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October 2013 newsletter

The Compassionate Friends

Quakertown Chapter

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Quakertown Chapter Founders -Eileen & the late Tim Bolish

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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, October 8, 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.

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Barb Reboratti - daughter, Allison

death-- result of crime

victim.advocate@verizon.net

215-538-0941

Darlene Dusza - daughter, Michelle

death-- result of auto accident

nanadusza@verizon.net

215-536-0173

Jennifer Emberger sibling, Jason

death -- suicide

dance140@hotmail.com

215-828-3810

Crystal Hunter-sibling, Justin

death - medical condition

crys.hunter@gmail.com

614-746-8076 (sibling contact person)

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death-- result of medical condition/care

melissa2539@gmail.com

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Donna Hesse - daughter, Kisha

death -- result of auto accident

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: 610-462-1892

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.

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 for dates and more information

www.kidsaid.com - is a FREE online resource and is a safe place for kids and teens to help each other deal with grief and loss. There are options of email support groups, sharing artwork, poetry, and stories, and a place for parents and kids to ask questions and get answers.

Kids-to-kids is an email support group for kids ages 12 and under

K2K-teens is an email support group for teens ages 13- 18.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Judy & Mike Schmauder and Theresa & Henry Sitco, for providing our September refreshments. They do this in remembrance of their children / all loved ones gone too soon, Judy & Mike (all loved ones), Theresa & Henry (Clayton).

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, Ginny Leigh-Manuell, 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), son, Brian (Ginny), 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.

Edith Cooper, In Loving Memory of her son, Joseph Cooper,

Deep waters cannot quench, as floods sweep it away. My thoughts of you will never die. You are missed very much, Love Mom

Anna Smith. In Loving Memory of her daughter, Allicon Blast Fawcett,

I thought I saw you dancing but it was only the leaves in the wind.

Bill and Blanche Savage, In Loving Memory of their son, Bill Savage, October 23 - December 19

Happy Birthday Billy, we miss you & Love you so!

Rose Marie Duncan, In Loving Memory of her daughter, Annalise Heap, February 18 - April 1

Annalise, you are always in my heart



Michael and Judy Schmauder, In Loving Memory of all those gone too soon

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

This is open to everyone - PLEASE send in 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 it is 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

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Nominations for Chapter officers are taking place now. If anyone is interested in running for a position please contact Darlene Dusza.

**tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net or
215-536-0173**

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.

"It has been said that time heals all wounds. I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens,

but it's never gone." ~

Rose Kennedy



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched, but are felt in the heart ~

Helen Keller



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

Walking With Angels

Angels are the guardians of hope and wonder,

The Keepers of magic and dreams.

Angels watch over you wherever you go,

Keeping each day perfect

and promising a bright new tomorrow.

The motto of all angels is

"It is a wonderful life."

Wherever there is love,

An angel is flying by.

Angels help you carry the ball,

carry a tune, carry your weight

and carry on!

Your guardian angel knows you inside

and out and loves you just the way you are.

Angels keep the world safe for hummingbirds

and butterflies and rainbows in spring.

Angels keep it simple and always travel light

Angels love whispering secrets

and whistling in the dark

Whenever you hear music,

an angel is speaking to you.

Remember to leave space in your relationships

so the angels have room to play

Your guardian angel helps you

find a place when you feel there is no place to go.

Keep a spare angel in your pocket

Angels carry high-beam lights

to help you through the darkest hours

Whenever you feel lonely,

a special angel drops in for tea.

Every time you hear a bell,

another angel has earned its wings

Angels are with you every step of the way

and help you soar with amazing grace.

After all, we are angels in training

We are always "angels on call" for a friend

All we have to do is spread our wings and fly...

Submitted: In Memory of Michelle Dena Dusza

Darlene Dusza - TCF Quakertown PA

www.kissedbyanangel.com

Memories ...



*In Loving Memory of
Anna Nicole Fowler
6/16/85 to 10/6/04*

What can I say that hasn't been said many times before?

That nine years later your shoes are still by the front door?

That your stereo is silent, your clothes given away..

As if nothing happened that dreadful October day.

That my heart is still broken, the scar still exposed..

Yet life still goes on as I am always told.

I live in two worlds.....torn between the two..

And I won't be whole again..until I am with you.

Love you in a way time cannot change, Mom?

submitted by: Rita Armstrong - TCF Quakertown PA Chapter



*In Loving Memory of
Kisha Marie Hesse
October 8 - August 21*

Dear Kisha,

I still guard you with my heart.

I still guard you through the night.

I still love you.

It's what I do.

I still love you with all my might.

Happy 26th Birthday!!

Love,

Mom

submitted by: Donna Hesse - TCF Quakertown PA



The Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter
11th Annual Worldwide Childrens
Memorial Candle Lighting

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2013

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: First United Church of Christ, 151 S. 4th St
(corner of Park Ave & 4th St) Quakertown PA 18951

*****return section below*****

Contact: 215-536-0173 to leave message OR
 email: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net or register online at our
 website www.tcfquakertownpa.org

bring a dry staple or canned good for the food pantry

____ We would like our child / sibling remembered at the candle
 lighting

Name of child / sibling being remembered: Please print clearly

 Your Name, Address, Phone #, email

 Phone #

 Email

Photos to be included in the slide show **must be submitted by October 31st**. Photos sent after may not be included in the slide show. Photos must be an original in a 4 x 6 or larger size individual shots preferred. We will scan the original and return to you. Please include a self addressed stamped sturdy envelope to mail back, pick up at a meeting or the night of the candle lighting. OR email photo as a jpeg in a 300 resolution to: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net

You may submit photos via our website registration also.

- ____ We will be attending
- ____ Number of guests (include family, relatives, friends)
- ____ We will NOT be attending (please remember our child/sibling)
- ____ We would like to provide a finger food refreshment to share

There is no cost for the program - Love gifts are accepted

RSVP: by November 25th

Return to : Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter
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If love could have saved you,
 you would have lived forever
 ~ Author Unknown



TO DO/NOT TO DO LIST FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

Doris Jackson

BP/USA Mont. Cty. IN Chapter

I once had a very close relative say to me, "There's really nothing you can do when someone dies." Of course, this was said to me very shortly after my son had died, and I was in shock. Shock that someone would look me in the face and say those horrible words, and shocked that I couldn't even come back with a reply. So even though it has taken me a while, I have compiled the following list for families and friends of the Bereaved: Be patient with us. Our lives have totally changed. Don't forget us, one, two, three, four, or even five years down the road. We will never forget that death date, birthday, or special occasion.

Try not to be offended if we don't:

- * laugh as much as we use to
- * don't want to go out as much as we use to
- * don't feel comfortable in crowds (if you keep asking, and we say no, this is probably why)
- * are no longer the life of the party
- * need to be around other people whom have lost children

DO SUPPORT US BY:

- * talking about our kids, we love to hear their names
- * support us on our walks, golf scrambles, motorcycle rides or whichever way we choose to honor our child
- * Remember us at Christmas and the Holidays. They are so hard for us.
- * Ask us "How are you doing?" just be sincere when you ask
- * Send us cards or pictures of our kids
- * Tell us stories about them, that makes us happy
- * Let us talk about our children, don't let us hear that stone-cold silence when we mention their name
- * Love us just where we are today.

FALL

It is so hard to believe that summer is over! Even though summer is technically still here until September, the cool evenings we have been having, school starting, and football games being played are all signs that fall is here. And I love it!

To me, fall is the most invigorating time of the year. The crispness of the air, the beautiful coloration of the trees, the smell of leaf and wood smoke, the sky full of birds traveling south “talking” with one another as they go, are all part of this wonderful world we live in. I hope all of you will be able to feel and see the wonders of fall.

Sometimes we are so “down” and preoccupied with our child’s death, and we are working so hard to just get through each day, that we are unable to appreciate what is going on in the world around us. Try to take a few minutes each day and look around. If you can focus on a beautiful tree or leaf, smell the chrysanthemums blooming in the garden or bite into a fresh apple just picked and enjoy doing this for just a few minutes, it will make your day seem brighter. And, if you are up to it, go to a high school football game or a band competition. The enthusiasm of the young people participating in these events is contagious.

Yes, it sometimes hurts. We want our children to be there also, enjoying these activities. But it also gives us renewed faith that life does go on, and there is happiness and excitement in the world. I hope you all can find some beauty and peace in the fall months ahead

.Peggy Hartzell --TCF Ambler, PA



... in the Autumn

Some people love to see the changes
in the colors of the leaves,
When the sky is clear and dark blue
as the sea.
They love to smell the oak leaves burning
But it is then my heart is yearning
To be with ones I know
I cannot see.
There's something in the autumn
That makes my heart so heavy,
I miss them all but know they're where
they should all be.
If I can make it through the winter,

AUTUMN TEARS

We look back on September and we realize that somehow we made it through those dreaded first days of school. Whether it was the anticipation or the actual days that were the worst, we survived. We used our faith, our support systems or just plain hard work and made it over yet another hurdle. We watched small children heading for their first day of kindergarten, listened to excited teenagers talk of high school and heard stories of children leaving home to attend post-secondary school. Somehow we rode the waves of grief and found ourselves ashore again.

As these waves subside new ones will build as we head into the holidays that speak of, and to, children. Halloween will soon approach and for some, painful memories. Thanksgiving arrives to exemplify family and togetherness and Christmas looms ahead. These special days are forever reminders of our loss—the costumes we’ll never sew, the empty chair at turkey dinner, the fun and magic we’ll never share with someone we love. Forever reminders that our child has died.

To survive when these events and anniversary days come around let’s find time to think of the good memories we have—the announcement of our long awaited pregnancy at Thanksgiving dinner, the look of excitement on our son’s first Halloween night, the vision of our daughter helping prepare the turkey dinner. These holidays will always be reminders that our child died. Let us also make them reminders that our child lived! They left us memories more precious than any others to hold and celebrate.

Pennv Young--TCF Powell River. British Columbia

And see the spring unfold before me,
Then I'll know once more they're
there, and wait for me.
When the morning sun comes later,
and the afternoons die early,
And my spirits drop like leaves
around my feet.
I'm so aware that I am mortal
and I can almost see the portal
that I will pass through and be
evermore complete.

Jim O'Neil - TCF, Montgomery, AL

Autumn Memories

My son and I always enjoyed the autumn season. Yes, when we lived in the cold zone, we knew that winter's winds and snows were on the way. But, yet, we took time to enjoy the beautiful array of colors that nature gave us as a final salute to the growing season.

Todd and I raked leaves in the autumn. I had purchased a home in a town on the Mississippi River bluffs; the home had been built in the 1860s and I am sure some of the trees were well over 50 years old. The leaves would fall and we would rake. We made a game of it. Sometimes his best friend, Allen, would come over and help. The boys would jump into the piles and laugh with delight. We'd create a big pile and rake it to the concrete so that it could be burned. I can still see Todd laughing and dancing around that fire. His pure childhood joy was contagious.

Todd and I loved to look at the changing leaves along the bluffs of the river. We would drive on weekends and find the best view. Then we'd park and marvel at nature's wonder. The big bluffs, the turning leaves, the eagles soaring above us. Ducks flying south...even the occasional group of geese overhead...honking, honking as they journeyed to a warmer climate.

The light is different in the autumn...it's diffused somehow. It's different than the light in any other season. Autumn sun was our favorite light. It seemed less harsh, more forgiving, gentler in a strange sort of way. That was another time and another place.

Now in the autumn I remember all the special times I shared with my child. Looking at leaves, collecting leaves, raking leaves.....we did this together, just the two of us. "Mom, when are we going to go look at leaves?" Todd would ask. That was my cue to load up some soft drinks and sandwiches and head out on the first sunny Saturday. We'd repeat this ritual until the leaves had all fallen and it was time to rake.

When we moved to the Houston area, Todd was 12, and we talked about the seasons. He told me about his great memories of leaves and drives and time together. He said he would miss autumn with me. That made me feel good. These were memories that we shared, of a time when it was just Todd and me for those special moments. Looking back, I am so glad that I spent the time to make memories. I thought I was making memories for my child, but in fact, I was making memories for us both. And now those memories are my memories.....good memories....memories that I will cherish always.

Here it is autumn again. Soon Todd will be gone five years. The memories are flooding back: the first day of each school each year, the changes as he grew to become a man. High school, college, graduate school...all began in the autumn. Autumn marks the beginning of many good memories for me. I listen as the school bus stops in front of our house to pick up today's children. Once in a while I go to the door and watch them load up, chatting with each other as they take their seats. I think of my 12 year old son, getting on that bus in front of our home for the first time: the first day of school in Houston. And for a moment, just a fleeting moment, I think I can see

him sitting at a window seat, waving at me. Waving goodbye.

Annette Mennen Baldwin
In memory of my son, Todd Mennen
TCF, Katy, TX

Halloween

It is here, this day of merriment and children's pleasure.

Gremlins and goblins
and ghosties at the door
of your house.

And the other children
come to the door of your mind.

Faces out of the past,
small ghosts with sweet, painted faces.

They do not shout.
Those children
who no longer march laughing
on cold Halloween nights,
they stand at the door of your mind

and you will let them in,
so that you can give them
the small gifts of Halloween,
a smile and a tear.

Sascha Wagner--The Compassionate Friends

After October

and if there be a perfect month,
for me, it is October...
with days and nights like laughing fauns,
with mornings bright and sober.
when wind will dance in sudden glee
to do the autumn-sweeping
or cloud and fog and wistful rain
can move a heart to weeping.
and in October You were born,
four days before November...
and four years later you were gone,
my little son, my only son,
I love you.
and remember. . .

Sascha Wagner

The Compassionate Friends



OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED FOR OCTOBER Birthdays and Always

- Kisha Hesse**, daughter of Donna Hesse and Carl Hesse, sister of
Brienne Fretz and Ryan Schultz- Oct 8
- Rebecca VanLuvanee**, daughter of Daniel and Nanette Helms - Oct 9
- Silas Asa Harvey**, infant son of Ryan Harvey and Sarah Wireman,
Oct 9 - Oct 11
- Christopher Rhudy**, son of Beth Ruch - Oct 10
- Jacob Burkett**, son of Kathleen and Jim hardgrove, Oct 10
- Tyler Schultz**, son of Gary and Debbie Schultz, Oct 12
- Adrian Conrad**, infant grandson of Pamela Anderson and Barbara &
Ronald Borolla Sr., Oct 12
- Gary Zemitis**,son of Lynne Bowers, Oct 13
- Alyssa Allard**, daughter of Christi Allard and family - Oct 15 - Oct 19
- Daniel Lavery**, son of Karen Lavery and Daniel Lavery, brother of
Meghan Lavery, Oct15
- Frank Voce**, son of Frank and Anna Voce, Oct 15
- Stephen Stalheim**, son of Barbara and Gabriel Mertens - Oct 16
- Dawn Cannon**, daughter of Joanne & David Camnon - Oct 20
- Billy Savage**, son of Bill and Blanche Savage, brother of Jennifer, Oct
23
- David Grebe**, brother of Sue Grebe, Oct 24
- David Cassel**, brother of Carol Lamonte, Oct 24
- William Ingelido Jr**, son of Rosann Smiley and William Ingelido Sr -
Oct 25
- Glen Crouthamel**, son of Doris and Fred Crouthamel - Oct 28



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

- Cindy Dise**, daughter of Hiram Wenhold and sister of Cheryl &
Ralph Cassel, Barry Wenhold, Brian Wenhold, Oct 2
- Allison Fawcett**, daughter of Anne & Bernie Smith, Oct 3
- Zachery Roessler**, son of Chuck Roessler, Oct 4
- Jeffrey Carpenter**, son of Steve Carpenter, Oct 5
- Michelle Dena Dusza**, daughter of Steve and Darlene Dusza,
sister of Jenn Geib - Oct 6
- Tom O'Donnell**, son of Susan&Thomas O'Donnell & fam.-Oct 6
- Anna Nicole Fowler**, daughter of Rita Armstrong, grand
daughter of Matilda Hamilton - Oct 6
- Candice Shirey**, sister of Chuck and Lori Stockert - Oct 6
- Robert Walker and Ellen Heim**, children of Barbara Walker,
Robert - Oct 6 / Ellen - Oct 28
- Heather Schaefer**, daughter of Linda Schaefer - Oct 8
- Jarrod Nordland**, son of Lisa and Craig Nordland - Oct 17
- Cheryl Ann Smakula**, daughter of Helen Delong - Oct 17
- Courtney Isabella**, daughter of Anthony and Michelle Isabella -
Oct 18
- MiaRose Monteviodoni**, infant daughter of Kelly and Matt
Monteviodoni - Oct 18
- Sally Showalter**, daughter of Dr. Edmund and Cynthia Zapp Jr,
Oct 20
- Christine Roesener**, daughter of Paul & Ellen Roesener and
granddaughter of Naomi Roesener, Oct 20
- Ryan Knapp**,son of Bruce and Holly Knapp - Oct 21
- Arthur Ucci**, brother of Joan Ucci, Oct 23
- John Fonsemorti**, son of Rose Fonsemorti, Oct 23
- Jason Tyler Foulke**, son of Mitzi and Dean Foulke, Oct 25
- Patti Ann Kirkpatrick**, daughter of Walter & Mary Ellen Moyer
- Oct 25
- Tristan Engarde**, son of Lisa and Ed Engarde, Oct 25
- Sharon Gorman**, sister of Allen & Dejewski - Oct 26
- Christopher Court**, son of Caroline and Tim Court, Oct 27
- Chad Statuti**, son of Henry and Shirley Statuti - Oct 28
- Rebecca Cloud**, daughter of Richard & Diane Cloud - Oct 28
- Nick Umberger**, grandson of Grace Parzych - Oct28
- Patti Mood**, sister of Paula Fritch and Kathryn & James Jenks Jr,
Oct 30
- and all the children that will never be forgotten as we celebrate
their lives and memories

*** UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS ***



October 8, 2013 - 7:30 PM - general support group meeting

October 22, 2013 - 7 PM - steering meeting - Quakertown Family Diner

November 12, 2013 -- 7:30 PM - general support group meeting

December 8, 2013 -- Candle Lighting - information in newsletter --Any photos that we have from previous candle lighting will be used again. Send any new photos in now for this year slideshow.

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

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
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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

October 2013 newsletter



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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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