



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

May 8, 2014

May 22, 2014



Chapter corner

Visit our website at 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

Mariana Hernandez
371 Van Name Avenue SI 10303
718-219-9062
Angel 10/16 10/16

Nightingale & Chris Russell
69 Stepney Street
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347.510.5721
Paris 7/21 3/10

WISHES

To all our family who is suffering, we wish you peace in the days of summer!!!!



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 | 718.97.0633 | 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

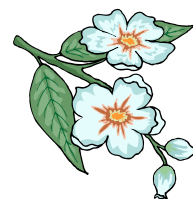
Helene Bosignore

4/24

Dear Helene,
You are always in our hearts and minds. We miss you more than we can say.



Love always,
Mom (Anita Sparano)



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.

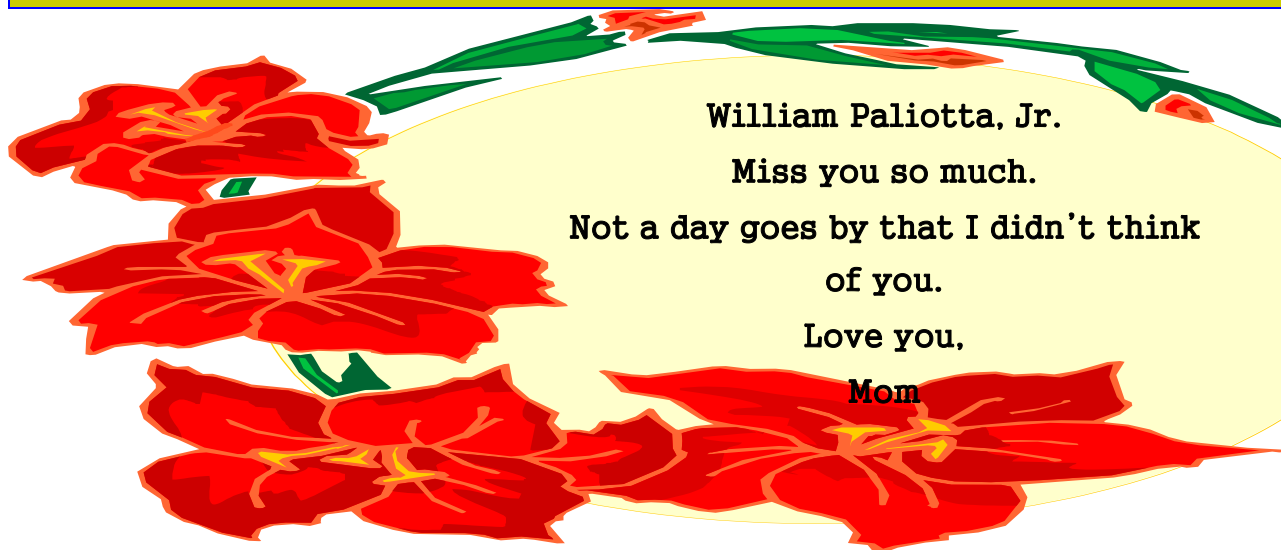
William Paliotta, Jr.

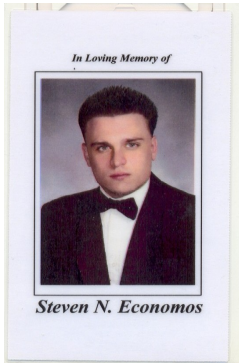
Miss you so much.

Not a day goes by that I didn't think
of you.

Love you,

Mom





Robert Hagermaqn, Jr.



Csrolyn Baer



Stephanie Hare



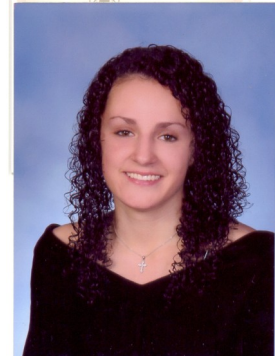
Gerald Asuncion



Megan Vinci (Donovan)



Eddie Ernst



Arielle Newman



Decana Magrone



Samira Nukho



Vincent Chiarra (Terranova)



Anthony Compton



Eddie Ernst 5/27

Dear Eddie,
We miss you every day. Please continue to watch over us
and help us on our journey.

Love,
Mom & Ryan



The Twenty Faces of Grief

By: Mitch Carmody

In Loving Memory of his son Kelly James

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Denial

Denial is not a bad thing; it gets us through to the next day, it keeps us functioning.

Denial eclipses most other emotions and is meant as a survival tool, not a continuous use tool.

We use denial as needed, moving in baby steps -but we eventually have to walk full stride or suffer in silence forever.

In the beginning denial gets us through.

Denial is often accompanied by apathy.

Denial in the long term is not healthy and can lead to deep depression.

Denial is when we deny our feelings, hide our tears or over medicate our pain.

Denial is when we deny our laughter, our joy and our destiny.



3/6/99

Joey Pellot

If roses grow in heaven
Lord please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my son's arms
And tell him they're from me.
Tell him I love him and miss him
And when he turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon his cheek
And hold him for a while.
Because remembering him is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

With love,

Mom (Nelly Lloyd)

3/31/

Dear Tamara,

I cannot believe it's been six
years & still I shed so many
tears. I try my best to go on
each day. I pray I can find my
way & I will continue to do
good in legacy of you
because to you and myself I
must be true.

Love you so much & miss
you SCOOBY..

Mom

Forever in my heart

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Well Dad,

Well, Dad, life has its own funny way about it.
It throws all kinds of miracles your way.
If you can catch them and understand what they are offering you,
They will make your life an amazing trip.
But you have to watch for them.
They sneak up on you and you won't even know they were there.
They don't always have to be earth shakers
Or create profound moments of awe.
They can be as simple as a smile on an understanding face,
Or a word from a kind loving voice, a voice that can bring you
out of a spiraling crash into the darkness of total despair.
And then there are ones you kinda have to read between the lines
to figure out what direction to take.
They are the ones that make you take a look at your life, to remember where
you came from and where you must go.
Sometimes miracles just need to nudge you to move.
But there are times if you are stuck in the quicksand made by all the bad
experiences life has thrown at you. They need to push you with all
the strength they can muster to get you out of the bottomless pit.
But one thing for sure Dad, they will never stop trying to get your attention.
Miracles are like that.
They are born out of love for you.
They know they are not always on your mind.
They realize how much is always swirling around your life.
The everyday drama of just living your life is enough to deal with it.
So, they are patient. They will come to you when you are ready for them.
When they do show up and reveal themselves, it can stop you in your tracks
and bring tears to your eyes because if just for a moment, you will understand
how much you are really really loved.
That miracle was given to you for the improvement of your life.
They humble you, Dad. Miracles will do that to you.
So, never stop waiting for them to show up.
Keep a place for them in your heart.
And remember, I will always come along with them.
I get such a kick out of the look on your face when one
catches up to you and says hello.



Always and forever,
Suzanne

| Last Name | First Name | Month | Birthday | Anniver- sary |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|------------------|
| Economos | Steven | May B | 5/1 | |
| Hagerman | Robert, Jr. | May B | 5/2 | |
| Depregola | Joseph | May B | 5/2 | |
| DeMott | Sara | May B | 5/12 | |
| Malucelli | Michael | May B | 5/4 | |
| Boutsikakis | John L | May B | 5/5 | |
| Baer | Carolyn | May B | 5/11 | |
| Hare | Stephanie | May B | 5/11 | |
| Badiran Kemeny | Joshua | May B | 5/16 | |
| Asuncion | Gerald | May B | 5/17 | |
| Donovan | Megan | May B | 5/18 | |
| Capuano | Debbie | May B | 5/21 | |
| Mikalsen | Jodi | May B | 5/22 | |
| Ferraro | Joseph | May B | 5/22 | |
| Mendez (Pontecorvo) | Mario Guy | May B | 5/24 | |
| Feltus | Jordan | May B | 5/26 | |
| Ernst | Eddie | May B | 5/27 | |
| Newman | Arielle | May B | 5/27 | |
| Errichiello | Gerald | May B | 5/29 | |
| Lamattina (Nicosia) | Michael | May B | 5/31 | |
| Magrone | Deanna | May A | | 5/1 |
| Depregola | Joseph | May A | | 5/2 |
| Boutsikakis | John L | May A | | 5/27 |
| Buono | Vincent | May A | | 5/10 |
| Held | Larry | May A | | 5/11 |
| Motechin | Deena | May A | | 5/13 |
| Stiskin | Judy | May A | | 5/14 |
| Rinchiusso | James | May A | | 5/14 |
| Gambardella | Andrew | May A | | 5/15 |
| Mero | Jacob | May A | | 5/18 |
| Graney (Garofalo) | Joseph | May A | | 5/22 |
| Gregory | Marilyn | May A | | 5/22 |
| Nukho | Samira | May A | | 5/23 |
| Motisi | Chris | May A | | 5/23 |
| Bright | Billy | May A | | 5/24 |
| Chiara (Terranova) | Vincent | May A | | 5/25 |
| Ullo (John) | Denise | May A | | 5/25 |



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May 2014

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

Balloon Launch
 Picnic
 Walk

June 8, 2014
 July 27, 2104
 September 7, 2104