



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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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* May 9th and 23rd, 2019**

**BALLOON LAUNCH– June 2nd. Olde Bermuda Inn**



## 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

Get well wishes go to Trudy Loeffler. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Thanks to Toni for her kind words about Nicky Chieco.

## 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

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Benny 9/22 1/29 (48)

Lisa & Robert Imbasciani

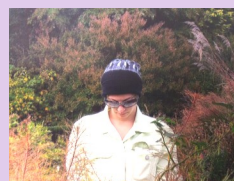
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Robimbras@gmail.com

917.609.9517

Erica 7/6 3/22

In Loving Memory  
Of  
Emily Foote (Rende)  
May 3rd



### 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.



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	718.979.0633 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



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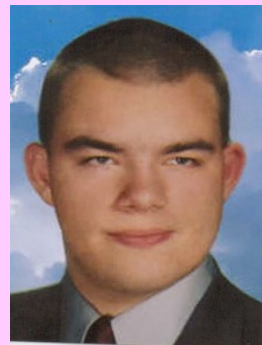
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Do not judge the bereaved mother.  
She comes in many forms. She is breathing but she is dying.  
She may look young, but inside she has become ancient.  
She smiles, but her heart sobs.  
She walks, she talks, she cooks, she cleans,  
She works, she IS, but she IS NOT, all at once.  
She is here, but part of her is elsewhere  
For eternity.  
Sending love, light and hug to all the angel  
Moms hurting right now. We understand each  
Other's pain and tears, and we are never alone,  
Because we have each other.  
Please be extra kind to yourselves and have a  
peaceful day today- you are love.

In loving memory  
of

EDDIE ERNST

MAY 27th



# 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.

## **Scott's 50th Anniversary**

**On April 12, 1969, you left us here to grieve  
It is still difficult to accept and so difficult to believe**

**You were only nine months old, son, when you died in your crib  
I remember you wearing your blue pajamas with a bottle and a bib**

**Fifty years have passed, since the day you passed away  
And yet, Scott, to me it seems like only yesterday**

**There are times when I can't remember where I put certain things  
And yet I can recall each minute of the day God gave you wings**

**You were such a beautiful baby; blue eyes and blond hair  
I often wonder how you would look if you were here**

**This year you would be fifty-one years old, on the 11th of July  
But it wasn't meant to be, my son, in God's plans you would die**

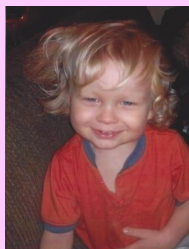
**The Book of Life records the day and time of our birth  
And it also records the day and time when we leave this earth**

**They say that time is a great healer for the wounds inside  
But my heart continues to grieve, fifty years since you died**

**Pray for us, Scott, for strength and courage to go on  
Until the day we meet again when my days are gone. Rest in Peace**

**Love, Mom Ann Garofalo  
4/12/19**

**In Loving memory  
Of  
Anthony Pastoressa, Jr.  
May 22nd**



## **Joey's 27th Anniversary 5/22/19**

**Twenty-seven years ago you passed away in your home  
In Brooklyn, on May 22, 1992, and you were all alone**

**I remember the events of that horrific day as if it were yesterday  
And not having the chance to say good-bye as only a mother could say**

**You were a good son, Joey, but the demons of addiction got to you  
Drugs overpowered the fight of good and evil in things that you would do**

**I wish I could turn back the clock and change quite a few things  
But God had other plans, my son, and now you wear angel wings**

**We miss and love you very much and wish we could see once more  
If only I could perform magic I'd make you walk through the front door**

**I know it sounds unreal to others, but I believe in the signs I see  
Letting me know you are okay, Joey; your way of telling me**

**Rest in Peace, my son, until we meet again someday  
When I close my eyes for the last time and take my breath away**

**Love,  
Mom**

## **What I Learned– April 11, 2019**

**That: My emotional pain does not stop.**

**That: Mourning is my constant companion**

**That: The stress and anger of the devastation still consumes me.**

**When thoughts enter my mind, I can cry on a whim.**

**That I did not conquer my feelings.**

**The sorrow is overwhelming.**

**The wound does not heal.**

**The tranquility of my universe is gone.**

**I have learned that shock, guilt, and anger are my constant shadows.**

**I mourn my life as I knew it once.**

**I thank G-d for having a husband to walk through this painful journey.**

**My new journey is full of painful and overwhelming obstacles.**

**My painful journey has just begun. Michael's mother Tanya**

### How Do You Feel?

Death rips one's soul, and leaves lasting devastation in its path.

Your memories can embrace you, but when the thought dissipates, the empty space reappears.

The emptiness, the broken heart, the broken link of life can't be repaired.

The hollow space can't be filled, your thoughts become your second shadow.

You open your eyes in the morning, and the heaviness of the situation is still there.

There is a time for everything in life, but when there is death, it never stops.

I am vulnerable, lonely, and sad. I am angry and crying.

I don't think life is fair.

I conceal my emotions, and when you look at me and see me smile, you may think everything is fine, and I am over it. But, I am coping the best I can

A pure soul went to heaven.

Another day in the paradise called life.

With a heavy heart.

Tanya Zajc- in memory of my son Michael

## Love Gifts

**William ( Billy) Paliotta**

April 30th would have been your 58th birthday. It seems like it was only yesterday you were here with your family.

You will never be forgotten.

I miss you every day.

Love you always,  
Mom



In Loving memory of  
James Rinchiusso  
May 14th

### My Dear Christina:

I just can't believe that it's your third birthday in Heaven! My broken heart will never heal and the pain is just a reminder of how much I love you and miss you. There is so much that happened this year that you would have enjoyed being a part of; your brother's engagement to a beautiful young woman, Colleen, their wedding and the birth of their son. I can't help but think how much you and Colleen would have gotten along and also the great aunt you would have made! There are many times that I know you are with me. Just tonight as I'm writing this letter, I was looking for a picture to attach to this. I pressed Photo Booth by accident not knowing it's where you take pictures of yourself. There were no pictures, other than my face, then, all of a sudden a picture of you appeared, one that I've never seen before. That's when I knew you were here! Christina, I would do anything to have another chance to hug you one more time. As you celebrate your birth-day in Heaven, know that I love you and miss you so much, Mom (Lorraine Datello)



## Love Gifts

**TO: STEPHEN VENTIMIGLIA**

Happy 46th Birthday in Heaven.

We celebrate silently.

Always in our memory and heart.

Love and Kisses,  
Mom, Dad, and Brother







Eddie Ernst



Robert Hagerman, Jr.



Steven N. Economos



Carolyn Baer



Emily Foote (Rende)



Stephanie Hare



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Amanda Nixon



Gerald Ascunson



Anthony Pastoressa, Jr.



Deanna Magrone



Vincent Chiara (Delisio)



Samara Nukkho



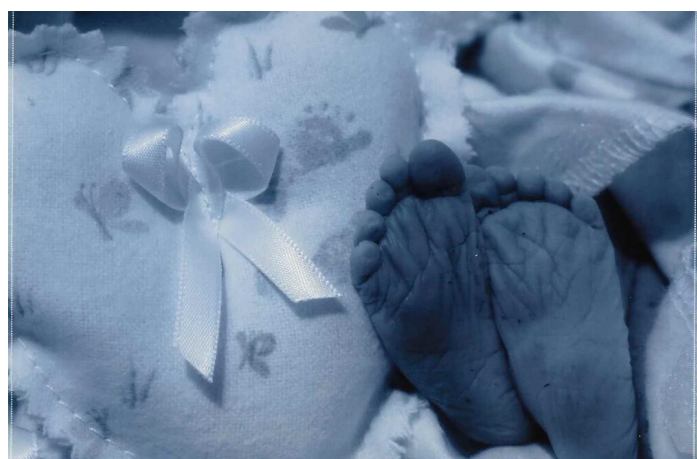
Christina Datello



Arielle Newman



**Nazif Ay**  
**May 13, 1991-May 31, 2016**



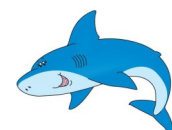
**Rachel Avery Barranca (Sarah & Frank)**



In Loving Memory  
of  
Vincent Chiara  
May 25th

Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Economos	Steven	5/1	
Hagerman	Robert, Jr.	5/2	
Depregola	Joseph	5/2	
Cagiano	Chris	5/2	
Foote (Rende)	Emily Elizabeth	5/3	
DeMott	Sara	5/12	
Malucelli	Michael	5/4	
Boutsikakis	John L	5/5	
Anderson	Jaymee	5/1	
Epstein	Ira	5/7	
Baer	Carolyn	5/11	
Hare	Stephanie	5/11	
DeMott	Sara	5/12	
AY	Nazif	5/13	
Cortes	Edward	5/14	
Altieri	Jason	5/15	
Badiran Kemeny	Joshua	5/16	
Nixon	Amanda Lynn	5/16	
Maffia	Louis	5/16	
Asuncion	Gerald	5/17	
Donovan	Megan	5/18	
Capuano	Debbie	5/21	
Mikalsen	Jodi	5/22	
Ferraro	Joseph	5/22	
Pastoressa	Anthony, Jr.	5/22	
Mendez (Pontecorvo)	Mario Guy	5/24	
Pantano	James	5/24	
Feltus	Jordan	5/26	
Murphy	Joseph	5/26	
Ernst	Eddie	5/27	
Newman	Arielle	5/27	
Errichiello	Gerald	5/29	
Raymond (Joseph)	Cassandra	5/29	
Topiano	Kim Marie	5/30	
LaMattina (Nicosia)	Michael	5/31	
Magrone	Deanna		5/1
Depregola	Joseph		5/2
Carrasco	Freddie		5/5
Altieri	Jason		5/6/
Sulzur	Philip		5/7
Raymond (Joseph)	Cassandra		5/8
Garcia( Grado)	Kyle		5/8
Boutsikakis	John L		5/27
Buono	Vincent		5/10
Held	Larry		5/11
Lopez	Elyse		5/11
Miglionico	Joanne		5/12
Motechin	Deena		5/13
Stiskin	Judy		5/14
Rinchiusso	James		5/14
Gambardella	Andrew		5/15
Nixon	Amnda Lynn		5/16
Gentile (Pachter)	Joseph		5/16
Mero	Jacob		5/18
Graney (Garofalo)	Joseph		5/22
Gregory	Marilyn		5/22
Nukho	Samira		5/23
Motisi	Chris		5/23
Bright	Billy		5/24
Chiara (Terranova)	Vincent		5/25
Ullo (John)	Denise		5/25
Sullivan	Walter		5/28
Datello	Christina		5/30
AY	Nazif		5/31

# OUR CHILDREN



# MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Meeting	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



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