



# Quakertown Chapter

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The Compassionate Friends

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Quakertown Chapter Founders -Eileen & the late Tim Bolish

Facebook page: Quakertown PA Compassionate Friends

A self-help organization offering friendship, love, and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, and their families.

**WE TALK, WE LISTEN, WE SHARE, WE CARE, WE UNDERSTAND**

We extend a special warm welcome to you, the newcomers. We are sorry for the reason you have received our newsletter. We know that it takes courage to attend your first TCF meeting, and it may take three or more meetings for you to feel the benefit of group sharing. We will not offer a "quick fix" or hurry you along in your grief, but we can offer you much needed support, and provide an opportunity for you to meet new friends who are traveling the same path.

**SUPPORT GROUP MEETING INFORMATION** - Our next support group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 7:30 PM-9 PM at the St Lukes Quakertown Hospital, 1021 Park Ave., Quakertown, PA in Taylor conference rooms A & B.**

**BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD/SIBLING FOR THE REMEMBRANCE TABLE.** Bring memoirs / photos of your child/sibling for the birthday table when its their birthday. Tell us about your memories of your loved one...we'll listen, cry and hug with open arms.

## 2013 Quakertown Chapter Steering Committee

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### Remembrance and thank you cards

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### Committee Members

Linda Stauffer      Bonnie Maurizio

Barbara Reboratti      Nancy Eisenhart

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### Email - Telephone Friends

*Barb Reboratti* - daughter, Allison

death-- result of crime

[victim.advocate@verizon.net](mailto:victim.advocate@verizon.net)

215-538-0941

*Darlene Dusza* - daughter, Michelle

death-- result of auto accident

[nanadusza@verizon.net](mailto:nanadusza@verizon.net)

215-536-0173

*Jennifer Emberger* sibling, Jason

death -- suicide

[dance140@hotmail.com](mailto:dance140@hotmail.com)

215-828-3810

*Crystal Hunter*-sibling, Justin

death - medical condition

[crys.hunter@gmail.com](mailto:crys.hunter@gmail.com)

614-746-8076 (sibling contact person)

*Melissa Fisher*- sibling, Jon

death-- result of medical condition/care

[melissa2539@gmail.com](mailto:melissa2539@gmail.com)

215-880-4148

*Donna Hesse* - daughter, Kisha

death -- result of auto accident

[dmhesse150@yahoo.com](mailto:dmhesse150@yahoo.com)

*Anne and Craig Landis* - son, Marc

death - result of suicide

215-536-5143

### Collection of Redners Save-A-Tape program

Mail your register save-a-tape slips to our PO box to help our chapter. You may black any debit / credit card numbers, but do not black out the dollar amounts. Remember to use your Pump Perks card for the save-a-tape program. **Send complete sales receipt.**

### PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

**STOP don't throw them away...** Save your empty ink cartridges and give to our chapter for recycling. We earn rewards for recycling them and can purchase paper and other items to help cut the costs of printing the newsletters, programs for events etc... Bring to a meeting or an event in a plastic bag and give to Darlene or a member on our steering committee.

Other TCF support group meetings and children support groups etc:

**Lehigh Valley Group** meets the 2nd Monday of each month on the 2nd floor of Sacred Heart Hospital on Chew St. at 4th St. in Allentown PA at 7 PM Contact: 610-820-4004

**Peace Valley Group** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church at Rt. 202 and Ute Rd, New Britain PA at 7:30 PM; Contact Bill or Linda Hendrix 215-822-1343

**Ryan's Tree for Grieving Children, Inc.** located in Lehigh Valley, PA, Support for **children ages 5-18** who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. - Is currently not offering services contact St. Luke's Hospice at 610-997-7120 or [Krista.Malone@sluhn.org](mailto:Krista.Malone@sluhn.org).

**Stepping Stones for children ages 4 -12 years old**, has a program for children who are grieving a sibling, parent, etc... Held at: Camelot for Children, 2354 W. Emmaus Ave, Allentown PA 18103 call: 610-969-0330 for more information

**Greenshore Arts Consortium Grief and Empowerment Workshops** - located in Quakertown - contact: Hillery Woods Siatkowski, NCTMB at 206-552-4229 or email [massage@moondogyoga.com](mailto:massage@moondogyoga.com) for dates and more information

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sherri and Bob Albro, MaryAnn Kulp and Brian Doyle for providing our May refreshments. They do this in remembrance of their children, Ben (Sherri and Bob), Tony (MaryAnn), Ashley (Brian).

*If you would like to provide refreshments in remembrance of your loved one at a meeting please contact Carol Graham at 215-538-3651. You may also sponsor refreshments for a meeting for a fee of \$30 or more depending on what you would like and the hospital's catering service will set up and provide the drinks and refreshments for the evening.*

A special thank you to Mary Ann Kulp, Kelly Ferdock, Gail Ketterer, Nancy Eisenhart, Crystal Hunter and Jennifer Emberger for the Remembrance and Thank you cards that you receive. They do this in remembrance of their children/ siblings, son, Tony (MaryAnn), son, Steven (Gail), son, Cole (Kelly), daughter, Kelly (Nancy), brother, Justin (Crystal) and brother, Jason (Jennifer). An appreciated Thank You to our members for helping to set up and tear down for our meetings, they do this in remembrance of their children and siblings. A special thank you to St. Luke's Hospital for providing us with our meeting rooms each month.

**Thank you to**, Betty and Charlie Hottenstein, for taking on the monthly task of assembling our monthly newsletters for mailing, they do this in remembrance of their daughter, Tracy Hottenstein.

Thank you for your Love Gifts and Support

We the parents and families of the Quakertown Chapter of Compassionate Friends would like to send a special Thank You to the following donors. Without their generosity in giving to a good cause we would not be able to continue reaching out to newly bereaved parents and families with our Outreach packet and newsletters.

**Linda Ervin**, In Loving Memory of her daughter, Crystal (Ervin) Cordero, June 10 - August 26  
*Happy Birthday Crystal, "You are loved and kept in ours hearts forever & always", Mom & Dad*

**Jim & Helen Geib**, In Loving Memory of their son, James Gabriel Geib, June 15 - June 22  
*Love you deeply, Miss you always, With love & prayers, Mom & Dad*

**Brian Doyle**, In Loving Memory of his daughter, Ashley Doyle, December 8 - June 29

**Sherri and Bob Albro**, In Loving Memory of their son, Ben Albro, November 14 - February 16

**Barbara & Eduardo Reboratti**, In Loving Memory of their daughter, Allison Reboratti, January 25 - May 9

**Susan & Skye Gilbert**, In Loving Memory of, Brandon S Gilbert, June 24 - June 22  
*You are always with us.*

**Darlene & Steve Dusza**, In Loving Memory of their daughter, Michelle Dena Dusza, June 7 - October 6  
*Loving you, missing you each and every day, Happy 33rd Birthday Michelle, Love Mom, Dad, Jenn and family*



### Self-help Program

The Compassionate Friends, Inc. is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child of any age, from any cause is welcome. Our meetings give parents an opportunity to talk about their child and about their feelings as they go through the grieving process. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues. The purpose of this support group is not to focus on the cause of death or the age of the child, as it is to focus on being a bereaved parent, along with the feelings and issues that evolve around the death experience of a child.

### To Our New Members

Coming to the first meeting is the hardest, but you have nothing to lose and everything to gain!. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not The Compassionate Friends will work for you. At the next meeting you may find just the right person or just the right words said that will help you in your grief work.

### To our Members who are further down the "GRIEF ROAD"

We need your encouragement and your support. Each meeting we have new parents. THINK BACK -- what would it have been like for you at your first meeting if there had not been any TCF "veterans" to welcome you, share your grief, encourage you and tell you, "your pain will not always be this bad, it really does get better!"

### Information Regarding Our Meetings

PLEASE don't stay away from a meeting because the topic scheduled does not interest you. We are here to discuss whatever is on your mind, we don't stay on the topic only. This is YOUR group and we are here for each other. You do not have to talk at meetings. We welcome your participation in our group but it is not a requirement. Coming to listen to the others is Okay too. Remember also that our meeting is open to adult siblings, grandparents, or adult family members such as aunts or uncles.

### Support Group Meetings

We are so sorry for the cause that brings us together. It takes courage to attend a Compassionate Friends support group meeting. We understand how it feels to walk into a room of strangers and share personal feelings, especially when you are in so much pain. At your first meeting, we hope you find care, support, understanding and a group of friends to share with. Truly, there are no strangers among compassionate friends.

As a reminder to families that would like to attend a support meeting. Please allow yourself at least 3 or 4 meetings of attendance to determine if they are for you. It may take a few meetings before you are able to talk about your loved one and that is understandable. What you say at our meetings is kept in the meeting, you can cry, hug, talk about how you are feeling freely. Our meetings are for parents, grandparents and siblings in grade 9 or above and adult siblings.

Your Friends at TCF Quakertown Chapter

## Heaven's Recipes

We would like to compile a cookbook of our children's and siblings favorite foods to share with our parents and families. If you would like to contribute a few recipes to our cookbook please send complete ingredients with measurements, mixing instructions, baking instructions, category it would be listed in etc... along with your name and who its in memory of, and the TCF chapter you are affiliated with if not the Quakertown PA chapter. We welcome recipes from any of the TCF chapters and families. You may send more than 1 recipe in...categories are -- appetizers, main dishes, salads, desserts, cookies, cakes, pies, beverages, etc.

Send recipes by email as a word document or PDF file to:  
tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net  
or mail to:

Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter  
Att: Cookbook  
PO Box 1013  
Quakertown PA 18951

## Footprints in the Sand

There was a day of sunshine,  
when you followed after me.

Bare feet in cool sand.

Small prints skipping

through swirls of foam upon the shore.

Even as we danced and laughed

The waves crashed against the rocks.

Yet when I looked behind us

Only smooth sand remained.

People have ceased to speak of you

and grow uncomfortable when I do.

But I refuse to let them, like the sea...

erase your memory.

Karen Nelson

TCF, Box Elder County, UT

# Memories ...



*In Loving Memory of  
Michelle Dena Dusza  
June 7 - October 6*

## **Heavenly Birthday**

*June 7th is your Birthday in Heaven above,  
As always we send you All of our Love, Hugs and Kisses  
It comes from deep, deep inside of our hearts,  
We miss you so much now that we're apart.  
The card that we've written has no address,  
Just your name and Heaven above.*

*So how do we send it along with the rest of your birthday wishes?  
We've signed it With Love as we always do,  
Yet still we can't send it to Heaven for you.  
So here we'll sit quietly Thinking of You,  
Not just today, but the whole year through.  
You're Remembered with fondness every day, also with Love,  
As we send your Birthday greetings to Heaven above.*

By: Darlene Dusza in Loving Memory of our daughter, Michelle  
on her 33rd birthday in Heaven.

TCF Quakertown PA



*When you are sorrowful look again in your heart,  
and you shall see that in truth you are weeping  
for that which has been your delight. ~*

*From The Prophet  
by Kahlil Gibran*

## **Huggin' The Wind"**

*It seems like yesterday  
But maybe it was long ago  
Our children were so special  
They dwelt within our souls*

*Those days were so bright, with happiness and zeal  
The great times that we had  
With the wonders of their lives, all so real  
So beautiful, with great expectations so out of control  
Nothing more could we have ever wanted  
As our lives were healthy and whole*

*We remember what happened that fateful day  
How our world came tumbling down  
How the sadness came into our lives to stay  
Oh why, did they have to go away!*

*Huggin' the Wind  
We're just people, Huggin' the Wind  
We were all young and old but still just  
Huggin' the Wind*

*As the days and weeks roll past  
And we know we must go on  
We just cover our feelings with a mask  
And find our lonely selves, a mere creature  
Turned into stone*

*We desperately try each day, to find our life,  
And we feel helpless, to find a way to begin  
But yes, we must find our own way  
Or just keep on Huggin' the Wind*

*When we remember back, to the days that we call "Before"  
Our minds flirt with good times  
And the energy of a child  
That we knew and loved to the core*

*With agony, we awaken!  
And become overwhelmed in this realm we call, "After"  
And fall back into the silent darkness  
Without laughter*

*Then we just reach out  
And find ourselves Huggin' the Wind  
Huggin' the Wind  
We're just runnin' and Huggin' the Wind*

## Father's Day

I just finished watching another miserable cologne commercial on TV. For some reason these are the first signs of the upcoming holiday, commercials that are only shown at Christmas and Father's Day to give wives and kids some idea of what to get Dad to celebrate a gift-oriented holiday.

Like the other fathers who read this newsletter, I know the gift I'd like to get this Father's Day, just as I know there is no way that it will happen. My son's life. An opportunity not to hurt when I see boys who are the age my son should be now. A chance to dream those dreams for that little boy again. But that's not going to happen. Instead I will get up on that day, having called and wished my father a happy day the night before, and go to the florist for the flowers I will place on my son's grave. I will stand alone and cry for a time, then return home to my wife and our infant son. This year will have a greater measure of peace due to young Dan's arrival, but I shall always have that Alex-sized hole in my soul, a longing that I know I will have until I too die.

Like many bereaved fathers I have felt the lack of understanding of the non-bereaved on how a father should mourn his child's death, and for how long. I do not understand how a society can have such belief in the strength of maternal love, and do such a good job of ignoring the intensity of paternal love. From the people whose only question at Alex's memorial service was on how my wife was dealing with this tragedy, to the long-time friend who didn't understand my choking up after watching a Hallmark Card commercial last year, the majority of people around us seem to have difficulty with the thought that a father may need to grieve for his deceased child just as much as a mother might.

So that is where some support and love is needed, and needed badly. Of course we have Compassionate Friends, but something more personal and closer to home is needed. In a recent newsletter there was a note from a bereaved mother from New Jersey asking fathers and siblings to be understanding of a grieving mother's needs on Mother's Day. I agree, but I would also hope that you ladies will not forget your husband's this Father's Day as well. It is frequently said that we males don't often talk of our emotional needs, and are reluctant to show our pain, but we need love and 'warm fuzzies' when we hurt also. Please remember us on June 18, and please remember also that those cute little sentimental commercials that hurt you in May, take their toll on us in June. There are definitely times when I can do without Old Spice, McDonalds, Hallmark, and AT&T.

Brothers, I wish you peace, comfort, and love.

Doug Hughes  
TCF Cincinnati, OH  
In Memory of my son, Alex

# Father's Day



## GRADUATION—A TIME TO REMEMBER

I was driving down the road the other day, thinking of how the retail market makes any event an opportunity for revenue. Graduation seems to fall into that category, with cards and gifts for every Graduate. This time of year reminds me that my graduation from high school was a bittersweet time.

Really, it was the first time I had "surpassed" my older brother, David, in anything significant. I turned the age that he was when he died, 18, in the beginning of my senior year of high school. That year was difficult for me, as I felt that I was getting to move past where he had been cut short. Graduation day was no exception. I was happy to be getting out of high school, and looking forward to that coming August when I would go to college. But why was I getting to do these things, and not David? What made me so special that I got to stay here and experience these things? I still am not quite sure of the answer to those questions.

Graduation from high school was really just the first of many events which I have gotten to experience that David never will. College graduation, my wedding, and the birth of my two children are examples. And for me, each event has been a bit bittersweet.

The good news is this: that while time does make it easier to bear day-to-day activities without your sibling, each major event in your life presents itself as a new opportunity to remember your brother or sister, as well. For me, figuring that out was a huge relief, as it meant that my fear of forgetting David was not something I needed to worry about any more. His memory is just as alive for me today, 15-1/2 years later, as it was when I took that walk across the stage to accept my high school diploma.

Amy Baker Ferry  
TCF Heart of Florida Chapter  
In loving memory of my brother, David

# TCF 2013 National Conference

Save the date: July 5-7, 2013 in Boston, MA



## Conference Keynoters

**\*\*Dr. Heidi Horsley, Dr. Gloria Horsley**, founders of "Open to Hope" Foundation and Phil Horsley (Chair of TCF Foundation's Board of Trustees), a family united after the loss of sibling and son Scott, will combine to welcome you as Opening keynoters at the National Conference.

**\*\* Tina Chery** who, after the murder of her son Louis, created the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute with a mission to create and support an environment where families can live in peace and unity.

**\*\*Ken Druck**, bereaved parent, founder of the Jenna Druck Foundation, and one of the nation's pioneers in personal transformation including healing after loss.

**\*\*Bill Hancock**, director of the Bowl Championship Series (college football), author of *Riding with the Blue Moth*, and father of Will, who was killed during the January 27, 2001 crash of an airplane carrying members of the Oklahoma State University men's basketball team.

You can now make reservations for the 36th TCF National Conference host hotel, the Boston Sheraton, 39 Dalton St., Boston MA 02199. Reservations can be made through the Online Reservation Form or by calling the hotel at 888-627-7054.



Quakertown Chapter does have a siblings group that meets at various places, days and times. To try and accommodate the surviving siblings that cannot attend a regular meeting because of childcare issues or work schedule etc. Please contact our sibling contact person: Crystal Hunter via email or by phone. Contact info on front page.

The Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter  
11th Annual Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release



**Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013** (rain date: Sunday, June 9th)

**Place:** Lenape Park in Perkasie, PA (pavilion across from shopping center - same location as in previous years)

**MAY ALSO REGISTER ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Registration check in: starts at 1 PM

**Bring your lawn chairs / blankets to sit on**

Memorial Walk starts at 2 PM

Bagpiper will be leading the walk over the Twin Bridges and through the park.

Remembrance program and butterfly release following walk -- apx 3 PM  
Refreshments will be available starting at 12 noon for purchase.

Come and enjoy lunch before the walk.

Butterfly presentation and display by butterfly breeder, Folk Butterfly Farm will be available to answer questions.

Please bring **one photo** of your child / sibling / loved one (5 x 7 or smaller) to post on our Memory board display. You will be able to take the photo home with you when you leave. No guarantee that photos left behind will be returned to owner.

There are limited extra butterflies and T-shirts available until sold out.

A Special Thank You

to our donors for their donations to our Butterfly Raffle

**Grace Riondet**-butterfly quilt

**Karen Lavery** -Living Magazine- gift cards to spa & winery

**Dr. Carolyn Rutherford** - butterfly gift basket

**Theresa & Henry Sitko** - Natures Word photo art "Family" & Butterfly in a jar

**Linda Stauffer (artist)** - pencil portrait of your loved one

Drawing on June 8th  
at Memorial Walk...  
you do not need to be  
present

# Butterfly Raffle

Benefits the  
Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter

## 1 chance for \$2.00

## 6 chances for \$10.00

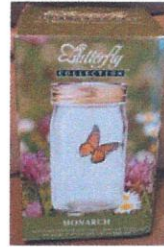
Mail tickets and check to:  
Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter  
PO Box 1013 -- Quakertown PA 18951



**Item # 1 Butterfly quilt**  
72 x 72



**Item # 3 gift basket  
of butterfly items**



**Item #6 - Butterfly in a Jar**



**Item #5 Portrait done in pencil from  
your favorite photo of your loved one  
by artist -Linda Stauffer**

**Item # 2 gift basket**

\$100 gift card to the Elizabeth Arden Red  
Spa & a \$50 gift card to Bellview Winery



**Item # 4 Natures Word photo art  
"Family"**

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## OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED FOR JUNE

Loved...Missed...Remembered on their Birthdays and Always

**Destani Osborne**, daughter of Sabrina Snyder, grand daughter of Mary Miller, 6/2

**Matthew Trauger**, son of Mary Anne Macko & Mike Hamilton and Jim Trauger, brother of Josh & Jake & grandson of Dolly Bibic, 6/2

**Jessica Gallagher**, daughter of Robyn & Ron Gallagher, 6/3

**Yvonne Basler**, daughter of Maria Spires, 6/6

**Ashley Nemec**, grand daughter of Margo Staats, 6/6 - 6/23

**Michelle Dena Dusza**, daughter of Darlene & Steve Dusza, sister of Jenn Geib & family, 6/7

**Adrian Paul**, son of Joyce Mann & Kurt Pfitzer, 6/9

**James Donnelly Jr**, son of James & Alice Donnelly, 6/10

**Crystal Cordero**, daughter of Linda & Rich Ervin, 6/10

**Bobby McCans**, son of Dorothy & Charles McCans, 6/11

**Wyatt Gansz**, infant son of Marc & Melissa Gansz, 6/13 - 6/14

**Joey Acker**, son of Anne Marie Acker, brother of Jamie Russo, 6/14

**Skylar Kauffman**, daughter of Heather Gebhard & Eric Kauffman, grand daughter of Pam Gebhard, Carol & Spencer Kauffman, 6/14

**James Gabriel Geib**, son of Helen & Jim Geib, 6/15 - 6/22

**Courtney Isabella**, daughter of Anthony & Michelle Isabella, 6/15

**Colleen O'Connell**, daughter of Jay & Barbara Keeley, mother of Ashlee, 6/15

**Anna Nicole Fowler**, daughter of Rita Armstrong, sister of Nick Penecale, grand daughter of Matilda Hamilton, 6/16

**Eric Stillings**, son of Kirt & Joyce Stillings, grandson of Jon & Miriam Myers, 6/16

**Kevin Marc Bannon**, son of Jan & Kevin Bannon, brother of Aimee Bannon, 6/19

**Kathleen Ryan**, daughter of Jane Pontes, 6/22

**Joseph & Donald Vincente**, son of Christine and Donald Vincente, 6/23

**Katie Stauffer**, daughter of Linda & Carl Stauffer, sister of Chrissy Stauffer, 6/24

**Randy Angstadt**, son of Paul & Barbara Angstadt, 6/24

**Brett Stebulis**, son of Barbara & Leonard Stebulis, 6/26

**CalliMae Derstine**, daughter of Lucy & Mike Derstine, 6/27

**Peter Angstadt III**, son of Peter & Lynette Angstadt, 6/29

**Christian Carrion**, son of Ahmed & Maybeth Carrion, 6/30

**Gabriel Krotzer**, infant son of Steven & Heather Krotzer, 6/30-6/30

## Our Beloved Children...In our Hearts always... Remembered on the Remembrance Day of their death

**Peter Plant**, son of Steven and LouAnn Wilkinson, brother of Rachael Wilkinson, 6/2

**Christopher Bennetsen**, son of Catherine & Steven Bennetsen, grandson, of Hilda Bennetsen, 6/2

**Jake Guzewicz**, son of Bill & Rhonda Guzewicz, 6/2

**Aaron Young**, son of Perry & Susan Young, 6/4

**Joani Freeman**, daughter of Donna & David Freeman, 6/9

**Eric Smith**, son of Ross & Mary Smith, brother of Ashley, 6/12

**Katey Blase**, daughter of Gail Blase, sister of Hillary Blase, 6/13

**Roger Jones**, brother of Bert & Sara Jones, 6/14

**Scott Smakula**, son of Shawn Smakula, grandson of Naomi Shaw, 6/16

**Donald Hockenberry**, son of Richard & Sharon Hockenberry, brother of Susan & Tim Buehrlé & Richard & Jill Hockenberry, 6/17

**Benjamin Martin**, son of Kristine Fallows, brother of Rachael Whitely, 6/18

**Steven Schrader**, Michele & Gary Schrader, 6/18

**Jason Roeder**, son of Shirley Roeder, brother of Jessica Youtz, 6/21

**Joshua Adair**, grandson of Lois Harner, 6/22

**Brandon Gilbert**, son of Susan Gilbert, 6/22

**Paul Fowler**, son of Matilda Hamilton, 6/22

**Michael Patzuk**, son of Mike & Josephine Patzuk, 6/22

**Mario Pontecorvo**, son of Ellen Pontecorvo, 6/22

**William Wilson Jr**, son of William & Genevieve Wilson, 6/22

**Kevin Moran**, son of James Moran, 6/23

**James Friendly Jr.**, son of James & Petra Friendly Sr., 6/24

**Jamie Place**, loved one of Kathleen Place, 6/24

**Danielle Mesaros**, daughter of Sheila Haub, 6/25

**Christopher Parker**, son of John Parker Jr, 6/25

**Anthony Lounolo**, son of Anthony Lounolo, 6/25

**Donald Simpson**, son of Judy Kostenbauder, grandson of Harold and Joyce Miller, 6/26

**Christopher Trauger**, son of Mary Anne Macko & Mike Hamilton and Jim Trauger, brother of Josh and Jake & grandson of Dolly Bibic, 6/27

**Adian Bacchus**, grandson of MaryLou Miller, 6/27

**Glenn German**, Albert & Betty German, 6/28

**Victoria Lieb**, daughter of MaryJo & Tim Lieb, 6/28

**Ashley Doyle**, daughter of Brian Doyle, 6/29

**Bradley Rapp**, son of Robert Rapp & Crystal Rapp, 6/30

*and all the children that will never be forgotten as we celebrate their lives and memories*





\*\*\* UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\*

**June 8, 2013** -- Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release --details in this newsletter

**June 11, 2013** -- 7:30 PM --general support group meeting - Topic - graduations, vacations, Father's Day

**June 25, 2013** -- 7PM - Quakertown Family Diner - steering meeting

**July 9, 2013** -- 7:30 PM - general support group meeting

Newsletter Update Form

The purpose of this section is to update your information, email address, mailing address, phone number, Child's name, sibling's name, birth date and anniversary death date. This information will also help us in remembering your child / sibling on their days with a remembrance card sent to you by our chapter. Any questions contact the newsletter editor at 215-536-0173. Mail to the above address. I am the  parent  sibling  grandparent

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ I give permission to remember my child/sibling in the chapter newsletter / website newsletter  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ on their remembrance day and their photo if submitted  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Sibling name \_\_\_\_\_ birth date \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_

Child / Sibling name \_\_\_\_\_ birth date \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary date \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive information about our special events, memorial walk and butterfly release, candle lighting etc. via email please provide your email address below.

Would you please consider to receive our newsletter via email as a link to a chapter website where you are able to view it before it is mailed to those who do not have email.

yes  no email address: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PRINT

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Authorization Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

LOVE GIFTS

A LOVE GIFT is a gift of money to The Compassionate Friends. It is usually in memory of a child who has died; either on his/her birthday or anniversary of the death. It can also be from someone who wants to honor a friend or relative who has died, or anyone who wants to help support the work of TCF. Your LOVE GIFTS are TAX DEDUCTIBLE, and are the Chapter's main monetary support. Chapter Non-profit #2053

I wish to make a donation in memory  honor  of \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Death date \_\_\_\_\_

Love gift message \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your check payable to: TCF Quakertown Chapter and mail to: TCF Quakertown Chapter, PO Box 1013, Quakertown, PA 18951

I / We would like our Love gift to be used for:  Special Events /Speakers/community outreach  Memorial Garden  
 Candle Lighting Program  Memorial Walk & Butterfly Release  General operating expenses

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

LOVE GIFTS

If you would like to remember your loved one in our newsletter and make a donation to help support the group please fill in the form and mail it in by the 15th of each month for the next months newsletter. Information and love gift must be received by above date to insure it to be in the next month's newsletter. Any love gifts received after the above date will be mentioned in the following month's newsletter. Thank you, The Newsletter Editor



The Compassionate Friends  
Quakertown Chapter  
PO Box 1013  
Quakertown, PA 18951

**MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

**June 2013 newsletter**



WE ARE A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A CHILD OR SIBLING OF ANY AGE.

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### *The Compassionate Friends Credo*

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends.

We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope.

The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes,  
but our love for them unites us.

Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope.

We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances.

We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds, and relationships.

We are young, and we are old.

Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh and so  
intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope.

Some of us have found faith to be a source of strength, while some  
of us are struggling to find answers.

Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression,  
while others radiate an inner peace.

But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends,  
it is pain we will share, just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died.

We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves,  
but we are committed to building a future together.

We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace,  
share the faith as well as the doubts, and help each other to grieve as well as to grow.

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