

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
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Rachel

Little girl with dark and laughing eyes,
with sun kissed hair and love of butterflies
- We miss you.

You, with the cream cheese covered face,
and pink and yellow ballerina grace - We
miss you.

You, at the zoo, staring with merriment,
wonder and awe at all the funny and
amazing animals you saw - We miss you.

And you running on the beach, playing in
the ocean, covered in sand and smelling
of lotion - We miss you.

You brought utter delight into our hearts
and the astounding love that only a
grandchild imparts – We miss you.

~ *Grandma and Pop Pop Schmidt*

Dear Family

Our Rachel was born on January First and
on that day we celebrate Rachel's life. We
are reminded that Rachel brought much
joy to our families.

On October 25, seven years ago, Rachel
was taken away from us. It is still
difficult to understand why. We can only
wonder at the mysteries that are lurking in
the shadows of life which are responsible
for Rachel's death. We know that we will
always remember her.

Let us reach out and join hands for the
memory of our beloved Rachel. A link
has been broken in the chain that holds us
together. Love and strong bonds of
family will hold us to each other even
though we are many miles apart.

At this time in our life we give thanks for
our existence, friendship and memory.

We are grateful for the strength that helps
us in our bereavement. Sorrow may
linger, but we can learn that love is
stronger than death.

Rachel may be beyond our sight as we
look around us. But, she remains in our
hearts as a living presence.

As the light burns on our memorial
candle we remember the goodness and
beauty that Rachel has given us and we
will let her soul illumine our hearts
forever and ever.

This year we are adding the following
verses as part of our remembrance:

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty
of autumn, we remember Rachel.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we
remember Rachel.

In the beginning of the year and when it
ends, we remember Rachel

With all our love and in memory of our
beloved Rachel.

~*Grandma Carol and Pa-Pa Joe Kantor*

Rachel,

You are always in our hearts and we think
about you each day. My heart continues
to ache to hug you, hold you, talk and
laugh with you, to hear your adorable
giggles, and to watch you grow and live
life. I have cried many tears of sadness
and joy for you and know I will continue
to cry for you until the day I die. They
are tears of an “unspeakable love”, and
you are missed beyond words as well.
We continue to celebrate and honor your
life by sharing our cherished memories of
your life on this earth.

Forever in our hearts ~ Mommy



As the New Year begins, we would like to
express our deep gratitude to the Thomas
McAfee Funeral home for so graciously
extending their support of the Worldwide
Candle Lighting Service which was held
on December 14th. They have already
contacted us and asked if they could help
us again next year!

Carrying Memories into the New Year

~*By Alice J. Wisler*

With the church bells ringing the New
Year enters - echoing the days of
yesteryear, memories of happiness – the
smiles of our children, the sunlight within
each face.

Who will remember these dear ones far
from our yearning arms? Who
remembers all they were, the way she
danced, the hat he wore? With the old
year gone, will they no longer be known?

We will remember them, each one.
We will hold them in our hearts as we
carry memories into this New Year. We
will allow the memories to make us laugh,
to make us sing. Their lives will fill the
air as the church bells ring.

~ The Greenville Chapter of The
Compassionate Friends would like to say
“Thank You” to everyone who made a
contribution this past month in memory of
your special loved one. Your generous
support will allow our chapter to continue
our important work in helping other
bereaved parents.

~ Also a big “**Thank You**” to Norm
Raiford and Julia Muirhead for
coordinating the “Remembrance Service”
on Dec. 11th and the “Candle Light
Service” on Dec. 14th. – Job Well Done!

If you would like to have an article, poem, etc.
printed in our newsletter, please mail to: TCF,
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Or e-mail to:

Janisgow@mindspring.com by the 25th of the
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The January newsletter is lovingly dedicated to the memory of Rachel Marie Schmidt who would have been 11 years old January 1st, 2004. We love and miss you with all our hearts.
 ~Mommy, Daddy, Josh and Haley

Our Children Remembered:

Cory Alexander – 2/14/83 ~ 1/2/94
 Charlie Bellinger – 1/21/79 ~ 5/22/93
 Jimmy Burns – 1/5/83 ~ 4/4/96
 Jon Carpenter – 1/31/76 ~ 2/9/02 Trent
 M.Chapman – 1/18/80 ~ 6/27/94
 Terry Davis – 9/19/82 ~ 1/27/01
 Jill Dunlap – 9/24/67 ~ 1/29/86
 Clint Garrett – 9/10/01 ~ 1/17/02
 Justin Hix – 1/9/81 ~ 7/19/03
 Mark Medina – 1/17/58 ~ 3/24/92
 Ricky O’Brien – 10/4/62 ~ 1/10/87
 Paige Pepper – 1/17/91 ~ 6/16/99
 Matt Renner – 9/21/72 ~ 1/13/01
 Rachel Schmidt – 1/1/93 ~ 10/25/96
 Monica Sinclair – 1/10/95 ~ 8/27/00
 Tracy Whaley – 1/9/63 ~ 2/27/70
 Lucia White – 5/4/79 ~ 1/29/95

We acknowledge the following gifts with sincere gratitude and deep appreciation in Memory of:

- **Rachel Marie Schmidt**
 ~ by Joe and Carol Kantor-Grandparents
 ~ by George and Renate Schmidt-Grandparents
 ~ by George and Jill Schmidt
 ~ by Lynel, Dave & Zarla Katz
- **Ben Morris** ~ by Ann Gault
- **Cindy Esterl** ~ by Roda Crosby

- **Matthew Roper** ~ by Pam Clements and ~by Vernell and Edwin McJunkin – Grandparents
- **Kelly Anne Bennett** ~ by John and Pat Bennett
- **Tom Stearns** ~ by Mary Stearns
- **Stephanie and Carey Corder** ~ by Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Corder
- **Jeremy Owens** ~ by Jean Owens
- **Patrick Whitehurst** ~ by Trudy and Dan Whitehurst
- **Chad Withered** ~ by Dennis and Janet Withered
- **Jeremy Brooks** ~ by Martha and Jacob Brooks
- **Lucia White** ~ by Roger and Linda White
- **Deborah Ann Jolley’s (42nd Birthday)** ~ by Carolyn Jolley
- **Charlie Guthrie** ~ by Randy and Lisa Guthrie
- **Thomas R Strange Jr.** ~ by Sara and Tommy Strange
- **Charlie Bellinger** ~ by Pete Bellinger
- **Timothy R. Gilbert** ~ by Betty S. Hilley
- **Olivia Skye Moser** ~ by Jason, Audrey and Victoria Eden Moser
- **Jonathan Roberts** ~ by Linda Roberts
- **David Rush** ~ by Cecilla and William Rush
- **Josh Nichols** ~ by Doug and Judy Nichols
- **Schuyler Raiford** ~ Norm and Alice Raiford
- **Deanne Boland** ~ by Bobbie Boland
- **Robert Edward Ewing** ~ by Caroline Ewing
- **Mark S. Miller Jr.** ~ by Mark S. Miller
- **John Baron and Joel Howell** ~ by Baron and Lori Howell
- **Kim Callahan Patterson** ~ by Kathryn Bailey
- **Tina** ~ by James Leitke

January’s Meeting

The Greenville Chapter of *The Compassionate Friends* will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2004 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at Pelham Rd. Baptist Church, 1108 Pelham Rd., Greenville. Julia Muirhead will lead the discussion. The topic will be “Song Review”. We will share and discuss songs that have special meaning to us, or has helped us in our grief.

Also – something new beginning this month... We invite all siblings to join us at our regular monthly meetings. We will be offering a “breakaway” group especially for brothers and sisters. We encourage any sibling of any age to attend.

