



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS



We need not walk alone.

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Monthly Group Meeting

Tyler Area Meeting

3rd Monday of Each Month
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The Meeting Agenda

6:30 p.m. - Meeting will begin with refreshments followed by announcement of birthdays and anniversaries and reading of the Credo. We will then have open discussion.

8:00 p.m. - Meeting will close by recognizing our childrens' names. Feel free to visit after the meeting or check out books from our library.

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Butterfly Release

Butterflies will be released in memory of all our children at the 2014 Compassionate Friends Butterfly Release set for Saturday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. The setting for this uplifting and peaceful event will be the First Baptist Church South Campus, 17002 Highway 69 South in Tyler.

Live butterflies are for sale for \$10 each and must be reserved in plenty of time for ordering. Please send your check and reservation information to TCF at P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, Texas 75711. Reserved butterflies will be picked up for release the day of the event.

Colorful solid-painted wooden butterflies will be sold for \$20 each at the Butterfly Release; we are not taking special orders for personalized butterflies this year.

Silent auction items are being collected. If something catches your eye that you think those attending would enjoy bidding on, please consider donating. For donation information, please email us at info@tylertcf.org.

The Butterfly Release begins at 1 p.m. that Saturday but volunteers are needed and welcomed for either set-up work the Friday evening before, or beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday the day of the release. Please contact us at 903-258-2547 if you want to volunteer.

Enjoying refreshments and visiting with TCF friends and family after the butterflies are released is a special part of the day. If you would like to donate any finger food—cookies, chips/dips, small sandwiches, pickles, olives, cheese cubes, fruit chunks or veggies—any of your special favorites—please contact Carol Thompson at 903-539-0458! Cake will be served and bottled iced water will be available.

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Butterfly Release! Your presence means everything to this very special event!

Photos from a Previous Butterfly Release



The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.



We need not walk alone.

“Courage, it would seem, is nothing less than the power to overcome danger, misfortune, fear, injustice, while continuing to affirm inwardly that life with all its sorrows is good; that everything is meaningful even if in a sense beyond our understanding; and that there is always tomorrow.” —Dorothy Thompson

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to those who attended their first TCF meeting last month.

We deeply regret the circumstances that brought you to our TCF Chapter. The Compassionate Friends is a mutual assistance, not-for-profit, self-help organization that offers support and understanding to families who have experienced the death of a child. You are cordially invited to attend our monthly meeting (held the third Monday of the month). The meeting is open to everyone and free of charge. You are free to talk, cry or to sit in silence; we respect the individuality of mourning. Comments shared in the meetings remain confidential.

Our chapter is operated entirely by volunteers dedicated to furthering the work of TCF. Your voluntary, tax deductible donations honor your loved one(s) in a meaningful way by enabling us to print and mail this newsletter and meet other expenses involved in reaching out to other grieving families (100% of funds are used for this outreach). Donations, along with the name of the person being honored, may be sent to:

The Compassionate Friends of Tyler
P.O. Box 9714
Tyler, Texas 75711

To Our New Members

Coming to your first meeting is the hardest thing to do. But, you have nothing to lose and much to gain. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not TCF will work for you. The second, third or fourth meeting might be the time you will find the right person—or just the right words spoken that will help you in your grief work.

To Our Old Members

We need your encouragement and support. You are the string that ties our group together and the glue that makes it stick. Each meeting we have new parents. Think back—what would it have been like for you if there had not been any “oldies” to welcome you, share your grief and encourage you? It was from them you heard, “Your pain will not always be this bad; it really does get softer.”

Grief Resources

Note: Some resources are based on individual opinion and experience and are not officially endorsed by the organization. The hope is that you may find a grief resource helpful to you and your family. We will continue to build on our resources column. Please let us know of any of your personal recommendations. Thank you.

Compassionate Friends (national home page)

Also offers grief support for **siblings** and **grandparents**
www.compassionatefriends.org

Children Are A Gift Foundation: www.childrenareagift.com

GriefShare: www.griefshare.org

MADD East Texas (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)
www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/east-texas

Smith County Victim Services Division
www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs/counties/smith.html

The Hospice of East Texas: www.hospiceofeasttexas.org

**The University of Texas at Tyler
Psychology and Counseling Training Clinic**
Located at the Bethesda Health Clinic
409 W. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas 75702 • 903-592-2348

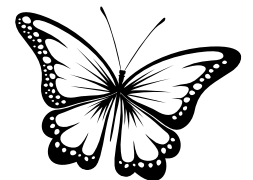
**Victim Services Division - Texas Department of
Criminal Justice - Online Resource Directory**
www.tdcj.state.tx.us/divisions/vs

Survivors of Suicide: www.allianceofhope.org

Samaritan Counseling of Tyler: www.scctyler.org

Tyler Counseling & Assessment, LLP: www.tyler-counseling.com

Angel Layettes brings comfort to families grieving over the loss of an infant from miscarriage, stillbirth or death shortly after birth, and honor and dignity to the memory of the precious baby. Angel Layettes provides without charge custom designed burial layettes and keepsakes.
www.angellayettes.org • 903-534-5212



Annual Butterfly Release

**Our Butterfly Release will be held May 17, 2014
at the First Baptist Church, Tyler south campus.**

**If you would like to help with this
beautiful and peaceful event this year,
please contact us online (tylertcf.org)
or call 903-258-2547.**





We need not walk alone.

“We have a new sense of priorities. We don't ‘sweat the small stuff.’ We know what matters because we know what is irreplaceable. And we know how deeply other people hurt because we, too, have been there. We ‘know how they feel.’”
—Richard Edler

Love Gifts



Thanks to the following members who have made a rent donation for our meeting place this month:

- Merri Walsh in memory of Chris O’Leary
- Martha Lewis in memory of Burke
- Carol Thompson in memory of Sarah
- Carol & Shane Johnson in memory of Jared Sheets
- Danny & Pat Settle in memory of Stephanie



Thanks to the following people who make a MONTHLY LOVE GIFT to TCF of Tyler:

- Dale & Phyllis Cavazos in memory of Chad - newsletter
- Tina, Johnathan & Heather Loper in memory of Christopher - TCF Phone
- David & Teresa Terrell in memory of Andy - use of a storage building



See more love gifts on pages 7 and 9.

Newsletter Submissions

TCF Tyler welcomes all submissions to our newsletter. Send articles, poetry, love messages and scanned photos to: TCF Tyler, 5401 Hollytree Drive, 1204, Tyler, Texas 75703. Or e-mail text and photos to: info@TylerTCF.org; We reserve the right to edit for space and/or content.

Deadline for submissions is the 5th of each month. TCF Chapters may copy articles from this publication provided credit is given to the author and the original source.

Errors and Omissions: We try very hard to be sure that all of the names and dates of our children are correct. If you see an error in the newsletter, please contact TCF at 903-258-2547. We want to get it right and will correct the information for future use. Thanks very much.

Email Addresses: If we do not have your email address or it has changed, please email it to Tina or Pat so that we may email you announcements and updates about TCF of Tyler. Tina’s email: lil-bluebutterfly6@gmail.com ~ Pat’s email: beachbum2201@gmail.com

“When your mind cannot find an answer, open your heart and ask for peace.” —sascha

Visit us online at www.tylertcf.org

Announcements

Tyler TCF Meeting: The meeting in Tyler is held on the third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at 1901 Rickety Lane in Tyler. For more information, please call 903-258-2547.

Steering Committee Meeting: If you are interested in participating in our chapter by serving on the steering committee, please plan to attend a steering committee meeting. Anyone who would like to become more involved in TCF and serve on the steering committee is welcome to come! For more information about our next meeting, call 903-258-2547.

MADD Heart meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at the MADD office, 215 Winchester Dr. Ste., 100, Tyler, TX 75701. For more info call 888-665-6233 or email Melissa at melissa.granberry@madd.org.

Looking forward: Dallas will host the Compassionate Friends National Conference in 2015. Our regional coordinators, Joan and Bill Campbell, are looking for volunteers who would like to help with this event. You can contact Joan and Bill at 972-935-0673 to let them know of your interest in participating. They are planning a great two-day conference and welcome help from all Texas chapters. This is a great opportunity to help others who are grieving and grow through your own grief as well! You can check the national Compassionate Friends website www.compassionatefriends.org for conference event planning details.

News from National: Compassionate Friends National offers webinars for the public on grief related topics. Upcoming public webinars will include Death of a Child By Suicide, Pregnancy and Infant Loss, The Death of a Special Needs Child and How Can I Help When A Child Dies? Check out www.compassionatefriends.org for dates and times.

TCF of Tyler Memorial Quilt

If you would like to have your child's photo included on a TCF memorial quilt, please mail a \$25 donation to P.O. Box 9714, Tyler, TX 75711. For more information contact us at (903) 258-2547, or email us at info@TylerTCF.org. Thanks to Teresa and David Terrell for donating their talent and time on these beautiful quilts which are displayed in our meeting room and special events.



Plan to attend The Compassionate Friend’s 2015 National Convention in Dallas!



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"From this tangle of emotions, one truth emerged: As long as I choose to embrace the miracles around me, my heart will dance. Whether in the slow dance of grief or skipping to the beat as I cuddle and coo with grandbabies yet to come, hope and joy will emerge in the rhythms of the dance." —*JoAnne Rademacher*

April Birthdays



Matthew Thomas Crooks
4-17-78 ~ 12-24-03
Son of Sylvia Crooks



Jarren Moser
4-28-00 ~ 5-31-05
Son of Robert & Misty
Hendrickson



Kyle Monroe Foster
4-1-93 ~ 11-1-03
Son of Barbara Foster
& Greg Foster



Jeremy Newman
4-15-80 ~ 1-10-02
Son of Victor &
Mergie Newman



Timothy Treadwell
4-1-80 ~ 11-23-04
Son of Tammy
Treadwell



Christopher Loper
4-28-94 ~ 12-21-00
Son of Tina Loper



John Patrick Carnahan
4-17-65 ~ 10-13-03
Son of Rod &
Shirley Carnahan



Leon Wayne Lasiter
4-16-71 ~ 10-27-91
Son of Jim & Pat Lasiter



Brady Bryant
4-30-01 ~ 5-2-01
Son of Windy &
Bradley Bryant



Brian St. Clair
4-24-60 ~ 7-26-97
Son of Janet St. Clair



Tim Cole
4-15-69 ~ 9-15-97
Son of Mary Miller



Kaila McKinsey Payne
4-6-03 ~ 5-28-03
Daughter of Keith Payne



James Permenter
4-2-79 ~ 7-12-09
Son of Shirley Hall



Ricky Edmiston
4-26-90 ~ 6-29-06
Son of Woody &
Barbara Edmiston



James Lee Lary, II
4-20-83 ~ 10-30-05
Son of Elgin L. Lary, Sr.
& Ann Lary



Cheryl Cook
4-25-73 ~ 12-10-02
Daughter of
Connie Graebner



Kathy Robertson
4-23-57 ~ 10-23-01
Daughter of
Carolyn Love



Eric Branch
4-4-90 ~ 1-15-09
Son of Richard &
Tammi Branch



Margie Starkey
4-30-57 ~ 12-3-07
Daughter of
Betty Abbie



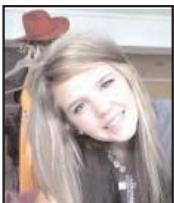
Herby Parr
4-19-61 ~ 7-30-09
Son of Sandy &
Herbert Parr



Maryn McIntire
4-25-60 ~ 3-10-13
Daughter of
Margaret Hall



Daniel Wayne Thornton
4-30-69 ~ 9-12-71
Son of Randall &
Sherian Thornton



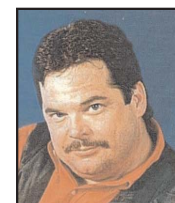
Cheyenne Ramirez
4-20-93 ~ 10-4-11
Daughter of Jana
Titsworth



Cameron Lee Robinson
4-19-96 ~ 11-12-99
Son of Amie Jo
Gibson-Robinson



Derek Nolan Simoneaux
4-7-86 ~ 1-23-12
Son of Carolyn Jo
Simoneaux



Russell McGilvray
4-15-59 ~ 4-29-07
Son of
Fran McGilvray



Isaih Eli Moa
4-19-94 ~ 8-26-06
Son of Cynthia &
Juan Moa

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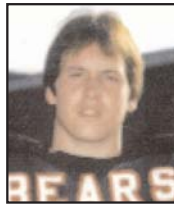
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"As we walk through this grief of losing our children, we owe no explanations. Our love for our dead children lingers, and in that love is a goodness and purity that allows us to gently be ourselves." —Annette Mennen Baldwin

April Birthdays Cont.



Allen Price
4-11-77 ~ 3-29-04
Son of
Deborah Holcomb



Christopher Baggett
4-23-69 ~ 1-8-89
Son of
Anita Demby



Joe Maland
4-2-83~ 8-17-05
Son of MaryAnn Girard
Son of Dave &
Jeanelle Maland



Karrie Voyles
4-15-96 ~ 2-20-11
Daughter of Anthony
& Delayne Voyles



Jeremy Kersh
4-30-86 ~ 3-25-07
Son of Brad &
Debbie Kersh



Joshua Walker
4-29-83 ~ 6-25-06
Son of
Crystal Walker



Jason Bollard
4-5-74 ~ 7-16-11
Son of Candy
Bollard



Patrick Bowman
4-17-85 ~ 4-28-12
Son of Chris &
Patti Bowman



Samuel Cade Castleberry
4-22-96 ~ 1-17-06
Son of Kimberly
McClinton



Ana Dannel Franklin
4-26-87 ~ 5-29-05
Daughter of
Robin Franklin



Jordan Deon Mims
4-12-10 ~ 12-25-13
Son of
Charlene Hurst

April Anniversaries



Shane McDade
2-17-85 ~ 4-12-03
Son of Lajeania
Culligan



Jeremy Mark Lawler
10-25-73 ~ 4-19-97
Son of Mark &
Sue Lawler



Andy Hall
1-19-66 ~ 4-8-12
Son of Billy
& Sue Hall



Sally Snodgrass Ryan
3-5-79 ~ 4-15-00
Daughter of Amy Ryan
Daughter of Leland Snodgrass



Chad Cavazos
9-24-86 ~ 4-20-01
Son of Phyllis &
Dale Cavazos



Kody Maner
02-10-87 ~ 04-16-06
Son of Lauri Maner



Quinn Martin Muirhead
8-12-82 ~ 4-30-05
Son of Alice Fiedler



Christal Murphy
8-14-72 ~ 4-22-03
Daughter of
Debbie Johnson



Lindsey LeMon
12-20-93 ~ 4-27-10
Daughter of
Lisa LeMon



Tripp Barton
1-18-08 ~ 4-6-11
Son of Jenifer
Barton



Deanna Holcomb
3-31-73 ~ 4-19-05
Daughter of
Pat Smith



Joshua Carl Tucker
5-17-76 ~ 4-15-92
Son of Judy
C. Googins



Lindsey Stewart
11-6-87 ~ 4-2-04
Daughter of
Stephanie Stewart



Ron Mitchum
8-3-70 ~ 4-15-00
Son of Glenda
Mitchum



Jessica Maureen Nix
10-23-76 ~ 4-19-11
Daughter of
Meredith Nix



Charlie Clakley
6-27-77 ~ 4-15-10
Son of Teri Clakley



Russell McGilvray
4-15-59 ~ 4-29-07
Son of Fran
McGilvray



Jamye Marie Crawford
3-10-90 ~ 4-12-05
Daughter of Judy
& Robbie Crawford

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We need not walk alone.

"I have learned two lessons in my life: first, there are no sufficient literary, psychological or historical answers to human tragedy, only moral ones. Second, just as despair can come to one another only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." —*Elie Wiesel*

April Anniversaries Cont.



Zackery Browne
12-14-89 ~ 4-13-02
Son of Tim & Kay Browne



Heath Hopson
12-8-87 ~ 4-23-01
Son of Karen Hopson



Alexandria Conway
2-29-92 ~ 4-28-10
Daughter of Robert & Trisha Taylor



Ashley Allison
8-3-82 ~ 4-12-08
Daughter of Roger & Robin Allison



Shanette Bland
8-9-72 ~ 4-26-94
Daughter of Clarence Thomas



Sarah Harvey
12-12-89 ~ 4-26-04
Daughter of Brian Harvey & Lisa Kirley



Jill Tompkins
11-3-77 ~ 4-24-99
Daughter of Karen Tompkins



Stephanie Carol Hester
5-9-88 ~ 4-2-04
Daughter of Troy & Glenna Nicolls



Bobby Knott
11-6-68 ~ 4-24-83
Son of Bobby & Virginia Knott



James Rowland Allen
12-3-92 ~ 4-10-12
Son of Rachel Johnson



Brandon Whitfield
11-23-86 ~ 4-23-06
Son of Leslie Whitfield



Patrick Bowman
4-17-85 ~ 4-28-12
Son of Chris & Patti Bowman



Sydney Jane Farris
10-18-09 ~ 4-28-12
Daughter of Kaylyn Primrose



Caleb Herrera
5-14-93 ~ 4-7-09
Son of Joe and Beka Herrera



Kristi Diaz
11-7-72 ~ 4-7-99
Daughter of Julie Diaz



The Compassionate Friends is for Sharing

Many people may think that meetings of The Compassionate Friends consist of bereaved people who sit and cry most of the evening, but that is certainly a misconception. It is normal to shed tears as we talk about our child's death, and we would expect a newly bereaved person to cry. We understand that completely. But we don't just sit and cry. Would you believe that most of the time we spend in our sharing group circle we may enjoy hearing others' stories about their children, or even sharing our own? Our meetings are usually about our memories, our questions and also telling what has helped us to cope with it all. We all have ideas that we share with others in the hope that they may reach a point of "good memories" instead of bad memories of the child's death.

A support group should be very comforting and welcoming to those who attend and should always have non-judgmental members. We are less concerned at how the child died (even though we do care) and we are more concerned that we be there for the parents, siblings or grandparents who need us. They have a desire to talk and share about their loved one. We want to let them lean on us in their time of pain, just as we had others before us who let us lean on them. It does come full circle.

Jackie Wesley ~ TCF, East Central Indiana & Miami-Whitewater Chapters





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“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.”
—Dale Carnegie

Some Light in Our Very Dark Lives

In the midst of agonizing grief after the sudden loss of our cherished Patrick, twenty months ago, Chris and I have found some light in our very dark lives. That light has been the amazing friends and family that have chosen to walk beside us through the hardest journey we will ever take.

All people, including myself, have a decision to make when family or friends lose a loved one. We each have to decide whether to take the journey with the grieved, or just pay our respects, then somewhat back away.

This may sound very strange coming from a grieving mother, who lost her only child, twenty-seven-year old, Patrick Bowman, to a sudden, rare pulmonary disease. However, EVEN I realize that the human spirit is simply not capable of bearing the losses of every single person we know and care about. For whatever the reason; problems in our own lives, health issues, untold burdens that we each have to deal with, we sometimes are simply not equipped to take the long grieving journey with people we truly care about. Our depth of sorrow may be very deep and sincere, even when we don't have the ability to step up and give that grieved family the support they require.

As Chris and I have grappled with the daily despair, heartache, and emptiness that we feel without our son's presence in our lives, we remain truly amazed by the love, comfort, and compassion that we feel. The absence of Patrick's presence is felt every minute of every day, but there are always hands reaching out to help, and comfort us.

Do people hurt our feelings sometimes, as well? YES! But, with GOD's help we forgive them, because we both have learned that the loss of a child is humanly incomprehensible. Unless you have lost a child, you simply cannot grasp the total destruction it creates! Even as Christians, it takes an incredible toll on one's spirit. And, there is no medicine, or cure to heal that spirit... Only holding tightly to GOD's promises, and leaning on supportive people to hold you up, as you take a tiny step forward, falling back, then taking that same step again.

Our hearts are just as broken as they were on April 28, 2012. They are permanently broken. But, GOD, in his infinite wisdom, blessed us with people of all ages and all walks of life, to rescue and minister to us. It's as though they were directed to walk through the fire by our sides!

Yes, we have come to expect, and brace ourselves for the occasional strange or shallow comments. These comments come from people who either have no forethought of how painful their words sting, but mostly they have no concept of the all encompassing depth of our grief.

Yet, GOD has given us one single strength in all this sorrow... The strength to FORGIVE.

Patrick would really like that.

Patti Bowman, TCF, Tyler, TX

Thanks to these families for their continued support of TCF of Tyler.

In loving memory of
Lindsey Barton
Daughter of
Lee & Barbara
Barton



In loving memory of
Stephanie Settle
Daughter of
Danny & Pat
Settle



In loving memory of
Cory Blackmon
Son of
Charles & Billie
Bridges




In loving memory of
Jake Schoonover
Grandson of
Sue Roberts



In loving memory of
Sarah Thompson
Daughter of
Carol Thompson



In loving memory of
Jill Rozell
Daughter of
Peggy Rozell





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"The dreams of lifetimes die when children die. The hurt is often nearly unbearable. But if we allow ourselves the freedom of grief and sorrow, we also open the paths of new happiness and new hopes and new dreams. And the child who was a part of us will live in our memories and our hearts." —from *We Need Not Walk Alone*

When A Child Dies

When the thing that one only imagines—actually happens, you discover very quickly that you have a difficult time speaking about it. People who have lost a child, including myself, act in all kinds of weird ways in order to deny the awful truth—not just because of the awful pain of losing a person they loved—many of us have lost parents, mates and friends, and no matter how painful, it's just not the same. But because what has happened is so unnatural, so against the necessary order of things, that we cannot accept it—it is almost beyond our comprehension that children should die before the adults. It contradicts history, violates basic physics, and so, when we lose a child or children, life seems to lose all meaning. We are changed forever.

Anne D., TCF, Oklahoma City, OK

Remember

When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I died, you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart.

Frederick B., TCF, "Whistling in the Dark" Houston West Chapter

When a Sibling Dies

When a sibling dies, the world changes in a heartbeat. Oftentimes when such a loss occurs, others fail to recognize that the surviving sibling faces emotional battles on many fronts while working through the loss. Largely ignored, surviving siblings are often referred to as the "forgotten mourners."

Please visit www.compassionatefriends.org for sibling support

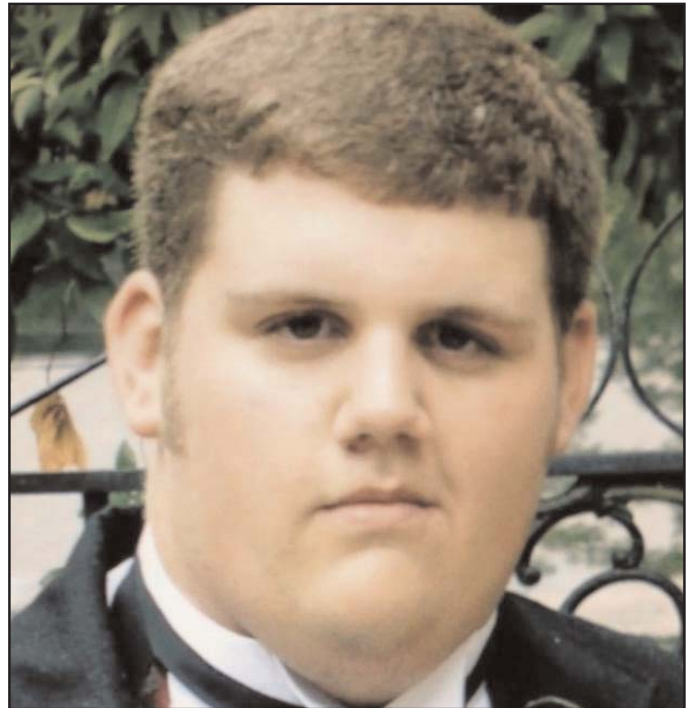
Patrick Bowman

4-17-85 ~ 4-28-12

He is soaring on wings like Eagles!

We love you,

Mom & Dad



**This month's printing of our newsletter sponsored by Patti Bowman.
Call (903) 258-2547 to sponsor a monthly newsletter.**





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"The way I look at it, if you get comfort from a dream or a sign—enjoy it. You've suffered enough, and believing in signs, butterflies, dreams or what ever else gives you comfort and hurts no one else, is your right as a bereaved person."
—Lynn Vines

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In loving memory of
Mahlon Acres
Son of
Stephen & Arlene
Acres



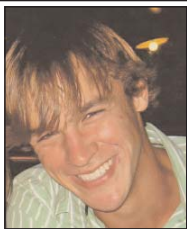
In loving memory of
Russell McGilvray
Son of
Fran McGilvray



In loving memory of
Alyssa Crim
Daughter of
Kasey & Ashley
Crim



In loving memory of
Chris O'Leary
Son of
Merri Walsh



In loving memory of
Burke Lewis
Son of
Martha Lewis



In loving memory of
Jared Sheets
Son of
Carol & Shane
Johnson



In loving memory of
Christopher Loper
Son & Brother of
Tina, Johnathan &
Heather Loper



In loving memory of
Andy Terrell
Son of
David & Teresa
Terrell



In loving memory of
Chad Cavazos
Son of
Dale & Phyllis
Cavazos



In loving memory of
Jake Schoonover
Son of
Lisa Schoonover



In loving memory of
Trey Lepelley
by
Glenda Cochran



In loving memory of
Jeremy Newman
Son of
Victor & Margie
Newman



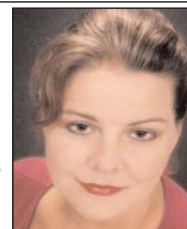
In loving memory of
Seth Porter
Son of
Linda Porter



In loving memory of
Toni Wood
Daughter of
Tami Wooldridge



In loving memory of
Andrea Young
Daughter of
Roland & Jackie Young



In loving memory of
**Cheyenne Nicole
Ramirez**
Love Jana, Billy &
Kutter Titsworth and
Ryden Loworn



In loving memory of
Matthew Lehew
Son of
Beth Lehew



In loving memory of
Cynthia Harper
Daughter of
Roland & Jackie Young



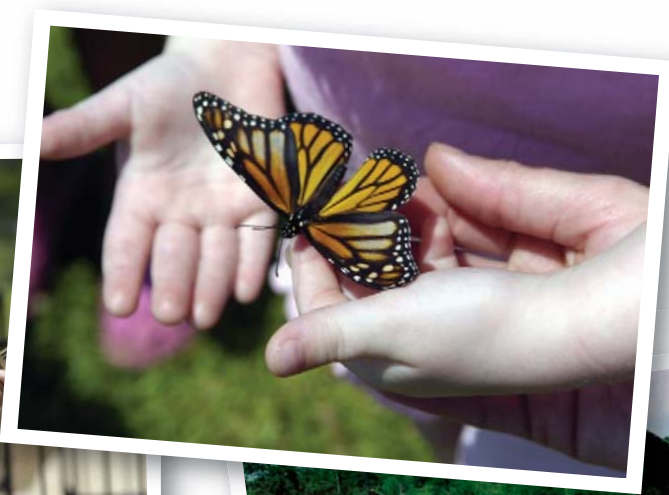
"Eventually the sky would clear and I was able to find a path to those that cared and could offer me hugs and a shoulder to cry on. The storm was still there, but there was also shelter and I wasn't alone." —Barb Seth

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Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Birth Date: _____ Death Date: _____ Cause of Death: _____

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Please check any of following that apply.

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