



# 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*** **October 10th & 24th, 2019**

## 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

**ALAN PEDERSON**



On Thursday, November 14th, Alan Pederson, former executive director of The Compassionate Friends will visit our chapter. Please join us to welcome him.

# Chapter Corner

## Love Gifts

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.

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

In Loving Memory Of  
Joseph Murphy  
September 27th



Happy 50th birthday to my precious  
blue-eyed baby boy.

Love you and miss you.  
Mom (Delores Rubinate)

**Telephone Friends**  
The people listed as tele-phone 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	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



2007-10-20

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My dearest Joe,

I can't believe September 9th will be 15 years since we saw your handsome face and amazing smile. You are truly missed and loved more than words can say.

Life has not been the same since you left us!!!



With love always,  
Mom and Family

Jonathan, October 12th you should've been your 26th birthday. October 24th, 10 years since you left us. You left a hole in our hearts and in our lives. We miss you so much. We can only imagine the man you might have become. Our loss so grand. There are so many special moments you have missed since you left. We love you. Till we meet again, it only hurts when we breathe.....

Love, Mom & Dad (Raul & Lori)



**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.



Jennifer Parisi



Jonathan Ray



Christopher Kravitsky



Nolan Sacks



Hugh White, Jr.



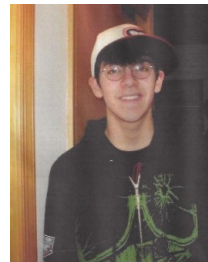
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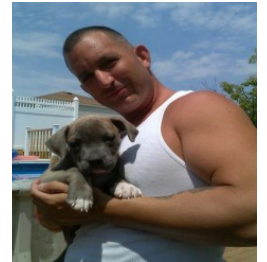
Glenn Gossarth



Carrie Ann Chevront



Kyle Jensen



Anthony Reynolds



Lauren Paloscio



Joseph Murphy



Samantha Belusic



Roisin Sheeny (Fuchs)



Patrick McManus

"Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go."



Joseph Ahmed

*In Loving Memory  
I Miss You Always  
Son*

*My heart has been left broken  
Since the day you had to go  
And the memories I treasure dearly  
Are in the tears that still flow*

*You're in my thoughts everyday  
And that's how it will always be  
For you may be up in Heaven now  
But you'll always be with me*

*If only I could have the chance  
To see your face once more  
Or to hear your voice one final time  
Just like it was before*

*The day that Heaven calls for me  
Will be a relief from all this pain  
I'll run to you with open arms  
And we will meet again*

**Junior, it's been 13 years since you left us and we miss you more today than yesterday. Hug Katina from us. Love Mom & Dad**



Hugh White, Jr.

**Happy Birthday- Daughter.**  
A daughter is a wonderful blessing, a treasure from above. She's laughter warmth and special charm. She's thoughtfulness and love. A daughter brings a special joy that comes from deep inside. And as she grows to adulthood, she fills your heart with pride. No words can describe the warm memories, the pride and gratitude too that comes from having a daughter to love and cherish...a daughter just like you.

**Happy 40th Birthday to my "Sweet Face"  
From Mom & Dad  
Camille & Hugh White**



Katina White

# SIBLING LOVE

**On the 6th Anniversary  
Of The Day You Went Away**

**Today's the anniversary  
Of the day that we lost you,  
And for a time it felt as though  
Our life had ended too.  
But loss has taught us many things  
And now we face each day,  
With hope and happy memories  
To help us on our way.  
And though we are full of sadness  
that you're no longer here,  
Your influence still guides us  
And we still feel you near.  
What we shared will never die  
It lives within our hearts,  
Bringing strength and comfort  
While we are apart.  
Love and Miss you always,  
Mommy, Daddy, Fallon and Tommy  
Also if you have the space and can put  
an-other one:  
Your Memory Will Never Fade:  
My dear Brother now that you are  
gone You're no longer here to share  
The bond we had together-  
A bond of love and care.  
yet, somehow something tells me  
You are watching over me-  
Now that from Wordly cares  
You finally are free.  
I miss you so very much,  
And my tears I cannot hide  
Yet, within my heart, I feel  
You are always by my side.  
Ever since you went away  
Life has never been the same  
Yet, it comforts me to know  
That one day we'll meet again.  
Anthony, I love you and  
miss you every day  
Fallon**



## *A Visitor*

As always, it is hard to fall asleep. My thoughts consume me, so sleep eludes me.  
Exhaustion finally wins over as I fall into a jagged sleep.  
In my dream, my son Michael came to visit.  
It's not the first time that I see his face, talk to hm, and hug him.  
But the sudden jolt wakes me up and my alligator tears start flowing.  
I find it difficult to keep my emotions at bay.  
Everyone goes on with their life. There are many obstacles in every-one's journey.  
But for us, the path was derailed.  
I am angry and sad.  
I am grieving and crying.  
I know there is no expiration date for grief.  
No one lives forever. And, when all is said and done, we all must leave this world.  
Time can't be stopped.  
We navigate one day at a time.  
I have learned that I am not alone on this dark journey.  
Compassionate Friends walk with me.  
Thank you all for your support.  
Tanya  
Michael's mom



You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, Open your heart, Love... and go on.

—Elizabeth Ammons



## BORROWED HOPE

*Posted on October 16th, 2017*

Lend me your hope for awhile,  
I seem to have mislaid mine.  
Lost and hopeless feelings accompany me daily.  
Pain and confusion are my companions.  
I know not where to turn.  
Looking ahead to the future times  
Does not bring forth images of renewed hope.  
I see mirthless times, pain-filled days, and more tragedy  
Lend me your hope for awhile,  
I seem to have mislaid mine.  
Hold my hand and hug me,  
Listen to all my ramblings.  
I need to unleash the pain and let it tumble out.  
Recovery seems so far distant,  
The road to healing, a long and lonely one.  
Stand by me. Offer me your presence,  
Your ears and your love.  
Acknowledge my pain, it is so real and ever present.  
I am overwhelmed with sad and conflicting thoughts.  
Lend me your hope for awhile.  
A time will come when I will heal,  
And I will lend my renewed hope to others.

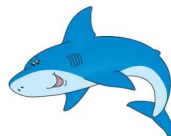
*~ Eloise Cole*

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We send Arline Bezler, Patrick's mom, our condolences for the loss of her husband.  
We wish you peace and love.

Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniversary
Pannone	Douglas	10/1	
Roa (Gomez)	John	10/2	
Herd	Debbie	10/5	
Ahmed	Joseph	10/5	
Parisi	Jennifer	10/7	
Jackson	Ryan	10/7	
Cipolla	Michael	10/8	
Sullivan	Walter	10/8	
Ayers	Jonathan	10/10	
Pannone	Vincent	10/10	
Cheuvront	CarrieAnn	10/10	
Ray	Jonathan	10/12	
Rinchiusso	James	10/12	
Fitzgerald	Thomas	10/13	
Restivo	John Lewis	10/16	
Hernandez	Angel	10/16	
Donadio	Jacquie	10/19	
Flanagan	John	10/19	
Johnson	Micheline	10/21	
Monico	Bernadette	10/24	
Flack	John	10/26	
Wischik	Seth	10/28	
Vallaro	Damon	10/29	
Kravitsky	Christopher	10/31	
Sacks	Nolan	10/31	
McManus (Meadowcroft)	Patrick		10/3
White	Hugh, Jr.		10/4
Mortimer	Jill		10/8
DePetro	Gregory		10/9
Blyakher	Sam		10/9
Jensen	Kyle		10/12
Reynolds	Anthony		10/12
Rincuissio	James		10/12
Paloscio	Lauren		10/13
Bahar	Michelle		10/14
Belusic	Samantha		10/14
Ferrante	Vincent		10/15
Hernandez	Angel		10/16
Rinchiusso	Louis		10/18
Fabozzi	Jack		10/18
Brand (Willette)	Josh		10/18
Rosas(Gomez)	John		10/20
Keeton	Jessie		10/22
Barbera (Lissita)	Alicia		10/23
Williams (Muldrow)	Elyse		10/24
Ray	Jonathan		10/24
Jackson	Ryan		10/25
Sheeny (Cohill)	Roisin		10/26
Filipowicz	John		10/29
McGraw	Shaun		10/30
Flanagan	John		10/30

# OUR CHILDREN



Dimitry Shec– September 7th

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Meeting	11	12
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