



Quakertown Chapter

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The Compassionate Friends

Quakertown Chapter

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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 9, 2015, 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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victim.advocate@verizon.net

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nanadusza@verizon.net

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death -- suicide 215-828-3810

dance140@hotmail.com

Crystal Hunter-sibling, Justin

death - medical condition

crys.hunter@gmail.com

614-746-8076 (sibling contact person)

Donna Hesse - daughter, Kisha

death -- result of auto accident

dmhesse150@yahoo.com

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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. **NOTE: we are only recycling the small ink cartridges NOT for commercial size copiers/printers.**

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 to, MaryAnn Kulp, Patti Dille, Lynette Lampman, Pam Gebhard for providing our April refreshments. They do this in remembrance of their children/grandchild, Tony (MaryAnn), Matt (Patti), Shawn (Lynette), Skyler (Pam).

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. 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, Crystal Hunter 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), 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.

Susan Gilbert, In Loving Memory of her son, Brandon Gilbert, June 24 - June 22
Always in our hearts. Love, Mom & Skye

American Legion Aux. Sellersville Unit, In Loving Memory of Peg Deetz

Heather & Pam Gebhard, In Loving Memory of their daughter/granddaughter, Skyler Kauffman, Jun 14 - May 9
Happy Birthday Skye. You would be 14 today, always forever 9. . Love Always, Mommy & MomMom Pam



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

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 October meeting. 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.

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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE.....

2015 Eastern PA Regional Conference

Date: October 9-11, 2015

Where: Hyatt, King of Prussia, PA

Memories



**In Loving Memory of
Crystal Ervin-Cordero
June 10 - August 26**

Happy birthday our angel girl in heaven. On June 10th you would be 37 years old, but in our hearts you will always be forever 32.

This poem explains how I'm dealing with the loss of you.

TIME

I am lost and still looking for answers,
But don't know where to start,
Learning to live without you,
Dealing with being apart,
My world has been turned upside down,
I am lost and all alone,
I need to deal with this my way,
I need to do it on my own,
I need to find my own way out,
Of this dark place I am in,
I need to gather all my strength,
If I am going to win,
I need to realize that others,
Who are just like me,
Searching for the answers,
Hoping to break free,
It will not happen overnight,
This healing might take years,
There will be a lot of soul searching,
There will be a lot of tears,
But one day I will find them answers,
I'll learn to live again,
When I realize one day,
That we will meet again.

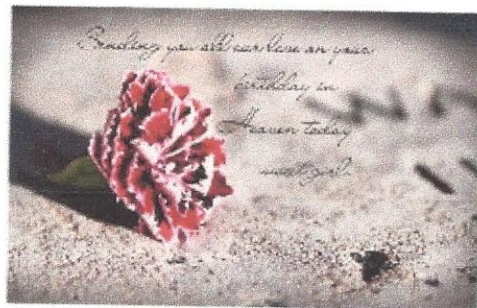
Author, John F Connor

We love and miss you more as time goes on.
Love Always & Forever, Mom and Dad & Family

submitted by: Linda Ervin, TCF Quakertown PA



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



To my sweet daughter Michelle....Happy Birthday to you...We all love and miss you...!!!

I love you and miss you beyond what any words could describe.

You will always be ever so deeply in my heart...rest easy n rest well my treasured one...our time was cut so so short but always know i miss you so much everyday...run in the sands of freedom n run easy babe..

To my sweet daughter Michelle we think of you often especially today.

I miss you so much, it so hard to be here without you, not seeing you or hearing your voice. I know I will be with you again one day in heaven. Love and lots of kisses to you.

I think of you every day.I know you will have many family and friends in Heaven to celebrate with you...I'm looking for the day we can celebrate your birthday together again.

Happy Birthday Michelle!!! Your never forgotten I'll always love ,miss you dearly.

Sending Birthday wishes to Heaven to my daughter and best friend....Wish you were still hear to talk to and make me laugh...

Wishing you a Wonderful Special Day in Heaven! Until We Meet Again My Sweet Forever Friend.

Happy Birthday my special friend... sending you a million hugs... miss and love you more than you will ever know.

Love you Mom I miss you so much .I have so many memories.that keeps me smiling and when I look up i see your beautiful face smiling at me

submitted by: Darlene Dusza, TCF Quakertown PA



Happy Birthday In Heaven

Happy Birthday up in Heaven
from your family here below.
We love you and we miss you,
and want to let you know.

Your birthdays aren't forgotten.
and your memory yet lives on.
We celebrate your life with us
even though you've gone.

Were God to grant us just one wish,
then make that wish come true,
you'd be here right beside us
and we'd spend this day with you.

And while here for your birthday
you would be so hugged and kissed
that you would know before you go
how much you're loved and missed.



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

January 11, 2002 ... Ten years? Sometimes it seems like yesterday. Sometimes it seems like it never happened. Most of the time it is somewhere in between.

*[EDITOR'S NOTE: Rich Edler, 58, past president of TCF's national board, author of *Into the Valley and Out Again* and treasured friend to many in TCF's extended family, died suddenly and unexpectedly on February 16. He had completed this article for *We Need Not Walk Alone*, TCF's national magazine, just over a month earlier.]*

It has been 10 years today since Mark died.

When I wrote *Into the Valley and Out Again* I chronicled first one day, then one week, then the first month and year. Now it is 10. Here are my thoughts:

The hurt never goes away. We never forget. We never get over it. We don't want to. We hurt so much because we loved so much. But the focus on death and the event fades and the warmth of good memories replaces it. Oh, we can still go back there in an instant. Back to the call, the moment, the good-bye. Back to the night that will forever separate our life between "before" and "after." But we now go back less and less. Time helps a lot.

I have fewer friends. Better friends, mind you, but fewer. I am out of the circle now. My Rolodex is cold. My networking, which used to be razor sharp, has atrophied. My power lunches have become tuna fish sandwiches. But the amazing thing is how much I don't care. I miss some special people so I go out of my way to stay in touch. And that is enough.

I have new and different priorities. I move through life a little slower, a little more tuned to life around me, and to life gone too soon. I brake for sunsets. I hurt for the people who share this walk with me. Since Mark died, hundreds and then thousands of children have died. I feel for them and for their families in a way I could never have understood before. I value people more than things, moments more than milestones and I no longer equate what I do with who I am.

I am not having the life I expected to have. I recall an old saying, "Man plans ... God laughs." Dennis Prager, an author and Los Angeles radio talk-show host, said that unhappiness equals image minus reality. What he meant is that you are unhappy when your image of where you should be is dramatically different from where you really are.

When a child dies, the reality of the life we are going to have is altered forever. I am no longer going to be Mark's dad. I am no longer going to join him at UCLA football games. I am no longer going to be a grandfather to the children he will never have. If that gap between image and reality is a recipe for

unhappiness, well, then the reverse is also true. If you "solve" the equation of happiness, happiness equals image matched closely with reality. So I have had to change my image to match the new reality.

I like my new life better. This makes me feel guilty because I would trade my life in an instant if I could have Mark back. But I really do like the person I have become since Mark died. I don't even know that person from 10 years ago. Back then my life purpose was to run a large advertising agency. Today, it is to give back in gratitude for the joy of the life I have been given. I want to make Mark proud. I want to be a blessing to others. And I want to enjoy the journey, too. I still have a grief that goes unspoken. Who will listen at 10 years? Yes, I still miss Mark. But I miss him quietly and silently. I grieve for his loss; for the loss of the person he would have become (he would be 28 now, but instead is forever 18); and also for the loss of the life I would be having if he were here.

I have an overwhelming sense of gratitude. I have been blessed beyond measure. I have a surviving son who has given me more joy than I could imagine any parent having ... and now a beautiful daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter. Gratitude is one of the most helpful and healing things you can do on your grief journey. And with gratitude comes thanks. So in gratitude, Kitty and I made a list this week of the people who were there for us when we needed them most. These are the people who dropped everything in their lives on a moment's phone call and rushed to our side. These are the people with whom we are joined forever, and who, no matter how far they drift, or what unimportant spats we might have, will always have a special place in our heart. You make your own list. Then find those people wherever they are, and say thank you.

I choose joy over sadness. If there is one overriding thought in these years, including 10 TCF conferences in a row, it is simply this: Grief is inevitable; misery is optional. It does no good to sit in a hole. It does no good for the loss of one life to lead to the loss of two.

What *does* do good is doing good. To decide to lead the second part of your life *differently and better* than you would have before ... in your child's name. When we do that ... when we do one small act of kindness we never would have done before ... when we reach out to other bereaved parents because we can and because we have been there ... then the world is changed in some small way for the better, and then the actions we take become a living tribute to our child's life. And then that child is never entirely gone.

And that, my fellow compassionate friends, is how it looks at 10 years for me.

Rich Edler TCF South Bay, CA
In Memory of my son Mark Edler
Spring 2002, *We Need Not Walk Alone*
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The Compassionate Friends - Quakertown Chapter

13th Annual Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2015 (will be held rain or shine - no rain date)

Place: Willard Markey Centennial Park, 1400 N. Ridge Rd, Perkasie PA (NOTE: NEW PARK LOCATION-same as 2014)

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.

There will be limited T-shirts and butterflies the day of the walk. See below for details T-shirts are Gildan - 100% ultra cotton 6.1 ounce and embroidered

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

Adults T-shirts: color - sport 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

No guarantee on orders of t-shirts or butterflies after May 17th

Register online and pay with credit / debit card at our website www.tcfquakertownpa.org
OR

Print off registration form on our website and mail it in.

For more information or if you have problems with registering online call 215-536-0173 and leave message for a call back.

If you are not able to attend won't you please order a butterfly in remembrance of your loved one to be released in the mass release. Our Memorial walk and butterfly release is our fundraiser for the year that helps keep our chapter able to reach out to newly bereaved families to help them through their grieving journey ahead of them. We mail and email out a monthly newsletter with articles, poems and helpful items. The mailing and printing of the monthly newsletter is an large expense and does not cost our families to receive it. We just ask you to help with our walk or make a donation in remembrance of your loved one...so that we can continue helping others. Thank You

Drawing on June
13th 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

1 - "DREAM" Nature Words Photo Art

by: Henry & Theresa Sitko

2 - MY Pillows (2) by: Henry & Theresa Sitko

3 - Monarch Umbrella by: Fran Sitko

4 - Applebee's gift card #25 - Quakertown

5 - Panera's - Quakertown

loaf of bread a month for a year (\$60 value)

6 - Edible Arrangement -Quakertown

Peace & Dove arrangement

7 - Quakertown Pub-gift card \$25

8 - \$100 gift card Wehrings Home Center

Ottsville by: A Touch of Nature (Tim Kulp)

9 - Fiddlestix's Paint & Sip (value \$70)

gift certificate for 2 people by: Linda Stauffer

10 - 1 hour Massage by: Carol Graham

11 - The Larder in Doylestown-gift card \$10

In memory of Mindy Daniel

12 - Scarlet Oaks Nursery - Butterfly Bush

13 - Walmart -Quakertown

gift card

#14 - Bracelet - by: Elizabeth Arrieta Fischer, Georgia

15 - Butterfly cake - by Kira Cupcakes

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OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED FOR JUNE 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

Dennis Harris, son of Linda Lepo, 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 - angel day 6/23

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

Christopher Harrison, son of Betty Harrison, 6/7

Jennifer Ongiri, daughter of Nancy Ongiri, 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

Skyler 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

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

Scott Naber, brother of Anje Naber, 6/10

Joseph & Anthony Perno, sons of Cathy Perno, 6/10

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 & Jake & grandson of Dolly Bibic, 6/27

Adian Bacchus, grandson of MaryLou Miller, 6/27

Glenn German, son of Albert & Betty German, 6/28

Ashley Doyle, daughter of Brian Doyle, 6/29

Thomas Onraet, son of Ruth & Maurice Onraet, 6/29

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

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

*June 9, 2015 -- 7:30 PM -general meeting - Fathers Day

*June 13, 2015 -- Memorial walk and butterfly release

*June 23, 2015 -- Steering Meeting - 7PM-Quakertown Family Diner

*July 14, 2015- 7:30 PM general 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: _____

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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 _____

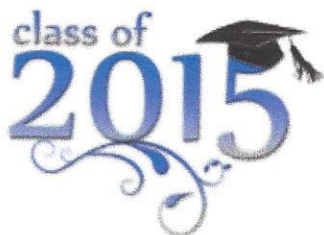
LOVE GIFTS

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: June 9, 2015



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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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