

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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Monthly Meeting

April 13, 2006

Always the second Thursday of the month

Topic:

“Everyday Grieving ”

At this meeting, we will look at the many ways in which losing a child affects all things, big and small, in everyday living. Please join us for this opportunity to offer and receive support, encouragement and hope.

Facilitated by:

Robb Ellis

Meeting Time & Location

7:30 P.M.

Pelham Rd. Baptist Church,
Family Life Center
1108 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC

We acknowledge “Love Gifts” with appreciation in memory of:

- **Bobby Jones** ~ by *Joyce Jones*
- **Kim Callahan-Patterson** ~ by *Kathryn Bailey*
- **Mark Jones** ~ by *Marie Jones*
- **Bryan Lee Denny** ~ by *Ruby Vaughn*
- **Rachel Marie Schmidt** ~ by *Sara and Harvey Herman (Aunt & Uncle)*

“In reality we never lose the people we love. They become immortal through us. They continue to live in our hearts and minds. They participate in our every act, idea, and decision. No one will ever replace them in spite of the pain. We are richer for all the years invested in them. Because of them, we have so much more to bring to our present relationship and all those to come.”

Believe

*By Betty Stevens
TCF, Baltimore, MD*

Crocuses poke their heads through the crusted snow to let us know the long, bleak winter is ending and spring will come again.

So, too, the long bleak winter of your aching, breaking heart will end and spring will come again one day.

Be patient – but believe it.
Your spring will come again.

In The Silence

In the silence Mom you hear me, in the silence I am here. In the silence you can feel me and in the silence it is clear. That my spirit hasn't left you, I am just a thought away. You can see me in the shadows, anytime you look my way. Look for me in the sunshine, and in the stars at night. In the wind, trees and flowers, everything that is in sight. Talk to me, say my name and know that I'm still here. In my death I have a new life and one day it will be clear. So talk to me and look for me, in everything you do. For I haven't gone so far away, I'm really right next to you.

By Joy Curnutt - St. Clair County, IL

Memories



Memories are flowers growing in the heart, flowers picked on happy days that time arranges in bouquets to warm the heart in tender ways by feelings they impart....Memories are pictures taken through the years, pictures of a smiling face, a happy time, a favorite place....These pleasures time cannot erase, they are kept as souvenirs.

*Laura Rogers
TCF, Northfield, NJ*



Would You Like to Support TCF?

If you are a BiLo shopper with a BONUS CARD; you can support TCF by enrolling in the BiLo Booster Club. TCF as a non profit organization qualifies for this program, and can earn up to \$3,000 per year.

- **How do I enroll?** Simply take your enrollment card (the bar code included in this newsletter) to a BiLo & have it scanned with your BONUSCARD. You will only be charged one dollar per school year.
- **Do I have to use the enrollment card bar code each time I shop?** No, you only need to use it once every school year.
- **Do I have to shop at the Bio where I enrolled as a member for my purchases to count for TCF?** No. Every BiLo store is a member.
- **Do you have to be a member of TCF to participate in this program?** No. You can give friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. an enrollment card & TCF will still receive the benefits.
- **When are the enrollment periods?** Enrollment opens on July 1st and closes on April 30th. Therefore, May & June are the only months you can NOT enroll in the program.

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The April newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Mark Jones by his mother, Maria Jones. Mark's birthday is April 20th and is loved and missed by all who knew him!

Our Children Remembered:

Jamie Bagwell – 4/22/79 ~ 7/13/05
Brandon Berryman– 1/13/84 ~ 4/19/04
Leah Blackstock – 4/19/91 ~ 8/12/93
Ashley Brackett – 4/26/76 ~ 4/8/98
David Bridges – 8/25/82 ~ 4/7/00
Tina Collins – 4/10/64 ~ 12/16/01
Stephanie Corder – 9/19/56 ~ 4/25/61
Caleb Dromm – 3/31/03 ~ 4/1/03
Sarah Ellis – 6/28/01 ~ 4/23/04
Linda N. Forrester – 3/29/48 ~ 4/28/99
Eric Scott Gow – 4/6/71 ~ 11/4/91
Charlie Guthrie – 6/27/97 ~ 4/16/02
Misty Dugan-Hunter–11/17/67~4/4/03
Mark Jones – 4/20/67 ~ 6/27/99
Eli Labbe – 12/31/85 ~ 4/14/02
Joseph Mills – 4/17/82 ~ 9/29/02
Angel Parcels – 4/17/76 ~ 8/24/03
Kayla Pitts – 4/6/91 ~ 1/12/03
Jose Luis Santos – 5/15/72 ~ 4/14/02
Austin Shealy – 2/1/93 ~ 4/10/02
Molly Sheridan – 4/21/89 ~ 9/7/02
Jeffery Sloan – 4/9/84 ~ 4/8/03
Holly Stephens – 4/11/85 ~ 1/2/04
Tommy Strange Jr. – 8/13/51~4/21/86
Daniel Upton – 2/13/86 ~ 4/8/03
Elizabeth Warner – 9/24/93 ~ 4/4/01
Stetson M. Watson–4/23/86~ 12/30/03
Scott West – 3/1/77 ~ 4/2/05
Chad Withered – 4/13/79 ~ 12/30/94

Last Newsletter

Our newsletter database has been updated. Thanks to all who have already returned their forms. Please note that if there are two asterisks by your last name, this will be your last newsletter unless you send back the green form.

Mr. & Mrs. John Doe **
123 Maple Drive
Anywhere, US 12345

If you have chosen to retrieve the newsletter from our website, but you still want your child's name to appear in our "Children Remembered" column, I must have the consent part of this form completed and signed in order to be in compliance with the National TCF.



Spring is Coming

We hear of the beauty of spring, and the new life. During my first year after losing my daughter, I expected that spring would cheer me up and make me feel better. How surprised and frustrated I was when, on one of those truly magnificent spring days when life seems to burst forth everywhere...I was "in the pits." The sense of loss and emptiness was greatly intensified.

Gradually I began to realize that my expectations for spring were unrealistically high. I had looked forward to spring with the wrong kind of hope. When we are newly bereaved, we are

constantly looking for something to take away the pain and make our lives all right again. Unfortunately, there is no magical event or moment when this takes place. It does happen, but only with time and the grief work which we all must do before we can be healed.

The coming of spring cannot make everything okay again. What it can do, however, is remind us that regardless of what happens in our lives, nature's processes will continue, and that can offer us hope.

I am looking forward to spring this year. I welcome the sun's warmth, the return of the birds from their winter in the South, the forsythia, the daffodils, and the greening of the world. Know that someday you will once again welcome spring. Be gentle and patient with yourself and with nature. Don't expect too much. Be ready to let a little of the hope that spring can offer into your heart.

Evelyn Billings - TCF, Springfield, MA

My Angel

You are my angel in heaven, watching over me. You shine a light on my path, so that I can see. You are my angel of happiness that always makes me smile. You are my angel of strength, so that I can walk the miles. You are my angel of hope when things are going bad. You are my angel of comfort when my heart is feeling sad. You are my angel in Heaven, who someday I will see. You are my angel in Heaven, keep watching over me.

Tonya Lee Brown – Sugar Creek, MO

