



# 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.

**August 8th & 22nd, 2019** *Meeting Dates*

## 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

### Happy 54th Birthday Joey

Happy Birthday in heaven, son, as you celebrate your special day  
We still find it hard to believe that you really passed away  
We remember the day you were born, son, 54 years ago  
On August 29th, 1965, when I became a mother, Joe  
We love and miss you very much - it doesn't get easier with time  
We learned to live without you, Joey, which pressured our mind  
You left us here many years ago with heavy broken hearts  
Nothing can heal the open wound until the day we depart  
To mark a special occasion and the way we were taught to behave  
We go to the cemetery, son, and place flowers on your grave  
Celebrate your birthday, Joey, in the heavens up above  
We miss you so very much and send our everlasting love  
Love Mom Ann Garofalo 8/29/19

### Helene Bonsignore

Forever in my heart  
and thoughts.  
Missing you  
more than ever.

Love,  
Mom  
(Anita Sparano)



# 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:

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TEAVERSO.AMANDA@YAHOO.COM  
ELENA (21) 7/10 2/7  
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WELOVELUCY5@AOL.COM JKMMYWALNUTZ1@AOL.COM  
718.637.9536 347.372.6070  
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18 COALE AVE SI 10314  
FLORRIER58@GMAIL.COM  
570.426.3071  
JOHN 5/20 11/21

### Happy 51st Birthday Scott

Happy Birthday Scott, you would have been 51

years old this year. On your birthday, July 11th,  
we light candles and say a prayer

We only had you for nine months, son,  
God had other plans for you

To go to heaven with the angels and saints and  
some family members too I often think about how  
life would have been if you were alive today

Maybe you would have been married with children  
but who are we to say. We miss and love you very  
much, and wish you a Happy Birthday, son

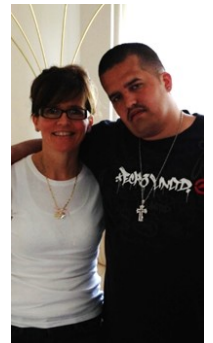
Rest in Peace, until we meet again, when my days are  
done Love, Mom Ann Garofalo 7/11/19

### In Loving Memory of my son

Craig Julio Gonzalez on his 4th Anniversary  
Please don't ask me if I'm over it yet, I'll never  
get over it. Please don't tell me he's in a better  
place, he's not here with me. Please don't tell me  
at least he isn't suffering, I haven't come to  
terms with why he had to suffer at all. Please  
don't tell me you know how I feel, unless you  
have lost a child. Please don't ask me if I feel  
better bereavement isn't a condition that clears  
up. Please don't tell me you had him for so  
many years, what year would you chose for your  
child to die?

Please don't tell me god only  
gives you what you can bear.  
Please just say your sorry,  
that you remember my child.  
Please mention my child's name.  
Please just let me cry.

In loving memory of my son  
Craig Julio Gonzalez 143



### Telephone Friends

The people listed as tele-  
phone friends are there  
because they are be-  
reaved parents and sib-  
lings 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.



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	917.642.6243 only child
Richard Pierce	908.653.1994 young child
Fran Zogby	718.317.0647 multiple children
Candace Crupi	718.288.4324 addiction

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



In Loving Memory of  
**PATTY BONSIGNORE**  
June 18, 2003

**"Death leaves a heartache  
no one can heal. Love leaves a  
memory no one can steal."  
With love, Mom (Anita Sparano)**

**Happy Birthday  
to our Daughter  
Abigail Marder**

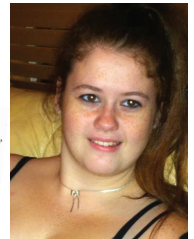


Happy Birthday Abi, it's been 7 years since we heard your voice, felt your touch, had you with us. We miss you every day, and think of you always. Pictures of you are everywhere, but they're only snapshots of what we once had and now miss you so much - Abi.

Until we are together again forever,  
Love,  
Mom & Dad  
Elaine & Avery

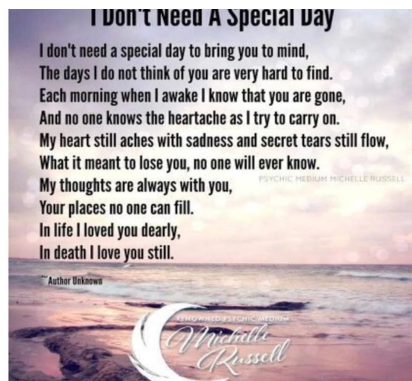


Abigail Marder - Aug 13



Stephen Pepe  
Missing you  
every single  
second.

August 22nd, 2018.



In Memory of  
**Vincent Schipani**

8/26/17

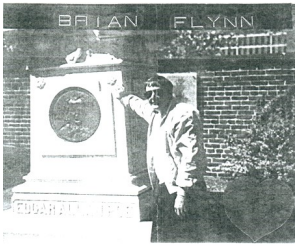


OUR  
OCTOBER  
2018

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

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

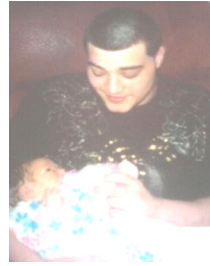




Brian Flynn



Anthony Reynolds



Christopher Kubiak



Louis Spano



Alfred Fiore



Helene Bonsignore



Jennifer Murphy  
(Marcello)



Georgina Mar-



Abigail Marder



Anthony & Ralph Mondella



Winston Wright



Jennifer Wolf (McHenry)



Jerry Curiale



Nicholas Pierce



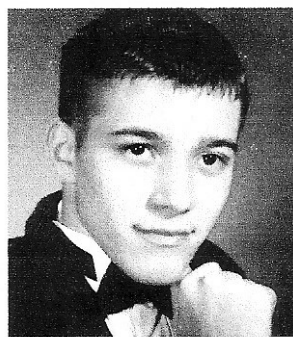
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Anthony Paino



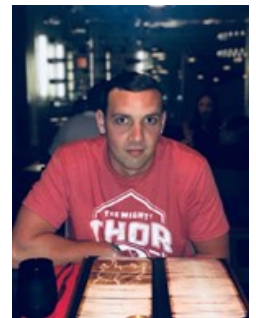
Ashley Ward (Sheeney)



Nicholas Alessi



Olive Lucy Kawecki



Stephen Pepe



Jihn Gintole



Luke Parlato



Stacey Kapham



Vincent Schipani



Craig Gonzalez



### ***My precious Frankie,***

June 27th will be 5 years since I last saw your shining smile, smelled your cologne or heard the roaring of your laughter. That Friday in 2014 keeps playing over and over in my brain like a bad movie. It's totally a never ending nightmare. If you do actually see what I am doing down here, I hope you know that you'll never be forgotten.



As long as I am living, I will carry you with me. You remain safely tucked in my Heart, keeping your light to shine. I try to believe that you walk with me, upon this path I tread. Until one day, I will join you for all eternity. There will never be another FK. My Son, my BFF, my Life. You are my everything, always and forever we re-main me and you against the world!

Love your #1 Fan.....Your Mama

***For my beautiful, kind, loving Genevieve.  
No words could express the love for you felt by so many,  
especially me, dad and John. You are missed every  
minute of every day.***

### ***The Day God Took You Home***

***A million times  
I've needed you  
A million times I've cried,  
If love alone***

***Could have saved you  
you never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.***

***n my heart you hold a place,  
No one else can ever fill.***

***It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
Part of me went with you, the day  
God took you home.***

***Genevieve Collura***

***August 12, 1982-February 5, 2017***



Christine LoPorto  
(Dandorf)



Alfred Fiore



Karen Reilly (Bell)



Vinny Galiano



Willy Leverock



Jennifer Wolf  
(McHenry)



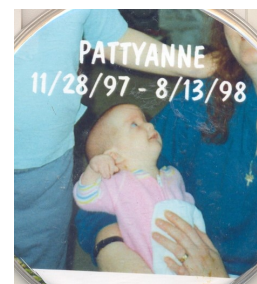
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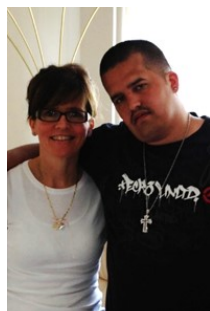
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Ashley Ward



Pattyanne Hughes



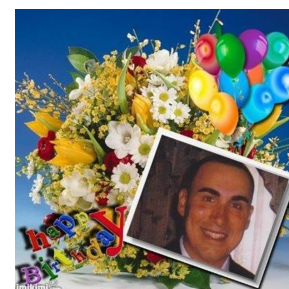
Craig Julio Gonzalez

**Dear Anthony,**

**August 27th will be your 10th anniversary birthday. However, you will be 4EVER 27. I can't imagine how I was able to live all these years without you. I know you will be celebrating and partying with all the angels in Heaven.**

**A POEM by Ian Robinson**

**Every day I used to look into your eyes and love  
you a little bit more. Now I have to look to the  
stars and miss you just a little bit more.  
Happy Heavenly birthday, my Anthony.  
Love you and miss you 4Ever. Mom**



Dear Dad,

Hi Dad. How I love you so and I know how much you love me. I know how much you miss me.

Even after all these years, you still look for me hoping to see my face once again.

How I wish I could just for one moment stand in front of you and say, "Hi Dad", hug and kiss you.

But we both know that this cannot happen in your world. My old world knows me no more.

I am just a memory that lives in your heart and soul.

So now I speak to you in ways that you never dreamed possible before I died.

We found ways to work around this separation of our two hearts, our two souls.

Your mind could never conceive that this was the way you and I would speak to each other.

It never knew that this was the path our lives would take.

You, dad, only had thoughts of my happiness, thoughts of my finishing Law School, getting married, having kids, and you being a grandfather.

Normal, happy thoughts that any father have for the child he loved. But this was never meant for me.

This was not part of my life's plan, my time was short for your world.

I Watched you cry when I passed away. I heard you ask why all your dreams for me vanished in an instant. I watched a lot of your life die with me.

But slowly, as the years have come and gone, you come to understand that there is so much more to all of this yet to be seen.

The most important thing you come to realize that I am still alive, living my life and loving you more with each passing moment.

I died in your world but I am more alive now in mine.

How in the beginning when I left you, you strained to hear my voice. Your worst fear was that my voice would be lost forever.

You have all the pictures but they couldn't speak to you.

You had all this love for me but you didn't know where to send it.

So now, Dad, you opened yourself to something that is beyond anything you thought possible.

You have faith that our love could never die. It would get us beyond the veil that separates us.

Our love for each other is tucked away in our hearts. It is safe from all the sorrows of your world.

How wonderful it is to for you and me to live our lives side by side in two different worlds.

It's the unconditional love we have for each other that guides our souls in this journey of our, a journey we started so long ago.

How I love you, Dad, for trusting something that you can't see or touch, but believe with all your heart.

It can only be true that I am so close to you that my breath couldn't fit between us.

Without that faith, I could never make you understand that I am right here next to you.

So dad, keep listening and I will keep talking. And, when you are lonely, put your arms out if you want to hug me because my arms are already out, waiting to hug you.

Love you , Dad.

Always and forever.

Suzanne



*The Compassionate Friends*  
**2019 Memorial Walk**  
In memory of our children  
Sunday  
September 8th, 2019  
Clove Lake Park  
(near children's playground)  
Time: 11:00 am

*The Compassionate Friends*  
**2019 Picnic**  
POUCH CAMP  
1465 MANOR RD STATEN ISLAND, NY  
Sunday, September 15th, 2019  
10:00am - 4:00pm Rain or Shine  
Adults: \$16.00 Children 6-12: \$10.00



*You need not walk alone...*

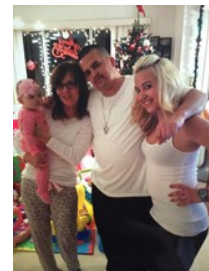
T-Shirts to wear that day are available to order. They will commemorate the Walk. In them. If you have any questions, please call Michele Muro (718) 227-6516

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# OF ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS TEAR OFF TO: MICHELE MURO 7 CLEARMONT AVENUE  
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10309  
(718) 227-6516  
OR CALL VAREDA (201) 437-4481

4 years ago you gained your wings Big Brother and it was a day that changed our lives forever. The memories give me comfort and then the tears start to flow your missed more than you could ever know. Lani is growing up and it breaks my heart your not here to see but I know your up above pro-tecting her like you did me. I love you Big Brother so much and I promise I'll always be my brothers keeper. I love You Always Craig Your Little Sis  
**Krystle**  
and your niece

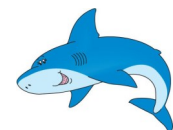
**Melania** 





Mayer (DeLuca)	Billy	8/1	
Katz	Sam	8/2	
Ullo (John)	Densie	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	Genevieve Collura 8/12
Marballie (Newman)	Georgena	8/12	
Marder	Abigail	8/13	
Brown (Greenidge)	Mrcus	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	
McHenry-Wolf	Jennifer	8/21	
Dunlap	Curtis	8/21	
Held	Larry	8/22	
Pierce	Nicholas	8/23	
Reynolds	Anthony	8/23	
Crupi	Johnathan	8/24	
Paino	Anthony	8/26	
Sheeeney (Coohill)	Ashley	8/26	
Ierardi	Peter	8/26	
Rinchiuso	John	8/27	
Alessi (Schiano)	Nicholas	8/27	
Damato (Musto )	Robert	8/27	
Kawecki (Duenas)	Olive Lucy	8/27	
Gintole	John	8/28	
Parlatore	Luke	8/28	
Esposito (Desgao)	Jackie	8/28	
Graney (Garofalo)	Joseph	8/29	
Berg	Justin	8/31	
Kaphan	Stacey		8/2
Liquori	Brian		8/3
Sanchez	George Anthony		8/3
Glutzer	Jonathan		8/5
Lakeman (Cellemare)	Kenny		8/7
Dandorf (LoPorto)	Christine		8/7
Cassius	Andrew		8/7
Mondella	Ralph		8/7
Draker	Marlon		8/8
Cagiao	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
Ciaramellp	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 Nicholas		8/25
Brown (Greenidge)	Mrcus		8/25
Gonzalez	Craig		8/25
Ravello	Jason		8/26
Human (Rivero)	Michael		8/26
Sheeeney (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
Hughes	Patty Ann		8/31

# OUR CHILDREN





# August 2019



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