



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.



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“You don't heal from the loss of a loved one because time passes; You heal because of what you do with the time.” —Carol Crandall

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

The Cope Foundation: www.copefoundation.org

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.**



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"The healing began when a friend embraced me, leaving some of his tears on my cheek." —Author unknown

Love Gifts

See more love gifts on pages 7 and 9.



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

(For monthly donors we will post photos of your children on their Birthday and Anniversary dates.)

Merri Walsh in memory of Chris O'Leary - rent

Martha Lewis in memory of Burke - rent

Carol Thompson in memory of Sarah - rent

Carol & Shane Johnson in memory of Jared Sheets - rent

Danny & Pat Settle in memory of Stephanie - rent

Claudette Brown in memory of Terry Wayne

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

Announcements

Tyler TCF Meeting: The meeting in Tyler is held on the third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at 1901 Ricketty 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.



Save the date! The 38th National Compassionate Friends Conference will be July 10-12, 2015 in Dallas.

Visit us online at www.tylertcf.org



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"Grief is a great teacher when it sends us back to serve and bless the living. We learn how to counsel and comfort those who, like ourselves, are bowed with sorrow. We learn when to keep silent in their presence, and when a word will assure them of our love and concern." —*Gates of Prayer, Reform Judaism Prayer Book*

May Birthdays



Jamie Allen
5-24-75 ~ 7-8-01
Son of Cindy & Jim Allen



Donna Mae Morales
5-8-96 ~ 5-14-01
Daughter of Misty Minter



Boston Kade Porter
5-27-05 ~ 8-12-06
Son of Jim & Kim Porter



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



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



Sara Ann Plocheck
5-21-80 ~ 7-11-11
Daughter of Marla Plocheck



Tami Kay Brown Roberts
5-17-72 ~ 6-10-00
Daughter of Ken & Ann Somerville



Stephanie Harris Reed
5-18-79 ~ 9-5-98
Daughter of Rick & Susan Harris



Randall Scott McDaniel
5-07-88 ~ 3-17-07
Son of Kathryn Webb



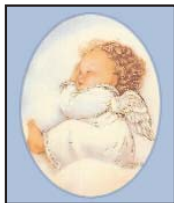
Blythe Madison Harper
5-2-03 ~ 3-8-06
Daughter of Stephanie & Joshua Harper



Colton Denney
5-12-10 ~ 5-27-12
Son of Jeremy & Lindsey Denney



Mahlon Acres
5-13-94 ~ 9-19-10
Son of Arlene Acres



Brian David Stewart
5-16-56 ~ 7-8-56
Son of Joyce Stewart



Shanna Marie Redmond
5-5-85 ~ 7-30-94
Daughter of Patricia Miller



Justin Bloxom
5-29-97 ~ 3-10-10
Son of Amy Bloxom Fletcher



Austin Arvizo
5-14-01 ~ 2-9-06
Son of Vincent & Paula Arvizo



Dustin Dewayne Bruce
5-5-82 ~ 8-3-82
Son of Bonnie Jones



Blake Alexander King
5-14-63 ~ 1-6-94



Jared Sheets
5-14-87 ~ 9-27-05
Son of Carol Johnson



Michael Angelo Perez
05/16/81 ~ 09/28/99
Son of Victoria Gonzalez



Shane Odening
5-23-88 ~ 7-3-11
Son of Janet St. Francis



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



Kody Dale Hughes
5-5-89 ~ 7-30-10
Grandson of Howard & Sue Hughes



Aaron Sullender
5-16-90 ~ 10-18-11
Son of Brenda Turner



Gabe Levi Hunt
5-2-79 ~ 6-25-06
Son of Deborah Hunt



Payton Nicole Herrington
5-7-91 ~ 11-13-13
Daughter of Melissa Love



Lance Alan Massey
5-16-80 ~ 7-16-05
Son of Cindy Massey



Derek Brown
5-6-66 ~ 11-25-08
Son of Pam Pickett



Andrew Weldon Braswell
5-14-08 ~ 5-14-08
Son of Chad & Sara Braswell



Terry Brendon Reed Pettit
5-23-02 ~ 10-21-02
Son of Nicole & Keith Rush

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"For you, I hold out the hope that soon your days will be just a bit better, your sorrow a little lighter, your tears healing, your friends strengthening and your memories filled more with the good times and less with the unhappiness of your grief." —Dory Rooker

May Birthdays Cont.



Cashley Sha'Rae Jackson
5-20-93 ~ 12-3-13
Daughter of Sheryl Jackson
& Donny J. Hogg, Sr.



Coby Deese
5-4-82 ~ 7-12-98
Son of Tommy &
Yvonne Deese



Joshua Wilson
5-28-88 ~ 12-6-08
Son of
Karen Wilson



Jerry Owen Edwards, Jr.
5-23-70 ~ 5-4-06
Son of
Ruby Echols



Todd Andrew Thompson
5-24-78 ~ 10-18-97
Son of Roy &
Vicky Busby



Matthew Lehw
5-27-86 ~ 10-8-12
Son of
Beth Lehw

May Anniversaries



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



Daniel Anderson
12-27-79 ~ 5-15-95
Son of Kerry &
Cheryl Anderson



Blake Owens
11-19-86 ~ 5-26-11
Son of
Jancy Lovelace



Brandon Weatherly
12-14-72 ~ 5-20-95
Son of Ike &
Diana Weatherly



Kaila McKinsey Payne
4-6-03 ~ 5-28-03
Daughter of Keith Payne
Grand. of Gracie Farris



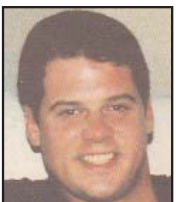
Ryan Goff
7-22-77 ~ 5-4-12
Son of Sherry
Reston



Colleen Herriage
2-23-67 ~ 5-14-83
Daughter of Ruth
Herriage



Samantha Johnson
9-23-86 ~ 5-13-02
Daughter of Dennis
& Vicki Johnson



Brad (BJ) Huggins
7-27-72 ~ 5-21-11
Son of Sue
Langdon



Justin Clakley
2-25-83 ~ 5-15-03
Son of Teri Clakley



Joshua Jolley
9-27-78 ~ 5-12-02
Son of Brenda Jolley



Patrick Pinkerton
1-18-67 ~ 5-17-09
Son of Miriam
Pinkerton



Kenny Ivy
3-10-65 ~ 5-12-85
Son of JoAnne Ivy



Donna Morales
5-8-96 ~ 5-14-01
Daughter of
Misty Minter



Kendrick Clark
10-21-87 ~ 5-10-11
Son of Jan
Dickerson



Jon Lee Hardwick
9-29-61 ~ 5-7-77
Brother of
Vicki Johnson



Alexander Fleming
12-4-89 ~ 5-8-07
Son of Amy Fleming



**ShiAnn Renee
Robinson**
6-26-98 ~ 5-24-00
Daughter of Amie
Jo Gibson-Robinson



Stephanie Settle
12-22-81 ~ 5-27-98
Daughter of Danny
& Pat Settle



**Marshall Charles
Donahue**
10-18-65 ~ 5-18-00
Son of Joyce Neely



Leslie Eugene Robb
6-11-71 ~ 5-16-08
Son of Rena L. Surratt



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



Kimberly Pryor
1-2-73 ~ 5-30-07
Daughter of Jerry
& Judy Olson



Colton Denney
5-12-10 ~ 5-27-12
Son of Jeremy &
Lindsey Denney

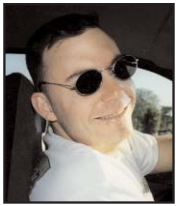




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“Memory is a form of immortality. Those you remember never die. They continue to walk and talk with you. Their influence is with you always.”
—Wilfred A. Peterson

May Anniversaries Cont.



Terry Wayne Brown
7-13-69 ~ 5-27-03
Son of
Claudette Brown



Leah Zucca
9-3-85 ~ 5-10-06
Daughter of
Jim & Cheri Zucca



Melissa Elaine Majors
7-14-80 ~ 5-8-08
Daughter of Janet Majors
Daughter of Greg Majors



Tiffeny Sue Hightower
3-31-89 ~ 5-12-06
Daughter of
Donna Hightower



Andrew Weldon Braswell
5-14-08 ~ 5-14-08
Son of
Chad & Sara Braswell



Tommy Ford
7-12-90 ~ 5-29-11
Son of Corine &
Tom Peacock



Marcos Lopez
8-22-93 ~ 5-12-13
Son of Maggie
& Pablo Lara



Derek Miller
1-26-84 ~ 5-14-04
Son of
Mark Miller



Jerry Owen Edwards, Jr.
5-23-70 ~ 5-4-06
Son of
Ruby Echols



Natalie Whitehead
2-9-87 ~ 5-9-05
Daughter of
David &
Susie Dorman



Jasmine Elizabeth Thomas
6-17-94 ~ 5-4-13
Daughter of
Lisa Morris



Chase Cyrus Naquin
9-21-95 ~ 5-20-13
Grandson of Trudy
Ferguson



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

“In the art of losing we can choose who we will be. We break, but we break open so that we can include more of life, more of love. We get bigger in order to carry with us what we choose to continue loving.” —Deborah Morris Coryell

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

In loving memory of
Scottie Baker
Grandson of
Doyle & Sherry
Smith



In loving memory of
Gena Forrest
Daughter of
Joice Bass



In loving memory of
Jasmine Elizabeth Thomas
Daughter of
Linda Morris



In loving memory of
Patrick Pinkerton
Daughter of
Miriam Pinkerton



In loving memory of
Justin Goodman
Son of
Kelly Goodman



In loving memory of
Daniel Anderson
Son of
Kerry & Cheryl
Anderson





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"If we could hear them right now, they would be saying "LIVE, for life is but a moment," "LOVE, for that is what really matters," and "go on, for we shall be together again some day." —*Mary Ann Lambden*

Vacations

Vacation time can be painful for bereaved parents. Caught up with normal demands of making a living or keeping a household going, we have less time to think than we do on vacations, especially the "take it easy" kind-at a hideaway, tucked away somewhere.

In the summers following Tricia's death, I found vacations could bring a special kind of pain. We avoided going to places where we had vacationed with her. At one time, I thought Williamsburg might be off my list forever since we had a very happy time together there. I tried it one summer three years later and found that she walked the cobbled streets with me. Now that nine years have passed and the pain has eased, maybe the happy memories we shared in Williamsburg can heighten the pleasure of another visit there.

For the first few years after Tricia's death, we found fast-paced vacations at places we had never been before, to be the best. The stimulation of new experiences in new places with new people refreshed us and sent us home more ready to pick up our grief work. That is not to say when we did something or saw something that Tricia would have enjoyed, we didn't mention her. We did, but it seemed less painful than at home.

One caution: Do allow enough time for sleep; otherwise, an exhausted body can depress you.

We've said it many times: YOU HAVE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY, YOUR OWN PEACE. Let vacation time be another try at that; but do give yourself a break in choosing the time and locale where that can best be accomplished. Don't be afraid of change-it can help with your re-evaluation of life.

Elizabeth Estes ~ TCF, Augusta, GA

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

In loving memory of
A.J. Frazier
Grandson of
Dustin & Debra
Frazier



In loving memory of
Cobin Lee Frazier
Grandson of
Dustin & Debra
Frazier



In loving memory of
Leah Zucca
Daughter of
Jim & Cheri
Zucca



In loving memory of
Erik Branch
Son of
Tammi Branch



In loving memory of
Lisa Tutt
Daughter of
Steve & Sherri Tutt



In loving memory of
Alec Heath Thigpen
Son of Nannette
Thigpen Ray
& John Ray



In loving memory of
Sara Ann Plocheck
Daughter of
Marla Plocheck



In loving memory of
Matthew Morris
Nephew of
Marla Plocheck



In loving memory of
Jared Sheets
Grandson of Jim &
Linda Crawford



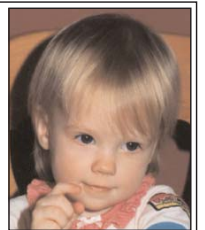
In loving memory of
Jake Schoonover
Grandson of
Sue Roberts



In loving memory of
**Ijuan Deshaun
Simms**
Son of
Sharon Simms



In loving memory of
Candice Lingle
Daughter of
Mary Lingle





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"It is difficult, but we must allow ourselves to feel the pain of grief. It is normal to cry, to be enraged, to be confused and sad. But, we have found strength in sharing." —*Marie Hofmockel*

April Showers Bring May Flowers

April is a month known for rain, which is a necessary component to bring out the flowers in May. It is a step that cannot be skipped or done away with. Although at times bleak and dreary, this rainy season is a time of rejuvenation for the ground and prepares the soil to be able to nourish the plant life that will soon come.

The death of a loved one creates a personal "rainy season" that lasts much longer than a single month. The days become figuratively dark and gloomy with menacing clouds hanging overhead. This too is a necessary component for personal healing. So many people I see grow (understandably) tired of their "rainy season," full of sudden outbursts of tears and thunderous pangs of pain. These emotional storms can not only come quickly, but may linger unmercilessly as well.

In April, with storms coming at the drop of a hat, I know that if I want to manage the amount I get wet, I need to stay prepared. I will keep an umbrella in my office, in the car, at home and with me wherever I go. Likewise those who are weathering "emotional storms" can also prepare themselves. Suggested supplies to keep on hand are many and may vary from person to person. First and foremost, keep tissues on you at all times. Grief is often unexpectedly triggered in the most inconvenient of places. For many, eating is completely thrown off balance. Keep a snack near you as well for times when you suddenly realize you have not eaten all day and feel like you may pass out. Also, it is nice to have something cold to drink to replenish yourself after having a "good" cry. In addition, keep a small notebook and pen handy and write down anything important that you need to remember. People who are grieving are supposed to have no memory when it comes to appointments or grocery lists. These things take a back seat (if that) to mentally reconstructing one's own life after a death.

As you continue to weather your own storms, remember that the tears you shed are not wasted. They are necessary and healing, preparing you for your coming springtime when the flowers bloom once again.

Stephanie E. ~ El Paso, TX Chapter Newsletter (Reprinted from Tears To Hope Newsletter of the Amelia Center)

Melissa Elaine Majors

July 14, 1980 ~ May 8, 2008

There was never a more personable soul than Melissa. She connected with people of all ages and races and abilities. She could instantly engage in conversations with strangers as easily as with friends and family. Melissa would have her girlfriends who were crying over a boyfriend breakup laughing within five minutes with her humorous antics! Her ready smile would light up a room and her effervescent laughter was contagious to everyone in that room.

We miss those big blue eyes that could convey love within a split second glance and "see" the decorating potential in any room or event. Known all her life for her kindheartedness, she was our angel from a very early age, and that quality is what makes her so very missed today by so many.

Love always and forever,

Mom, Dad, Chuck and Tim



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





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"Grief is like a journey one must take on a winding mountainside, often seeing the same scenery many times, a road which eventually leads to somewhere we've never been before." —*Gladys H.*

Support from Family and Friends

There are many things that a newly bereaved person needs during the first few weeks. One of the most important is support from their family and friends, who should be there to let them talk and to really listen, to give hugs, and to help with any chores the bereaved are not able to accomplish yet. It's hard for them to even think ahead to what should be done—washing clothes, cleaning, even answering the telephone may seem impossible. Many families have found it hard to go shopping for just basic groceries. They need someone to lend some thoughtful ideas and maybe see to some of these tasks a few times until their numbness has lightened a little.

Family and friends need to realize that the person who is grieving may never be the same. They will always be without their loved one and their lives will never be the same as before the death.

Since my daughter Teresa died I too have changed a lot; I have many new friends; I do things I'd have never done before, such as becoming a chapter leader, a newsletter editor and just recently writing articles on grief in these newspapers. I have more compassion towards others than before, and my interests are so very different now. If there were gifts resulting from a death, I'd say I have received many. Some people may think what I do is depressing. I feel it is helping others and at the same time helping me with my own healing.

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

"Relevant to the paucity of English to describe certain terms, we have a name for a child who has lost a parent—*orphan*; *widow* describes a woman whose husband has died, and *widower* for the male counterpart. But there is no term to describe a parent who has lost a child—there are no words adequate for that pain." —*Author Unknown*

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

In loving memory of
Brooke Wallace
Granddaughter &
Daughter of Ted &
Tammy Saul and Charles
& Yvette Wallace



In loving memory of
Joe Maland
Son of
Dave & Jeanelle
Maland



In loving memory of
**Cameron
Weatherly**
Son of
Ike Weatherly



In loving memory of
**Brandon
Weatherly**
Son of
Ike Weatherly



In loving memory of
Donna Morales
Daughter &
Granddaughter of
Misty Minter and
Juanita Blake



In loving memory of
Jake Schoonover
by Danny &
Pat Settle



In loving memory of
Doug Norton
Son of
Joanne Hart



In loving memory of
Sheila Nolen
Daughter of
Wanda Boyette

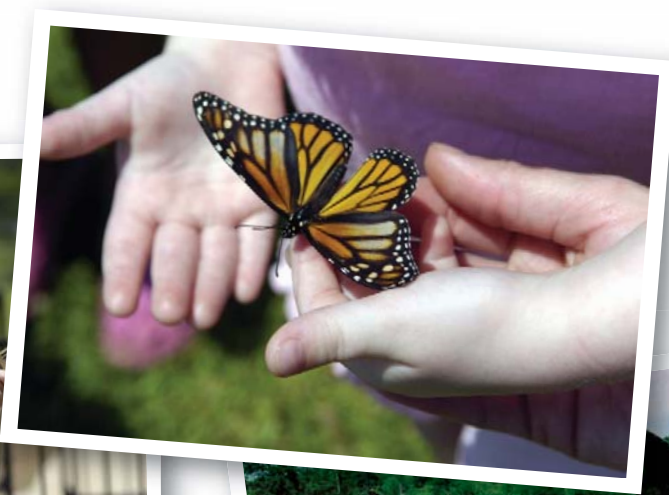


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Release a butterfly for all
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Please join us for our 10th Annual Butterfly Release on May 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church south campus, 17002 Hwy. 69 S., Tyler. Live Monarch butterflies are available for \$10 each. Please contact us at (903) 258-2547 for more information.

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We are happy to send our newsletter to you. We hope that it is helpful to you to be kept informed of chapter resources and activities and that you still wish to receive our newsletters that contain excellent material relating to grief issues.

To keep our mailing list current, we do ask to hear from you each year making sure that our information is correct and that you still wish to receive our mailings. If we did not hear from you in the last year please indicate any appropriate choices below and return the form to the address at the bottom of this page.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check any of following that apply.

Please continue sending the newsletter.

No thank you, I'd prefer to stop receiving the newsletter. (Newsletters are posted monthly on our Web site.)

Please include my child's name and picture in the slide presentation at the Candle Lighting Ceremony.

Please include my child's picture and information on the TCF Tyler Web site. (www.TylerTCF.org)

I am enclosing a memorial to support The Compassionate Friends in the amount of _____

Please make check payable to TCF

In memory of _____

Please use this gift for: TCF Newsletter Butterfly Release Candle Lighting TCF Events

The continuation of this chapter's work depends on donations. If you have not taken the opportunity to give a donation in memory of your child please consider taking this time to give a gift that will help reach out to other newly bereaved parents.

We must have your written permission on file to use your child's name and/or picture in the newsletter, Web site, Candle Lighting Ceremony or any other TCF event. Permission may be withdrawn at any time by written request. This information is used to maintain our Chapter Database. It is confidential and is only utilized for Chapter activities such as the newsletter.

(Signature) Date: _____

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