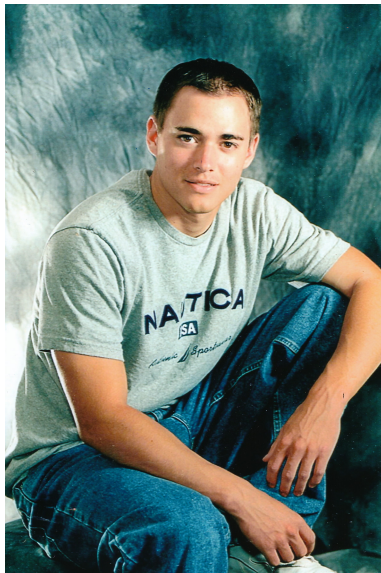
Child's Full Name		
Date of Birth ~ Date of Death		
Pic #1	Abc Defg Hi Jkl Mnop Qrst Uvw Dedication For Your Child.	Pic #2
Cause of Death Optional		

Pictures can be emailed to
PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com

More Information can be
found on Page 6
of this newsletter.

Our Steering Committee has many tasks to complete to make our evening a special evening for you. Therefore we ask that you **PLEASE arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm** so we may complete our set up uninterrupted.

Guests are asked to bring a favorite food for after the Candle Light service to share. Items that are always enjoyed are cheese/meat trays, cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, soup or chile or items that were a favorite of your child. Please bring enough food to feed your family and additional guests.



In Loving Memory of our son
Robert "Bobby" Yankosky
August 30, 1984 ~ November 21, 2016

Lucy & Dave Klos



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Welcome New Friends.

Stanley Pratt - Daughter, Cyan Pratt
Susan Reed - Son, Jared Todd LeFevre
Jamie Thomas - Daughter, Genie Thomas
Kate & David Cronenwett - Son, Evan Cronenwett
Lindsey James - Daughter, Kalli Rose James

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.

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Coming to your first meeting is the hardest thing to do. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not TCF will work for you. The second, third, or fourth meeting might be the time you will find the right person or just the right words that will help you in your grief or comfort you. Remember we have all been there and even though circumstances may be different we really do understand. You are not alone.

TO OUR SEASONED MEMBERS

We need your encouragement and support. You are the string that ties our group together. Each meeting the pain will not always be this bad it really does get better with wisdom. Show others that there is hope, from someone who has found it.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS

TCF National Office

P.O. Box 3656

Oak Brook, IL 60522

630-990-0010 or toll free 877-969-0010

Email: nationaloffice@compassionatefriends.org

WEBSITES:

Pikes Peak - www.TCFPikesPeakChapter.org

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/TCFPikesPeak>

National - www.compassionatefriends.org TCF asks for donations in memory of our children who have died.



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Digital Picture Frame - If you've been to one of our monthly meeting then you've noticed our large digital picture frame displaying picture of our children. Should you be interested in adding your child's picture to our display, please bring a picture to scan to our meeting or (preferred) email the picture, along with child information to Stew Levett at PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com

Pictures will be returned after they have been scanned and your child's slide completed.

TCF asks for donations in memory of our children who have died.

Our chapter is funded solely through donations; therefore we sincerely appreciate your support. Your generosity helps us send newsletters, purchase brochures and cover the many expenses to help grieving families in our community. All donations are tax deductible. You and your child's name will be noted in the next newsletter. Workplace "Matching Gift" programs can increase your donation by 50-100%. Please help us help others by making a LOVE GIFT today.



Eugene Steinkirchner
Love Gift Donation - CSPD

Ursula Hill in memory of her grandson
Kyle Curtis Hill

Chaela Christianson in memory of
Damon Christianson

Dave & Lucy Klos in memory of
Robert "Bobby" Yankosky



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays - November

Child's Name	Birthday	Compassionate Friend
Rebecca Ann Reynolds	Nov 1	Ken & Barbara Reynolds
Robert Howie	Nov 1	Annette Howie
Chloe Faith Gafford	Nov 3	Brian & Jocelyn Gafford
Patricia Elliott	Nov 4	Connie & Dave Elliott
Dylan Sagraves	Nov 4	Lance & Terri Hill
Nick Naples	Nov 4	Laurie Naples
Carlos Martinez	Nov 6	Vicki Struckle, Marilyn Martinez
Michael Keeney	Nov 6	Charlotte Keeney
Kristie Diaz	Nov 7	Julie Diaz
Nicole Johnson	Nov 7	Sherry Turner
Vinnie Franz	Nov 8	Barb Franz
McKenzie Boutin	Nov 9	Colleen Boutin
Kimberly Ann Hayes	Nov 10	Patty & Patrick Hayes
Daniel Stafford Gettman	Nov 14	Louise Gettman
Colin Peter Baerman	Nov 14	Paul & Kerry Baerman
Clay Cline	Nov 14	Arlene Robush
Clara Johnson	Nov 15	Julie Sanchez
Eric Cowles	Nov 15	Doug & Leah Cowles
Scott Lauther	Nov 16	Marte Lauther
Shannon Diane McMahon	Nov 17	Robert & Jeanette McMahon
Joshua W. Lewis Gohlke	Nov 19	Karen Swank
Travis Grimmer	Nov 20	Mary Lou Grimmer
Richard "Richie" Petras	Nov 21	Richard Petras
Scott White	Nov 21	Gordon White
Evan Carara	Nov 22	Cindy & J.D. Carara
Leah Ann Trutna	Nov 22	Steve & Phyllis Trutna
Amanda T. Hill	Nov 23	Connie Milligan
Branden Howland	Nov 23	Julianne Howland
Dean Berry	Nov 23	Kira & Nick Berry
Patrick Roger Pennington	Nov 24	Roger & Joan Pennington
Savannah L. Burke	Nov 25	Herman & April Burke
Danae Lynne Marie Mannon	Nov 26	Art Mannon
Mark Van Matre	Nov 27	Patricia Van Matre
Jalynn Cameron	Nov 28	Jessica Cameron
Michael Christopher Rushmore	Nov 28	Bob & Carol Rushmore
Paul A. Behr	Nov 29	Cynthia & Steve Behr



Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries - November

Child's Name	Age	Anniversary	Compassionate Friend
Michael Williams Greist	12 years	Nov 1	Judy Greist
Jaden Alexander Founds	1 month	Nov 3	Kimberly Founds
Chloe Faith Gafford	1 day	Nov 3	Brian & Jocelyn Gafford
Justin William Winner	13 years	Nov 5	Dale & Rosanne Winner
Seth Fieser	9 months	Nov 8	Megan Fieser
Alexander Pegler	3 years	Nov 9	Eric & Lisa Pegler
Emma Renee Younger	2 months	Nov 9	Adam & Mindy Younger
Gabriel King Mixon	29 years	Nov 12	Rhonda Wilson
Robert Howie	13 days	Nov 12	Annette Howie
Mike Mozo	27 years	Nov 12	Valerie Kirchhofer
Lindsay Yvonne Davis	26 years	Nov 18	Susan & Jerry Davis
Michael Keeney	45 years	Nov 18	Charlotte Keeney
Stephen Merle Schmoker	39 years	Nov 19	Shirley & Ralph Greer
Sean Michael Benjamin	34 years	Nov 20	Kathy Benjamin
Anthony Crisp	27 years	Nov 20	Trudy Crisp
Tyler Schmidt	23 years	Nov 20	Valerie & Jeff Schmidt
Omar Amaya	21 years	Nov 21	Oscar & Juana Amaya
Aaron Lee Gallob	28 years	Nov 21	Lou & Erma Gallob
Robert Yankosky	32 years	Nov 21	Dave & Lucy Klos
Susanna Jeanette Scruggs	23 years	Nov 22	Patricia Beard
Joseph Michael Chavez	29 years	Nov 22	Herman & Patty Chavez
Thea Kimberlin	3 years	Nov 22	John Kimberlin
Tommy Kinslow	20 years	Nov 22	Pam Kinslow
Conri Lee Barber	8 months	Nov 23	Sean Barber & Cherie Barledge
Sid Shell		Nov 23	James Selvig
Kimberly Benson	16 years	Nov 24	Debbie Diekman
Wade Lehman	19 years	Nov 24	Lori Lehman
Joyhanna Benford-Grimm	28 years	Nov 25	Linda Benford
Jonathan Ell-Duncan	17 years	Nov 25	Dan & Becky Duncan
Michael Ornelas	2 months	Nov 27	Annette & Chris Ornelas
Dean Berry	6 days	Nov 28	Kira & Nick Berry
Adriano Bermudez	19 years	Nov 29	C.J. LaPointe
Sheldon Pasca	20 years	Nov 30	Norma Watkins



PIKES PEAK TCF CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Once again we request that you contact us to have your child's slide included in our memorial. Our library contains hundreds of pictures and slides, many of which the families of these children have moved out of the region or are no longer with us. For this reason we will only use slides from the past 10 years (2008) unless notified by you for your child's slide inclusion.

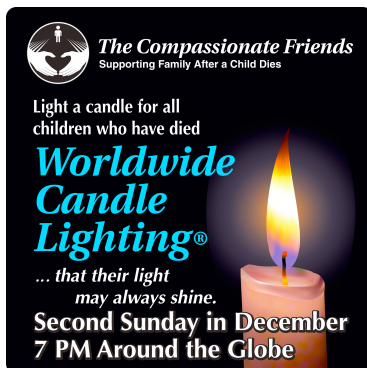
Slides from previous years may be used again this year or you may submit new photo for us to update your slide. Please limit your photos to (2) two along with a short dedication so everything will be viewable on the slide. Please remember, the better the photo you submit, the better your dedication will look.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS SUNDAY, DEC. 2nd.

Worldwide Candle Lighting Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 7pm

Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.

It takes only you and one candle to join hearts with the world!



The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age from any cause. Candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time creating a 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone in honor of all the children whose memories we treasure in our hearts. The virtual wave of light of hundreds of thousands of persons commemorates and honors children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries.

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, hundreds of formal community candle lighting ceremonies will be held in parks, churches, and other public places by TCF chapters, allied organizations, and informal groups. Thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. Visit The Compassionate Friends national website at www.compassionatefriends.org for location information about the Worldwide Candle Lighting and memorial services. A special remembrance book will be available the day of the candle lighting on the

TCF national website and all are welcome to post a message of remembrance. Thousands of messages are received and posted from every U.S. state, Washington D.C., every territory, as well as dozens of other countries.

We do this . . . that their light may always shine!

Send to: Stew Levett
160 El Dorado Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone _____ Email _____
Child's Name As You'd Like it to Appear _____

Cause of Death (Optional) _____
Child's Birthdate _____
Child's Memorial Date _____
Number of Pictures Included _____
Dedication _____

Please create my slide with information and pictures provided.
Please use last year's slide. _____ Please return pictures when finished. _____



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Seeking Contributors

We are always looking for material from our chapter members to include in this newsletter. It is the perfect way to share your child, grandchild or sibling with all of us. Tell us about the special things you did in their memory or simply tell us the special things you will always remember and keep close to your heart. It is a beautiful way for us to get to know more about your loved one. It unites us as a bereaved family and it will help us all to become closer. Where there is unity, there is strength, strength that we can give to and draw from one other. We would also welcome any book reviews. If you have read a book that has helped you on your journey please tell us about it. There are many, many grief books out there. Some will be more healing than others. It is so helpful to be guided to the right ones. Please forward any writings, poems, book reviews etc. to Stew Levett PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com or you may use the U.S. Mail and send it to me at 160 El Dorado Ln., Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Button, Button, We'll Make You A Button!

We have purchased a photo button machine and we are ready to start making your picture buttons. Bring 2 copies of the **SAME** picture to your next meeting and we will have it ready for you the following month. **THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO YOU.**

Please bring your pictures to any of our monthly meetings. We will need a 3"x5" or 4"x6" photo of your child but would prefer NOT using the original photo. We suggest using Walgreens who can quickly make good 4"x6" copies from your original.

For best results make sure the photo of your child is centered and not too close to the edge or the results may not turn out as expected.

We are requesting one photo button per family to get started. Thereafter we will be able to make additional buttons for each member of the family as time and labor allows. Also, for those who have lost more than one child, we will gladly make a button for each child.

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!

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





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