



# 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.

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.

#### TCF MISSION STATEMENT

***Meeting Dates***

**DECEMBER 1 & 22, 2016**

**ATTENTION**

**DECEMBER 8 – DINNER**

## 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:

**Chrystal Kizer**  
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James 9/18 9/18

# WELCOME

We extend to the Bernstein Family our condolences on the passing of their wife, mother, and grandmother

## INES

May her memory be a blessing and a source of love and peace.

*A contribution has been made to the Staten Island TCF in her memory.*

### 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.



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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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      | 718.356.6874 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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Dear Stephen,  
We will remember your past birthdays and wonder about the birthdays that should have been.

Love you forever,



Mom & Dad  
Bernice & Vito

In memory of my son Robert Ciaccio  
December 18th  
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

You're in my heart forever and always.

Love,  
Mom  
Barbara Ciaccio

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.



Lee Bernstein



Lauren Paloscio



Carmine Esposito



Willy Leverock



Emily Martinez



Stephen Lanza



Suzanne Altamore



Michael Loeffler



Michael Auditore



Joseph Scimeca



Mitchell Krauss



Jennifer Oines



Anthony Compton (Mangone)



David Wolpoff



Tara Vilardi



Stephan Coronato



Jennifer Parisi

In Loving Memory of  
 Lee Bernstein  
 December 2nd


AVERY MARDER

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 ULTIMATE NETWORKING EVENT

**KINGS of KINGS**  
 AWARDS & NETWORKING EVENT

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 Join Us  
 in honoring



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 CEO  
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Thursday November 17, 2016  
 6pm to 9pm

The Grand Prospect Hall  
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 718-238-6600 x 110 or email  
 lpedone@starnetwork.com

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Merry Christmas Joey & Scott

I remember the Christmases of long ago when you were alive and well  
And all little children longing to hear Santa and the sound of a jingle bell

I remember when we took a picture of Joey and Scott under the Christmas tree  
With all of their presents surrounding them plus a few for Daddy and me

I remember that we still celebrated Christmas the year Scott passed away  
Because Joey was only four years old and we needed to share Christmas day

I remember the look on Joey's face seeing the presents under the tree  
Eyes wide open and a large smile on his face asking "Are they all for me?"

I remember the poem that Joey and I composed during the Christmas season  
Changing the words and making it funny as we wrote with or without a reason

I remember when Joey and Christopher heard Santa coming down the street  
They were a bit nervous at the thought they and Santa would actually meet

I remember when Joey and Chris received checks from my Christmas club bank  
And I had to explain it was a mistake and out of their hands the checks were yanked

I remember the last Christmas we all shared back in the year Nineteen Ninety-one  
The wonderful dinner with all of our family members and presents for everyone

The holidays are such a tough time for us because Joey & Scott are no longer here  
We go through the motions of merriment but thought are in heaven somewhere

Long ago memories are all we have left of our children at Christmas time  
Precious and sacredly they are all stored in the nooks and crannies of our mind

Merry Christmas, dear sons, Joey and Scott, in the heavens up above  
We miss and love both of you so very much and send all of our love

Love,  
Mom  
Ann Garofalo

12/25/16



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# REMINDER

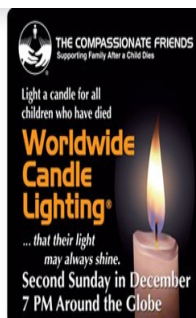
## CANDLE LIGHTING

## REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 11, 2016

6:30PM



Temple Israel

315 Forest Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10301

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*Jennifer Marie Parisi*  
October 7, 1974 - December 29, 2000

SIXTEEN YEARS OF HEARTACHE  
SIXTEEN YEAR OF TEARS  
SIXTEEN YEARS OF MISSING YOU  
EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY

Another month...

Another year...

Another winter and summer too

Always another tear

Missing your beautiful face, your  
smile, your laugh....

JUST MISSING YOU

The day my mind stops thinking  
about you is the day my heart stops  
beating

We love and miss you

**FOREVER**

*Forever Broken Hearted,  
Mom, Dad & Sister Michele*



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My Dear SonShine,

It's another day, another holiday season and another year coming to an end! The thought of 2017 approaching just makes me sick to my stomach. Whoever said time heals the pain of grief certainly never lost a child! For me time stands still. I never imagined that I would live my life without you here! I try to tell myself that you are living in paradise shooting hoops, making jokes and dancing with the other Angels! I know that I have to remember the goodness you have given to me and others on earth. I try to focus on each moment of Joy, since you were a little Boy. I miss the bond between us; I so wish I could talk to you. You're in my mind and forever in my heart and in my every thought. I look up to the sky for stars and pretend that it's you shining over me. Frankie, I hope and pray that you hear every word I say and everything I do to keep your memory alive. You always pushed me to live my life to the fullest, but my life will never be the same until the day when I can see your smiling face again! As we used to say in our own little joke, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Chrismukkah, Happy Kwanza and see you next year! I love you to the moon & back, to infinity and beyond forever and ever. It has always been and still is "Me and you against the World".

Love Always your Mama

xoxoxoxo



Last Name	First Name	Birthday	Anniver- sary
Bernstein	Lee	12/2	
Vilardi	Tara	12/2	
Paloscio	Lauren	12/4	
Ravello	Jason	12/6	
Limongelli	Stephen	12/7	
Esposito	Carmine	12/9	
Kopp	Kristina	12/12	
Reitano	Amy	12/16	
Ciaccio	Robert	12/18	
Gutter Johnson	Seandale	12/18	
DiMartino	Dominick	12/18	
Aliberti	Dominick	12/20	
Leverock	Willy	12/21	
McQuade	Emily	12/22	
Ruggiero	James	12/22	
Martinez (Miller)	Emily	12/23	
Werner (Branciforte)	Eddie	12/25	
Fuschetto	Carl	12/26	
Bell	Julianna	12/27	
Howard	Tim	12/27	
Lanza	Stephen	12/28	
Tush	Jessica	12/28	
Altamore	Suzanne	12/29	
Drezek	Nicky	12/29	
Loeffler	Michael	12/30	
Flick (Pellegrino)	Jamie	12/30	
Auditore	Michael		12/1
Scimeca	Joseph		12/7
Riley (Bianchini)	Cierra		12/7
Vilardi	Tara		12/9/
Ciervo/Filosa	Julia		12/9
Graham	Maurice		12/11
McCarthy	Stephen		12/12
Newman	Heather		12/15
Krauss	Mitchell		12/17
Morisi	Scott		12/17
Monahan	Tommy		12/17
Oines	Jennifer		12/18
Goff (Scala)	Dean		12/18
Compton (Mangone)	Anthony		12/18
Wolpoff	David		12/22
Coronato	Stephan		12/23
Spiritus	Lori		12/24
Hanger	Anna		12/26
Ciaccio	Robert		12/26
Flick (Pellegrino)	Jamie		12/28
Parisi	Jennifer		12/29
Fitzgerald	Thomas		12/30
Shec	Dimitry		12/29
Scotto	Jared		12/31

# OUR CHILDREN



December 1st  
December 8th

November 24th is Thanksgiving - Meeting moved to  
Annual TCF Dinner

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

# DECEMBER 2016

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