



# 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*** April 12th and 26th , 2018

## 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 [TCF Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact with other siblings. Contact Keith Singer of Staten Island TCF

# 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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# WELCOME

### 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	718.917.0633 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

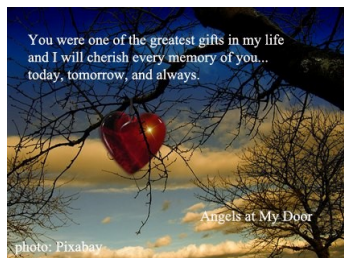
# Love Gifts



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In Loving Memory of  
**MARTI LOMONACO**  
April 16th



In Loving Memory of  
**LORI SINGER**  
APRIL 10th



In Loving Memory of  
**RICHE COHEN**  
APRIL 8th



# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

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





Angelica Tidona



Frankie Kalanzky



Helene Bonsignore



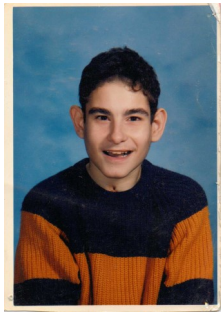
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Nicholas Johs



Kelly Thompson



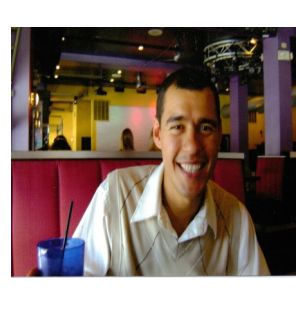
Richie Cohen (Richter)



Lori Singer



Desi Perez (Rodriguez)



Marti LoMonaco (Fisher)



Freddie D'Amico, Jr.



Hugh White, Jr.



Jack Steinberg



Ryan Pisapia



Matthew Scherer



Georgina Mrbaille



Stephen Ventimiglia



Arielle Newman



Gerald Asuncion



Lenny Ingrassia



John Gintole



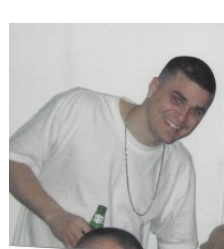
Carolyn Baer



Suzie Brunelle



Robert Hagerman, Jr.



Patrick Bogan



Bobby Bright



Eddie Ernst



# My Dear Sunshine,

This will be the 4th Birthday without you and it seems like forever. And then at times I feel like we were at Clemente's yesterday celebrating your 40th. My sweet Angel, my shining star I pray that you are celebrating your special day with all of your loved ones. I wish you were here today, if just for a little while. All I can do is hold you in my heart until I can hold you in my arms. I look forward to the day when I can say Happy Birthday and see your shining smile. But for now, the only gifts today will be the ones you left behind. The laughter, the jokes, the joy and the happiness. I live for the precious memories that I have of you. Each day I struggle to hide my heavy heart as the tears run down my face. Somehow I need to believe that you are in a happier place. Today as I visit you, I'll sit quietly and look at your pictures thinking of you with all my LOVE, and praying that you can see and feel me from up above. May the Angels hold you closely and sing you a happy birthday song, as I send my birthday wishes to you. If my balloon can reach the skies, read my message and send me a sign. Happy Birthday my precious Frankie!

Forever Loved, Forever 40, Forever me & you! xoxo



*The Compassionate Friends*  
**2018**  
*Balloon Launch*  
Sunday  
June 3rd, 2018  
at 11:00 am  
Old Bermuda Inn  
2512 Arthur Kill Road  
Staten Island, NY 10309  
Adults: \$29.00 Children: \$12.00

Love You!  
Miss You!

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**IN LOVING  
MEMORY OF**

**HUGH WHITE, JR.  
APRIL 23rd**



For My One & Only. Heaven is where you belong, Heaven is where you are! My Beautiful precious Daughter, I never knew I would be without you today. Now I have to learn to live without you and live for your two Beautiful children Liam & Little Isabel. A part of me died that day life will never be the same, I cherished every memories, your cards, letters and notes brings comfort and sorrow when I read them, memories are so precious and will never depart. Everything we shared in your lifetime resonates with me, no one on this Earth shared the bond and love we had, we were two per-sons in one you were torn suddenly from my arms in the blink of an eye, I felt helpless, for once in my life there was nothing I could do for you! What a pain, I was stabbed in the heart, to me my life ended there and then. Today I asked why I'm here? how did I survive? How can I move on? Your baby Isabel is looking more and more like you as she grows up and Liam loves the same things you loved and is very focused. I can still feel the jilt in my stomach when she asked for you, I just hold her and cried she brings me tissue and wipe my eyes. Daughter I missed you so much, there is no word to describe what I'm enduring inside, your love notes to mommy are right where you left them, My beautiful gifted Daughter if only I knew that Thursday was the last we were going to spend on Earth, I would ask God for one more day, just one. I asked him to seal the Jar of Tears in Heav-en until we meet again. How small a time we share but wondrous and sweet, your beauty and charm and the lives



you touched will always be remembered your kind and lovng soul the light you shine will be returned. Rest on my angel, you never left me, always and Forever in my heart, Mommy, Isabel, Liam and John. Just a word of thanks and appreciation to TCF for all their Love & Support, God bless you all.



**BRIAN BENEVENTO**

**Ask me about the empty chair beside me And I'll gratefully  
tell you all about the beautiful boy**

**Who should be sitting next to me,**

**The one who taught me how to stretch my love**

**Far and wide enough to span the gap be-tween heaven and earth**

**One of my greatest fears is that the world will forget you.**

**And I can't let that happen.**

**So you show up in the world through me. When I help another or  
act in love or choose kindness,**

**I bring you humbly back into the world and remind others**

**That you lived, you died, and you matter. Still**

**Brian I love and miss you more everyday .**

## **Dear Christina:**

**As you celebrate your 32nd birthday in heaven, look down because we are  
celebrating Your birthday here and sending up hugs and kisses. I'm kind of  
jealous but also Comforted knowing that my sister gets to celebrate with you.**

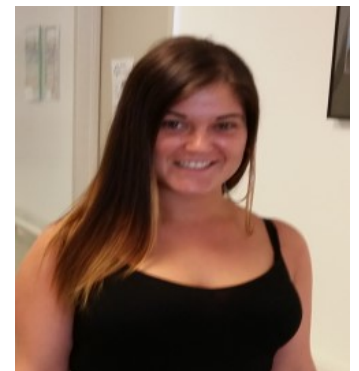
**I remember two days before she passed away, she was so excited to tell me  
she dreamt Of our parents and you. All of you looked beautiful, were smiling  
and told her you Would come back for her soon.**

**As much as that made me sad, I was happy because all of you would be together.  
Christina this year was very difficult. The pain is so unbearable.**

**I can't believe how my heart constantly aches.**

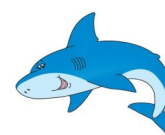
**The past may be gone but it left me beautiful memories. These memories  
I hold deep Within my heart and every night before I sleep I'll pull one out and  
remember the Good times that we all shared. On a lighter note, I know you and  
Aunt Marie must be Cracking up watching me, of all people, raking, picking up  
eaves and watering the Grass and flowers at the cemetery. See there is humor to be  
found in my broken heart! I love you and miss you so much!**

**Love,Mom (Lorraine Datello)**



Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Gutter (Johnson)	Sha-Ron	4/2	
Stiskin	Jerry	4/4	
Restivo	John Lewis	4/6	
Magrone	Deanna	4/7	
Johs	Nicholas	4/8	
Cohen (Richter)	Richie	4/8	
Carey	Suzanne	4/8	
Singer (Muro)	Lori	4/10	
Perez (Rodriguez)	Desi	4/11	
Lustig	Suzanne	4/13	
Glotzer	Jonathan	4/15	
LoMonaco (Fisher)	Marti	4/16	
D'Amico	Freddie	4/19	
McGlynn	Coleen	4/19	
Saha	Augustine	4/20	
Tidona	Angelica	4/20	
Cassius	Andrew	4/21	
Gonzalez	Craig	4/21	
Babera (Lissita)	Alicia	4/22	
Amore (Rosen)	Ronda	4/23	
Nierenberg	Matthew	4/23	
White	Hugh, Jr.	4/23	
Brand (Willette)	Josh	4/24	
Kunz	Billy	4/24	
Steinberg	Jack	4/27	
Filipowicz	John	4/27	
Neeham (Ferucci)	Robert	4/27	
Thompson	Kelly	4/27	
Pisapia	Ryan Anthony	4/24	
Bergenfeld	Amy	4/29	
Scherer	Matthew	4/29	
Ventimiglia	Stephen	4/30	
Paliotta	William	4/30	
Kalansky	Frank	4/30	
Kenneke (Dym)	Michael		4/1
Tush	Jessica		4/2
Newman	Arielle		4/3
Asuncion	Gerald		4/3
Reitano	Amy		4/3
Ingrassia	Lenny		4/4
Levine	Scott		4/5
Mastromauro	Jacklyn		4/5
Silvestri	John		4/5
Restivo	John Louis		4/6
Hassel	Victor		4/9
Stiskin	Jerry		4/10
Scarpa (Hunt)	Anthony		4/10
Shankman	Sharon		4/10
Graney (Garofalo)	Scott		4/12
Bottari	Timothy		4/15
Gintole	John		4/16
Marballie (Newman)	Georgena		4/16
Realmuto	Philip		4/17
Sarnelli	Charlie		4/17
Baer	Carolyn		4/19
Saha	Augustine		4/20
Petrizzo	Dante III		4/20
Tidona	Angelica		4/24
Brunelle	Suzan		4/22
Pierro	Jason		4/22
Hagerman	Robert Jr.		4/23
Bergenfeld	Amy		4/23
Bogan	Patrick		4/24
Bright	Bobby		4/24
Bonsignore	Helene		4/24
Katz	Sam		4/25
Cohen (Richter)	Richie		4/27
Ernst	Eddie		4/28
Johs	Nicholas		4/30

# OUR CHILDREN





# April 2017

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