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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, May 10, 2016, 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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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 .

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: 484-597-0240

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: Karen Kovacs 267-218-5889

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. - run programs throughout the year-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 THANK YOU

Thank you to, Linda Ervin, Nancy Eisenhardt, and Beth Horwin for providing our April refreshments. They do this in remembrance of their children, Eric (Linda), Kelly (Nancy), Tyler (Beth).

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 \$40 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. This can be split between more than one family each month.

A special thank you to Mary Ann Kulp, Nancy Eisenhart, Lynette Lampmann, Ginny Leigh-Manuell, Kelly Logan and Jennifer Pini for the Remembrance and Thank you cards that you receive. They do this in remembrance of their children/ siblings, son, Tony (MaryAnn), daughter, Kelly (Nancy), son, Shawn (Lynette), son, Brian (Ginny), and brother, Jason (Jennifer), Kelly does it in remembrance of all those who have gone too soon. 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 & Rich Ervin, In Loving Memory of their son, Eric Ervin, 4/1—4/8

We will never stop missing & loving you, Mom & Dad



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

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.

Library Books

We have a nice library of books for our members to check out and read and return them back to our library. A problem we currently have is that some books have not made their way back to our library and our library is shrinking. If you have checked out a book or magazine from our library and are done reading it won't you PLEASE return it to us at our monthly meetings. If you are not able to make the meeting you may mail it back to us or have someone else return it to us.

Also, if you have any books that would help other grieving families through their journey and would like to donate them to our library please give them to our librarians.

Newsletter Errors and Omissions

For any errors or omissions please contact Darlene via email at tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net with the error and the correction for the next month newsletter.

Please remember we are all volunteers and grieving parents / siblings and we do forget and make mistakes too.

About This Newsletter

This newsletter comes to you courtesy of The Compassionate Friends, Quakertown Chapter with the hope that it will be a helpful resource for you on your grief journey.

If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter please contact the newsletter editor by phone 215-536-0173;

or email: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net

PLEASE NOTE: If you are moving or your email has changed please notify the newsletter editor so that we can update your information and you continue to receive the newsletter. If the newsletter is returned to us either via mail or your email bounces back and you have notified us you will be removed from the mailing list.

Newsletter submissions:

Submit articles and poetry to the editor by the 15th of the proceeding month. Include the author's name & your contact information. You may mail to our PO Box 1013, Quakertown PA 18951 or email as a pdf file or word document to: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net.



Memories...



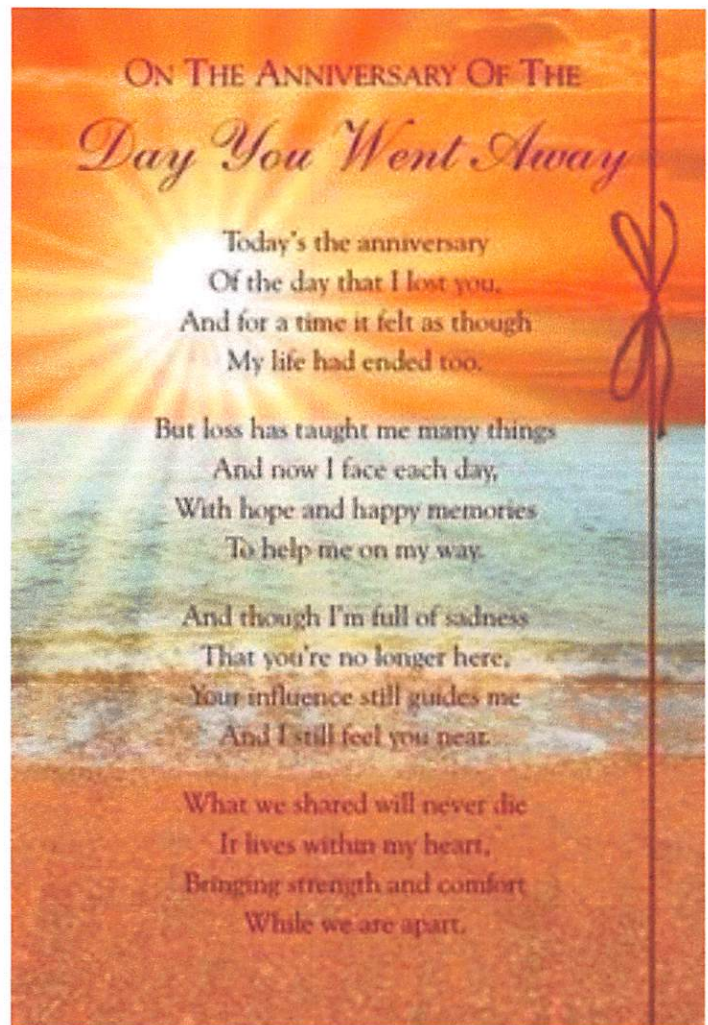
Mother's Day Again

It is Mother's Day again.
The day that my first born son became an angel.
Time for remembering Mothers
Time to remember their love for their children
For me it is a reminder of the day you became an an-
gel
And a piece of my heart went with you
Yes it is Mother's Day again.

It is Mother's Day again.
Time for me to put on my happy face
Time to celebrate me
Time to enjoy my daughter
Tell her how much I love her
Also time for me to remember
My beautiful son who has gone too soon
Pray he knows how much I love him
Yes it is Mother's Day again.

It is Mother's Day again
I will remember the good times with Kevin
I will remember his smiles
I will remember his hugs
I will remember his firsts
but I will remember most of all
His love for me, his sister and his daddy.
So yes it is Mother's Day again.

Kathie Kelly
TCF Fredericksburg, VA
In Memory of my son Kevin





The Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter

14th Annual Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release



Date: Saturday, June 11, 2016 (will be held rain or shine - no raindate)

Place: Willard Markey Centennial Park, 1400 N. Ridge Rd, Perkasie PA (NOTE: **PARK LOCATION-same as 2015**)

Registration check in: starts at 1 PM

Bring your lawn chairs / blankets to sit on

Memorial Walk starts at 2 PM

REGISTRATION / BUTTERFLY ORDERS DUE BY MAY 10TH -LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE

Bagpiper will be leading the walk 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.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ON REGISTRATION FORM

Registration order form - **Pre-register MUST be postmarked by May 10th** -- Orders postmarked after May 10th and same day registrations will not be guaranteed -- **REGISTER EARLY**. See below for details T-shirts are Gildan - 100% ultra cotton 6.1 ounce and embroidered

Order packaged under NAME _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

email _____

Youth T-shirts: color -lime green **sizes:** X-small; Small; Medium; Large; X-large **Cost \$25 for package -- additional T-shirts at \$15**

Adults T-shirts: color -ash grey **sizes:** Small; Medium; Large; X-large **Cost \$25 for package -- additional T-shirts at \$15**

Plus sizes-- 2X-large; 3X-large Cost \$ 28 for package -- additional T-shirts at \$18

Pre-registration postmarked by May 10th No guarantee on orders of t-shirts or butterflies after May 10th

Indicate Youth or Adult shirt and size according to package and plus size package below

YOUR first and last NAME	Name of person being remembered give first and last NAME	Indicate Youth or Adult shirt	Pkg \$25 shirt + butterfly list size	Pkg \$28 shirt + butterfly 2XL-3XL	extra shirt \$15 for Y-XS thru A-XL	extra shirt \$18 for 2XL-3XL	additional butterflies \$12 each	Total cost per each line ordered
sample: Jane Doe	John Doe - son	A	Large				2	\$ 49

Mail registration and check payable to: _____ Total of registration and butterflies \$ _____

Compassionate Friends -Quakertown Chapter _____ I'm not able to attend and would like to have my T-shirts shipped add \$5 per T-shirt for shipment charges (butterflies will not be shipped) # shirts _____ X \$5 ea. = \$ _____ shipping

PO Box 1013 _____ I / We plan on attending **Total enclosed \$** _____

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email Darlene at: tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net if you would like to have more than (1) -- T-shirt shipped for pricing quote or call 215-536-0173

may also order online at www.tcfquakertownpa.org and click on events to pay with credit card

Directions to Willard Markey Park- Perkasia

Directions from Quakertown and north:

Rt. 309 S to Sellersville Exit (at the beginning of the expressway). You will be on old Rt. 309/Bethlehem Pike (landmarks- Suelke's Roadstand; RoyAnn Diner) 1st red light is at Ridge Rd., make a left onto Ridge Road, 1st light on Ridge Rd crosses Park Ave -(Revivals on left at top of hill) continue on Ridge Rd - you will pass Pennridge Airport on left - continue on Ridge Rd apx. 1/4 mile and entrance to park is on left across from the Pennridge Veterinary Hospital. Pavilion and tents will be located on right next to playground area - parking lots are located just past the pavilion on the left and right

Lansdale - Philadelphia and surrounding areas

Rt. 309 N to exit for Sellersville - GrandView Hospital. At top of ramp make a left onto Lawn Ave and proceed to 2nd light . Turn right at light onto Ridge Rd - Continue thru 2nd light - pass Revivals on left - continue on Ridge Rd and go past Pennridge Airport on left - go apx 1/4 mile and entrance to park is on left across from Pennridge Veterinary Hospital. **Or visit Yahoo, map quest etc. for directions. Use-- 1400 N. Ridge Rd. Perkasia PA 18944**



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logo design- by Linda Stauffer

This year's Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release, in memory and celebration of our children and loved ones gone-too-soon, will be held at Willard Markey Centennial Park at 1400 N Ridge Rd. in Perkasia. We are proud to have the C R Strunk Funeral Home of Quakertown as our co-sponsor. **THIS ANNUAL WALK AND RELEASE OF LIVE BUTTERFLIES SERVES AS A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM AND FUND-RAISER FOR TCF QUAKERTOWN. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR CHAPTER SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO NEWLY BEREAVED FAMILIES AND PROVIDE A SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS.** We are all volunteers, but we do have printing, postage, equipment and office supply costs. We reach out to every bereaved parent/sibling in the Quakertown, Pennridge, Palisades, Upper Perkiomen, Coopersburg and surrounding communities, with over 250 newsletters every month. Those who pre-register (orders postmarked by May 10th) for the Memorial walk will get a high quality T-shirt with a professionally embroidered logo. Limited supply of T-shirts and butterflies will be available for orders postmarked after May 10th and for same-day registrations until sold out. Last year, we released 400 Monarch butterflies. Help us surpass the 400 mark this year. Our walk will be along a flat paved path through scenic woodlands and along the Perkiomen Creek led by a professional bagpiper. You can walk the entire route or just a few steps. It's whatever you want to do. At the program we will read the names of every person memorialized with the purchase of a butterfly / T-shirt. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. If you have any questions, you may call **215-536-0173** and leave a call-back number or email tcfquakertownchapter@verizon.net **SINCE THIS IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER TO KEEP OUR CHAPTER OPERATING, WE ASK THAT YOU PURCHASE A SHIRT AND/OR BUTTERFLY EVEN IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE EVENT.**

Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day

As I write this, I am very much aware that Mother's day is coming soon. That will be an undoubtedly difficult day in countless homes. For all the thousands of mothers who will be glowing with a radiant kind of pride and happiness that day, there will also be those of you whose hearts are aching for that phone call that will never come, that special visit, that one Mother's day card which will not arrive. For us, the reading and re-reading of that one last card - "Mom, you are the greatest and I love you" - will have to last a lifetime. How does a mother face a lifetime of silence on "her" day? Ask those of us who have "been there" already, and we will tell you of lonely Mother's Day visits to spring-green cemeteries where the sweet clear notes of a single spring bird perched nearby float over our heads and seem surely to have been intended as divine comfort for a heart full to breaking. You will hear of yellow roses being sent to a small church - "in memory of..." and a cherished story of a kind and sensitive friend who sent a single rose that first Mother's Day "in remembrance".

Always we struggle with the eternal questions - how does life in fairness extract from us the life of a beloved child in exchange for a clear bird call in a spring-green cemetery, a slender vase of yellow rosebuds or even the kindness and sensitivity of a friend who remembered our loneliness and pain on that day? Where is the fairness and justice in such barter?

The answer comes back again and again - life does not always bargain fairly. We are surrounded from birth to death by those things which we cannot keep, but which enrich, ennoble and endow our lives with a fore taste of Heaven because we have been privileged to behold, to experience, to wrap our arms around the joyous and beautiful.

Can we bottle the fragrance of an April morning or the splendor of a winter's sunset and take it home with us to place it on our fireplace mantle? Can we grasp and hold the blithesome charm of childhood's laughter? Can we capture within cupped hands the beauty and richness of a rainbow? Can we pluck the glitter of a million stars on a summer night or place in an alabaster box the glow and tenderness of love?

No, we cannot. But to those who have been given the splendor, the blithesome charm, the glory, the glitter, the tenderness and the love of a child who has departed, someday the pain will speak to you of enrichment, the compassion for others, of deeper sensitivity to the world around you, of a deeper joy for having known a deeper pain. Your child will not have left you completely, as you thought. But rather, you will find him in that first clear, sweet bird call, in those yellow rosebuds, in giving and receiving and in the tissue wrapped memories that you have forever in your heart.

Mary Wildman
TCF Moro, IL



Sibling Loss

One whose sister or brother has died has a special view of this loss. There is the loss itself, hard enough to bear, and often no one inquires how a bereaved sibling is doing with the grief. And as I've heard one sibling put it, '*I lost my brother, and my parents are so changed that I feel as if I lost them too.*' Much is changed within our surviving family.

Many of us have found the company of other bereaved siblings to be very valuable, a group of listeners who truly and fully understands.

Charley Kopp
TCF Contra Costa, CA

Mother's Day Revisited

Many of us in TCF do not look forward to Mother's Day. On this holiday, when the whole nation is celebrating the joys of parenthood, grieving parents often feel a special anguish.

Mother's Day this year looms as a particularly difficult milestone for me, Sunday, May 10, 1998, is not only Mother's Day but also the second anniversary of the death of my ten-year-old son, Jacob. Because this day of private sadness also happens to be a day of public celebration, I decided that I should start thinking early about the occasion. I engaged in a little research about the holiday and learned a story that I think is worth sharing.

Mother's Day was the creation of a woman named Anna Jarvis in the early years of this century. Anna, who never married and never had children of her own, devoted herself to establishing a national Mother's Day as a way of honoring her beloved mother, who died on May 9, 1905. In Anna's view, her mother deserved a memorial because she had lived selflessly and endured considerable suffering - seven of her eleven children had died in early childhood. According to historians, Anna's mother mourned the deaths of her children throughout her life.

Anna insisted that the holiday always fall on a Sunday so that it would retain its spiritual moorings. Because of her efforts, President Woodrow Wilson finally proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Although Anna couldn't prevent the new holiday from quickly becoming a marketing phenomenon, she did try. Speaking out against "the mire of commercialization" that threatened to engulf Mother's Day, Anna attempted to preserve her creation as a true "holy day," a time for solemn reflection and prayer.

Mother's Day, then, was borne of a daughter's grief and love. More importantly, it was intended as a tribute to a bereaved mother—a brave woman who lost multiple children but who managed to live with an abiding kindness and generosity toward others. I like knowing this background, and my attitude towards Mother's Day has been colored by the knowledge. The holiday now makes me think of the common sorrow that links all bereaved parents. I feel a bond with Anna's mother that stretches over time and space. In a broader sense, the woman for whom the holiday was founded reminds me of people I've met at TCF who have continued to live productive, meaningful lives in the face of unthinkable loss.



Finally, Mother's Day in its origins symbolizes both the joy and the vulnerability inherent in parenthood. Anna's mother knew all too well that from the moment a child is born, hope and the possibility of tragedy go hand in hand. She understood the fragility of life.

Enriched by its own history, Mother's Day is easier for me to tolerate. The coincidence of dates this year—Mother's Day and the anniversary of my son's death—is not as jarring as it once seemed. Although the commercial images of the modern Mother's Day still make me wince, I can turn off the television and envision the kind of day that Anna Jarvis had in mind: a time for quiet reflection and the sharing of cherished memories.

Barbara Atwood
In memory of Jacob
TCF, Tucson, Arizona

Chasing Butterflies

So many times I wonder now
How will I make it through?
As years go flitting by me
Taking memories of you

Elusive, fragile, here and there
I chase and cast my net
Tiny pieces of our long agos
I fear I might forget

Like a thousand butterflies
So many, yet too few
Each one a treasured moment
Each one a part of you

Time may bring me closer
To the day I see your smile
But time can be my enemy
Stealing from me all the while

So I will chase each memory
Seen through this Mother's eyes
Until I'm with you once again
I'll be chasing butterflies

Donna Gerrior
TCF Pasco County, FL
In Memory of Rob

**OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED FOR MAY Birthdays
and Always**

Ardyth Cope, daughter of Carol Cope, 5/4
Hector Valle, son of Hector Valle, 5/4
Justin Powis, son of Jennifer and William Powis, 5/8
Rebecca Cloud, daughter of Rich & Diane Cloud, 5/11
James Ogden, son of Linda and Patrick Ogden, 5/16
Brian Wensel Jr, son of Brian Wensel Sr, grandson of Leroy and Dawn Wensel, 5/16
Craig Zakeosian, son of Mike and Beth Zakeosian, 5/17
David Trump, son of Laura Trump, 5/18
Mia Rose Monteviodoni, daughter of Kelly and Matt Monteviodoni, grand- daughter of Katherine Monteviodoni, 5/20
Kevin O'Donnell, son of Doris & Steve Yurchak, 5/20
Matt Dille, son of Joe & Patti Dille, 5/22
Adian Bacchus, Grandson of MaryLou Miller, 5/24
Kristy McCoy, daughter of Arlin and Donna Moyer, 5/25
Ryan Kintzly, son of Tammy Devine, 5/26
Rob Tarr, son of Rob & Susan Tarr, 5/27
Eric Santayana, son of Debi and Walt Schimpf, 5/29
Joseph Oglialoro, son of Mike and Betsy Oglialoro, grandson of Rose and Joseph Oglialoro, Gary and Vickie Shoudt, 5/29
Brittani James, daughter of Christine James, Jack & Polly James, 5/31

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

Jennifer Wenhold, daughter of Jeff & Wendy Wenhold, 5/4
Nancy Hall, daughter of Charles & Patricia Hall, 5/5
Calvin Gross, son of Karen Gross, 5/6
Colleen O'Connell, daughter of Barbara Keeley, 5/7
Tony Kulp, son of MaryAnn Kulp, 5/7
Brandon Crosby, son of Barry Crosby and Tracy & Mark Ehleben, 5/7
Derick Lawley, brother of Tara Lawley-Bergey, 5/7
Brian Leigh -Manuell, son of Virginia Leigh-Manuell, 5/8

Allison Reboratti, daughter of Barbara and Eduardo Reboratti, sister of Ashley and Elliot, 5/9

Skyler Kauffman, daughter of Heather Gebhard; Eric Kauffman, grand daughter of Pam Gebhard; Carol & Spencer Kauffman, 5/9

Bill Chapman, son of John and Carol Scheetz Sr., 5/10

Anthony Bonino, son of Robert and Susan Bonino, 5/11

James Donnelly Jr, son of James and Alice Donnelly, 5/11

Dawn Meshon, sister of Vicki Moffett & Verdie Winters, 5/11

Bobby Cloud, son of Rich & Diane Cloud, 5/12

Adrian Paul, son of Joyce Mann & Kurt Pfitzer, 5/15

Donna Lee Stichter, daughter of Don and Carol Collis, 5/15

Joseph Jenkins, son of Allison & Dennis Jenkins, 5/15

Jeremy Nase, son of Carol Nase, 5/17

Joe Discher, son of Martha & Art Discher, brother of Wendy Park, 5/18

Kaitlyn Murphy, daughter of Pat Murphy, 5/18

Dan Slaughter, son of Lori Slaughter, 5/20

Michael Rabadi, son of Essam & Anne Rabadi, grandson of Winifred Cristofalo, 5/20

Joseph Cifone III, brother of Dorothy and Garry Neubert, 5/21

Joe Bello Jr, son of Gloria Bello, brother of Sharon Kronmiller & Lisa Devenney, 5/21

Blake Sharp, son of LuAnn and Harry Hebrank, 5/21

Katie Leck, daughter of John and Anita Bardsley, 5/22

Ross Van Houten, son of Brenda Van Houten, 5/22

Matthew Trauger, son of Mary Anne Macko & Mike Hamilton & Jim Trauger, grandson of Dolly Bibic 5/23

Dayna Irwin, daughter of Ken and Patricia Irwin, 5/23

Ryan McMullen, son of Kathleen & John McMullen, 5/24

Trevor Baelz, son of Marsha Leary, 5/25

Andrew Delp, son of Sheryl & Robert Delp, 5/26

Patricia Loughrey, daughter of Desiree Loughrey, 5/27

1st Lt Matthew Gaffney, son of Phillip & Kathleen Gaffney, 5/28

Jonathan Krist, son of Robert and Peggy Krist, grandson of Harold and Joyce Krist, 5/31

**** UPCOMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

- * May 10, 2016—7:30 PM—support meeting
- ***May 20, 2016 — LAST DAY for PRE-REGISTRATION for walk
- * May 24, 2016 — 7PM —steering meeting
- *June 11, 2016 –Memorial walk and Butterfly release
- *June 14, 2016 —7:30 PM—support 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/

Address _____ website newsletter on their remembrance day and their photo if submitted

Phone # _____

Child / Sibling name _____ birth date _____ anniversary date _____

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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 _____



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

Meeting Date: May 10, 2016



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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