



# 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* November 8th and 22nd , 2018**

## SIBLING CORNER

NATIONAL COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OFFICE see above

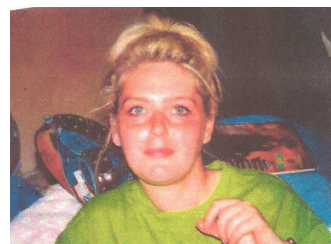
- You'll notice links throughout the website to our Facebook Page. We hope you will join and thus have the opportunity to interact with other siblings, as well as parents and grandparents who "get" what you're going through.
- Please join our [Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact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

Dear Tamara, I cannot believe this will be your 11th birthday in heaven. You would be 41 years old this year, and still I shed so many tears. I will always try my best to carry on your legacy and please know you are forever loved and missed. You will always be my inspiration to get up and face another day so hard to do but there is no other way.

Forever loved and missed.

Love Mom and Dad ♥♥♥♥

Keep sending signs and watching over us  
love you Scooby



## 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:

**LUCILLE TIRADO**

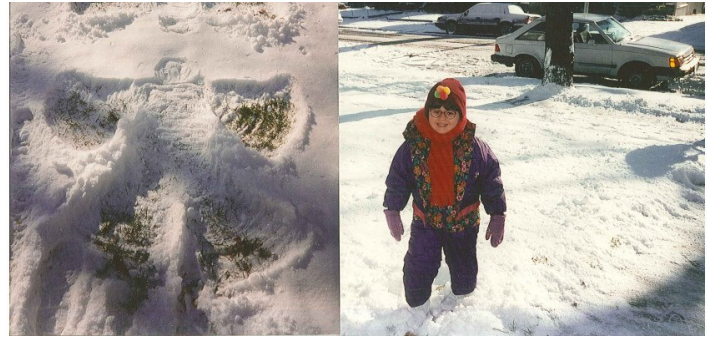
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**(EUGENE) SONNY CASTELLE,II**

**11/2 11/8 (27)**



**Abigail Rachel Marder - Loved and Missed Forever.**  
We think of you always, especially this month when we commemorate your 6th Angelversary.

Always with us in our hearts

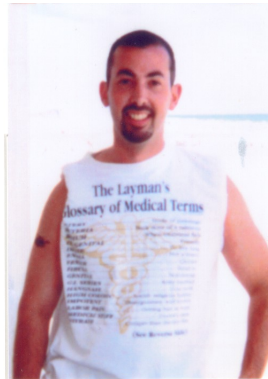
Mom & Dad



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
MITCHELL KRAUSS**

**Memories of Your Face**

**I woke up this morning  
Finding everything in a haze  
Wiping tears from my eyes  
I see your smiling face**



**I reached out and touched you Yet  
all I could feel was pain You felt  
nothing**

**From your life within a frame I  
spoke-receiving no reply**

**I told you that I loved you**

**I asked you why?**

**I'll never have another**

**No one to take your place All I  
have, my son**

**Are memories and the picture of  
your face.**

## Telephone Friends

The people listed as tele-phone friends are there be-cause 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.

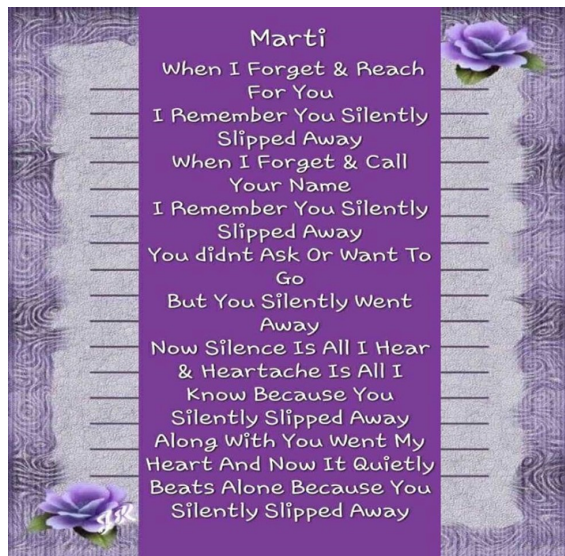
Email to: VWendroff@aol.com

**To my Special Angel Frankie,**  
Thanksgiving is so empty without you.  
I know it was your favorite day of the year.  
Time cannot heal the emptiness, as I see your empty chair.  
I try to sit there being still, to feel and imagine you are near.  
Even though the pain in my Heart takes my breath away,  
I would have signed up to be your mother 1000000 times anyway.  
So, when you see that empty chair that's brand new, Save it for me until I'm home again and I'll be right with you.  
As we always started & ended our Thanksgiving Day my son, Gobble, Gobble, eat, watch football, sleep. And repeat it all day.

Love you till  
my last breath  
Mama  
(Susan Kalansky)



I walk the Boardwalk  
The birds are chirping  
The sun is hot  
The sky is blue  
My thoughts are bleak  
My mind wonders  
It's just a mirage  
Nothing is the same  
No one sees my pain  
My steps are heavy  
I am trying to find the answers  
To the catastrophe of life  
I smile I walk I put on big sunglasses  
Trying to cover my tears  
I am learning to cope with the grief  
Words can't express my sorrow  
I long for yesterday  
I long for peace of mind  
No more turmoil  
No more pain  
No more peace of mind.  
Tanya Zajak- Michael's mom



Marti LoMonaco



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**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.





Douglas Pannone



Carmine Coronato, Jr.



Abi Marder



Emily Foote (Rende)



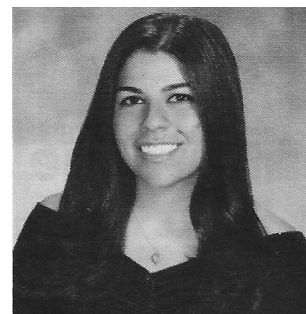
Vinny Paganucci



Thomas Mayer



Shawn Lopez (Alawich)



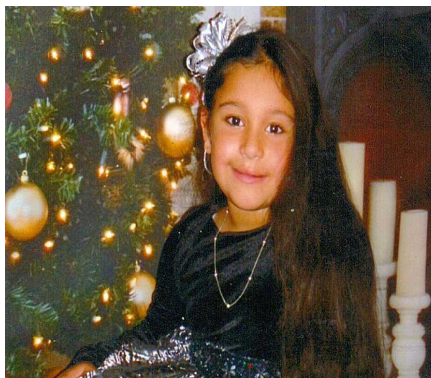
Janine Brawer



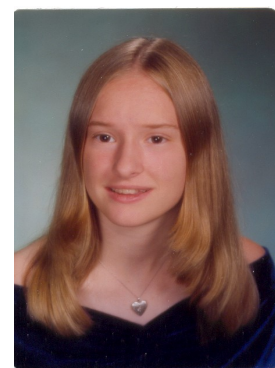
Melisa Epstein



Mindy DeNora (Cohen)



Gina Morales (Iorizzo)



Stephanie Hare



Jack Steinberg



Frankie Kalansky



Sonny Castelle (Tirado)

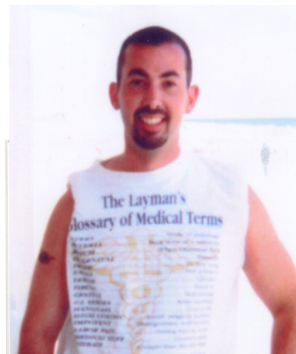




Vincent Chiarra (Terranova)



Daniel Levy



Mitchell Krauss



Joey Fung (Girimonte)



Christine Veni (Fox)



Tamara Piazza



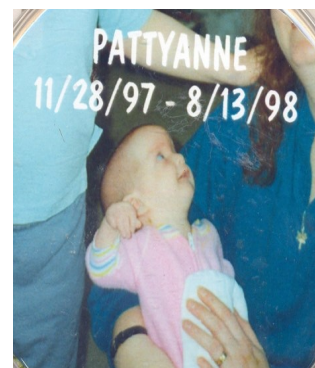
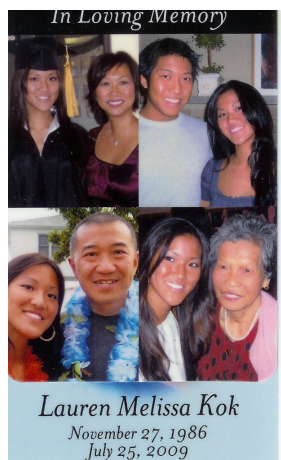
Greg Aiello (Jonstone)



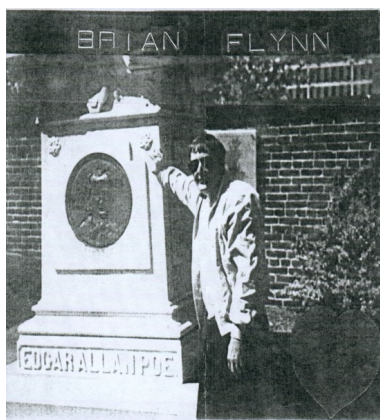
Eric Quarato



Mark Zogby



Pattyann Hughes



Brian Flynn



Marti LoMonaco (Fisher)



Megan Vinci (Donovan)



Reina Ann Anglero

In loving memory of  
Junior White  
IT'S OKAY

It's okay  
To cry,  
To not cry,  
To feel guilty,  
to not feel guilty,  
To be angry,  
To stop being angry,  
To seek answers,  
To feel responsible,  
To feel sorry for yourself,  
To be mad at your child,  
To feel misunderstood,  
To reach out for help,  
To let out your pain,  
To care what people think.  
To not care what others think,  
To let go of your child's death,  
To embrace your child's life,  
To lose your expectations,  
To grieve any way you want,  
To give yourself a break,  
To believe in signs,  
To stop hating,  
To forgive,  
To smile without guilt,  
To find joy,  
To heal,  
To begin to live again,  
To laugh,  
To love yourself,  
It's okay, it's all okay.  
By: rob Anderson-Brendon's dad

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**I hide my tears when I say  
your name, but the pain in my  
heart is still the same.  
Although I smile and seem  
carefree there is no one  
misses you more  
that I miss you. Love  
you Sonny , Mom.**

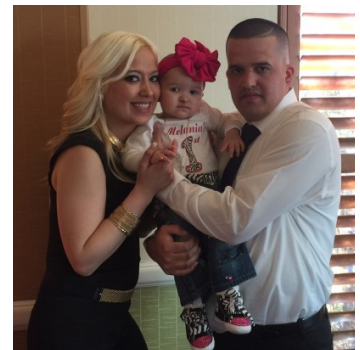


## A letter to my Big Brother Craig

I still can't believe it's been 3 years that have gone by without you. Everyday it becomes a little bit harder, I guess it's because more time is passing by without you. You were my best friend, my big brother, my protector. You were and still are everything to me. This pain cuts like a knife, a pain I wish on no one. Everyday day I wish that this was all just a nightmare that I'm going to eventually wake up from. Every-day I wish harder and harder that you will come back to me. Life has changed since you left and it won't ever be the same without you. Melania misses you so much, she talks about you all the time, I promise I won't ever let her forget you. You would be in awe of how incredible your niece is and how in tune she is with you. Breaks my heart everyday that she doesn't have you as her protector as I did, but I know you're still protecting from afar.

When I speak to you I wish you would answer and just tell me your ok, your happy, and that your pain and fears have gone away. That the sun does shine bright again. I miss you so much, more than I could ever put into words. I keep pushing on because I know that's what you want me to do, but it's so hard Craig. Mommy, Daddy, Me and Lani will never let your memory fade. We will never put you aside or forget how much you mean to all of us. We treasure you and your memory. We miss you and we love you forever. Stay with me big brother always and I will always be my brother's keeper. Sleep in peace my angel, until I see you again.

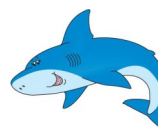
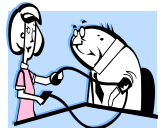
**Love Always and  
Forever Your little sister  
Krystle**





Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Cid	Louis	11/1	
Castelle	Sonny,II (Eugene)	11/2	
Scarfia	Michael Jr.	11/3	
Lee(Sibling)	Kevin	11/3	
Roskowinski	Alex	11/3	
Mero	Jacob	11/4	
Mincieli	Dominick Nicholas	11/5	
Monico	Jean Marie	11/6	
Brooks	Victoria	11/7	
Chiara (Terranova)	Vincent	11/9	
Levy	Daniel	11/9	
Restivo	John Joseph	11/9	
Davila	Jeremy	11/11	
Carrasco	Freddie	11/12	
Krauss	Mitchell	11/14	
Cafferata	Michael	11/16	
Alessi (Simonetti) Grandson	Nicholas	11/18	
Alessi	Nicholas	11/18	
Garcia (Grado)	Kyle	11/18	
Piazza	Tamara	11/19	
Marlon	Draker	11/19	
Mortimer	Jill	11/21	
Veni (Fox)	Christine	11/21	
Fung (Girimonte)	Joseph	11/22	
Aiello (Johnstone)	Greg	11/24	
Quarato	Eric	11/25	
Zogby	Mark	11/26	
Kok	Lauren	11/27	
De Sena (Cante)	Alexis	11/27	
Viggiani	Joe	11/27	
Hughes	Patty Ann	11/28	
Restivo	John Joseph		11/1
Foti	Christopher		11/2
Flynn (Smith)	Brian		11/3
LoMonaco (Fisher)	Marti		11/3
Vinci (Donovan)	Megan		11/3
Anglero	Reina Ann		11/4
Temple (Dorfman)	George		11/5
Castellano	Daniel		11/6
Pannone	Douglas		11/7
Coronato	Carmione, Jr.		11/7
Hurley (Melnick)	John		11/8
Mitchell (Payne)	Ricky		11/8
Castelle	Sonny,II (Eugene)		11/8
Villanueva	Caiden James		11/7
Marder	Abigail		11/9
Kopp	Kristina		11/9
Foote( Rende)	Emily Elizabeth		11/11
Neeham (Ferucci)	Robert		11/12
Ruggiero	Thomas		11/14
Maffia	Louis		11/14
Pagnucci	Vinny		11/16
Mayer	Bthomas		11/16
Lopez (Alawich)	Shawn		11/18
Brawer	Janine		11/19
LaGrua	Jimmy		11/20
Johnson	Micheline		11/22
Epstein	Melissa		11/23
DeNora -Leto	Sal		11/24
Mandella	Arthur		11/29
Denora (Cohen)	Mindy		11/25
Quarato	Eric		11/2
Rosen	Elaine		11/28
Morales (Iorizzo)	Gina Alexa		11/28
Sweeney (Henderson)	Michael		11/28
Feltus	Jordan		11/29
Hare	Stephanie		11/30
Steinberg	Jack		11/30

# OUR CHILDREN



# NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

HOLIDAY DINNER – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

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