



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

**STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER**  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Our meetings take place at the **Regina M. McGinn, MD Center**, which is located between the Emergency Room and the main building on the second floor. The address is 475 Seaview Avenue SI, NY. The meeting takes place at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

## TCF MISSION STATEMENT

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

***Meeting Dates* August 13th and 27th, 2020**

## SIBLING CORNER

NATIONAL COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OFFICE see above

- You'll notice links throughout the website to our Facebook Page. We hope you will join and thus have the opportunity to interact with other siblings, as well as parents and grandparents who "get" what you're going through.
- Please join our [Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact with other siblings. Contact Keith Singer of Staten Island TCF

**Congratulations to the Datello Family for the birth of Juliet Christina.**



# Chapter corner

Visit our website at [www.sitcf.com](http://www.sitcf.com)

We welcome our newly bereaved friends. We are sorry for the cause that brings you. We know how devastated you are. In order to get full benefit of our meetings, it will be necessary to attend at least three meetings. We offer you unconditional love and understanding as we share with you our love for our children.

NEW MEMEBRS :

# WELCOME

## HOPE

Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all.

And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea;  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

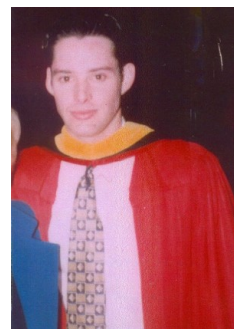


## Love Gifts

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MATTHEW!!!!

I love you and miss you every day;  
I hope you are with your brother.

Love,  
Mom ( Fran Zogby)



*Some people say you are  
too painful to remember...*



*I say you are too precious  
to forget!*

Author Unknown

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My Anthony,  
It's your 12th Heavenly Birthday.  
Miss you more and more each day.  
Celebrate with the angels in Heaven  
Until we are together again.

Love 4 Ever

Mom ( Elly Paino)



## Telephone Friends

The people listed as telephone friends are there because they are bereaved parents and siblings who have had been bereaved for a while and therefore they have the ability to "hear" your pain. These friends are there to listen. Don't hesitate to call when you need to. They are our compassionate friends.

*The next time that I meet you  
will be at Heaven's door  
You'll be there to meet me  
and I will cry no more.  
I'll put my arms around you  
and kiss your lovely face  
and then this broken heart of mine  
will fall back into place.*

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Keith Singer	718.227.1207 sibling
Cookie Parisi	718.317.0793 sudden death
Michele Muro	718.227.6516 car accident
Virginia Chieco	718.948.8127 suicide
Carol Bell	718.917.0633 only child
Richard Pierce	908.653.1994 young child
Fran Zogby	718.317.0647 multiple children

The newsletter cannot exist without contributions from TCF members. Please send articles, poems, etc. in order to make it yours.  
Email to: VWendroff@aol.com



# Love Gifts



NEED-IT-TOO

## Genevieve Collura

*It has been 3 1/2 years since you left us, and as I go through some of your things my heart breaks even more. You wrote about your pain and never showed it, but I saw it. You smiled so we wouldn't see it, but I saw it. You brought so much joy in our lives and the lives of so many others, your family, your friends, your students even the doctors and nurses still stay in touch with me. You loved the Muppets, Wu-Tang, Coney Island, Moo Cows, Fluff, and traveling. You found joy in everything. The happiness you felt when you saw baby John for the first time, he never got the chance to get to know you. John, Dad and I will never be the same without you.*



August 12, 1982-February 5, 2017

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

**NOTE:** Any article that you want to be published during the month of a birthday or anni-versary **MUST** be place in the month prior to publication.  
The newsletter will be sent for printing on the 20th of each month.





Brian Flynn



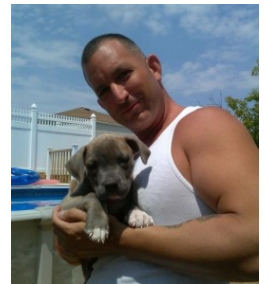
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Ashley Ward (Sheeney)



Olive Lucy Kawecki



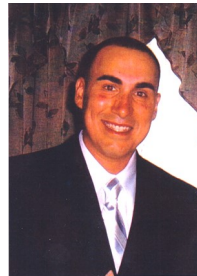
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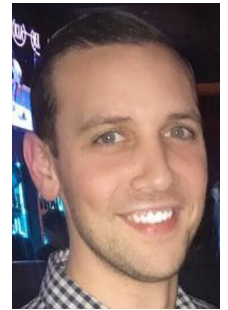
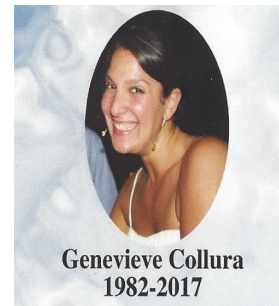
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Jennifer Wolf McHenry



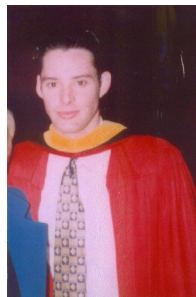
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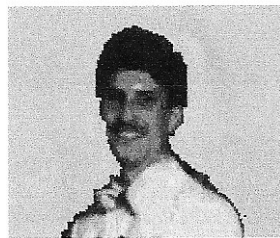
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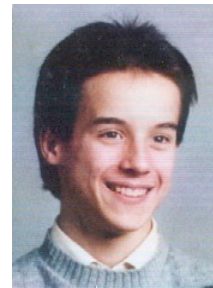
Jonathan Crupi



Matthew Zogby



Richard Angelina



WillyLeverock



Nicholas Pierce



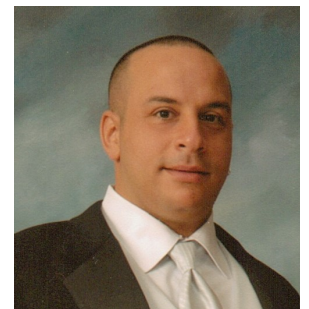
Jennifer Oines



Jerry Curiale



Ralph Mondella



Vinny Galiano



Louis Spano



Georgette Marbaille



Helene Bonsignore



Winston Wright





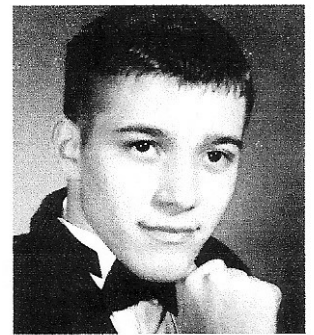
Alfred Fiore



Jennifer Murphy



Michael Human



Nicholas Alessi



Christopher Kubiak



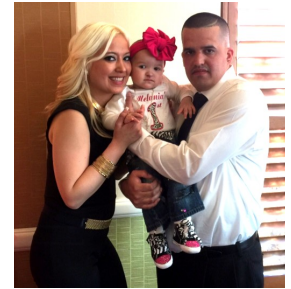
Justin Berg



Stacey Kaphan



Christine LoPorto



Nicholas Perez



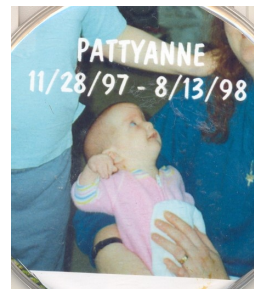
Karen Reilly (Bell)



Craig Gonzalez



Luke Parlatore



## LOVED AND REMEMBERED

Dear Stephen, It's been 2 long years and you are missed beyond words. My heart is forever broken. I can't wait to see you again. So much has changed since you left us. You were the light of so many lives. Living without you is unbearable most days. I thank God for giving you to us even though it was only for a while. You are definitely One of my greatest blessings. Keep watching over us, especially your nephews and nieces. I wish you could see how they've grown. Jax and Hutz miss your craziness. Your missing so much, but I know that your in a perfect world now. "

🎵 are you singing with the angels, are you happy where you are. God has you in heaven, but I have you in my heart."

always and forever



Mom



**Yesterday is just a memory. Yesterday is gone.**

**I try not to dwell on the past.**

**I can't change what happened in our life.**

**The direction our life took was unforeseen.**

**We don't see the end of the road.**

**We are aware of what happened.**

**But the reality and acceptance of death is hard to accept.**

**It is the final destination of life that is gone forever.**

**The pictures of my son's life always flash through my memories. I try to smile, but the lump in my throat brings me to tears. I want to start over and say; "I love you, I miss you."**

**I look at the sky and I think, " where are you, Michael?"**

**The universe is huge. We are only a speck in the realm of thing. We appreciate life, but the journey is full of obstacles.**

**Learning to live and grieve is a difficult journey.**

**With great sorrow**

**Tanya and Sam**



# ANNIVERSARY

Kaphan	Stacey	8/2
Liquori	Brian	8/3
Sanchez	George Anthony	8/3
Glotzer	Jonathan	8/5
Lakeman (Cellemare)	Kenny	8/7
Dandorf (LoPorto)	Christine	8/7
Cassius	Andrew	8/7
Mondella	Ralph	8/7
	Marlon	8/8
Cagiano	Chris	8/8
Fiore	Alfred	8/9
Rivera (Crespo)	Michael	8/9
Reilly (Bell)	Karen	8/10
Galiano	Vinny	8/10
Monico	Jean Marie	8/13
Alessi (Simonetti)Grandson	Nicholas	8/13
Alessi	Nicholas	8/13
Ciaramello	Kathy	8/14
Woelker	Dawn	8/15
Wischik	Seth	8/15
Leverock	Willy	8/19
Ricciardi	Michael	8/23
McHenry-Wolf	Jennifer	8/21
Drezek	Nicky	8/21
Pepe	Stephen	8/22
Perez (Sussman)	Nicholas	8/24
Mincieli	Dominick	8/25
Brown (Greenidge)	Marcus	8/25
Gonzalez	Craig	8/25
Ravello	Jason	8/26
Human (Rivero)	Michael	8/26
Sheeney (Coohill)	Ashley	8/26
Schipani	Vincent	8/26
Malucelli	Brian	8/27
Kawecki (Duenas)	Olive Lucy	8/27
Molinari	Michael	8/28
Rinchiuso	John	8/29
Ferraro	Joseph	8/30
Curiale	Jerry	8/30
Del Gaizo	Phyllis	8/30
Perrotti (Garzetta)	Carmine	8/30
Hughes	Patty Ann	8/31

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN

Happy Birthday, Scott, you would have been Fifty-two this year  
There are only nine months of memories and yet they are so dear

July 11th, 1968, we thought it was a such a lucky day  
But God had other plans for you, son, and so you could not stay

Happy Birthday, Joey, you would have been Fifty-five this year  
And it seems like only yesterday when you were with us here

August 29th, 1965, a day I will always remember  
You arrived a bit early, son, your due date was in September

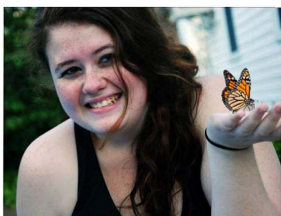
I remember the birthday parties with family and friends too  
And we always had a good time celebrating a special you

My thoughts of all of the yesterdays and of years gone by  
Brings a great big smile to my lips along with a tear to my eye

We don't know when our time is up so we should do good each day  
Be kind to others and forgive them their sins because it is the right way

We love and miss you so very, Happy Birthday in the Heavens above  
Until we meet again someday, we send our everlasting love

Love,  
Mom  
Ann Garofalo  
7/4/20



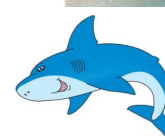
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABI, AUG 13th** you'll be 28  
It's been 8 years since you left your earthly shell and joined the Angels for eternity. We miss you, and will see you again some day in heaven  
Love, Mom & Dad Elaine & Avery





Mayer (DeLuca)	Billy	8/1	
Katz	Sam	8/2	
Ullo (John)	Denise	8/2	
Flynn (Smith)	Brian	8/3	
Rubinate	John	8/3	
Flick (Pellgrino)	Maryann	8/7	
Oines	Jennifer	8/7	
Kubiak	Christopher Ryan	8/7	
Spano	Louis	8/7	
Spiritus	Lori	8/8	
Angelina	Richard	8/10	
Cahill, III	Eddie	8/10	
Fiore	Alfred	8/11	
Bonsignore (Sparano)	Helene	8/12	
Murphy (Marcello)	Jennifer	8/12	
Marballie (Newman)	Georgena	8/12	
Collura	Genevieve	8/12	
Marder	Abigail	8/13	
Welgoss	Michael	8/13	
Brown (Greenidge)	Marcus	8/15	
Ciervo/Filosa	Julia	8/16	
Mitchell (Payne)	Ricky	8/16	
Morisi	Scott	8/17	
Kenneke (Dym)	Michael	8/18	
Edkins	Mariana	8/18	
O'Callaghan	Joseph	8/18	
Pannelle	Chris	8/19	
Wright	Winston	8/20	
Mazzella	Joseph	8/21	
Dunlap	Curtis	8/21	
Zogby	Matthew	8/21	
Held	Larry	8/22	
Rista-Fitzpatrick	Nicole	8/22	
Pierce	Nicholas	8/23	
Reynolds	Anthony	8/23	
Crupi	Johnathan	8/24	
Paino	Anthony	8/26	
Sheeney (Coohill)	Ashley	8/26	
Ierardi	Peter	8/26	
Rinchuso	John	8/27	
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Damato (Musto )	Robert	8/27	
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Gintole	John	8/28	
Parlatore	Luke	8/28	
Esposito (Desgao)	Jackie	8/28	
Graney (Garofalo)	Joseph	8/29	
Berg	Justin	8/31	

# OUR CHILDREN





# August 2019



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