



December 2009 – January 2010

## A Journey Together: Hinsdale Chapter Bereaved Parents of the USA [www.bpusahinsdale.org](http://www.bpusahinsdale.org)

*Meetings are generally held the first Friday of every month. Doors open at 7:00 PM for greeting and fellowship.  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, 139 East First Street, Hinsdale, Illinois  
(One block east of Garfield Street & one block south of the railroad tracks)  
Donna Corrigan, Chapter Leader 630-279-6148 or 630-841-7056 (cell)*

### Expectations

*By Donna Corrigan*

During the holidays, bereaved parents are expected to have a really miserable time; why else would so many people remind us that it is hard to lose a child, "especially at this time of the year." As you have already learned, in the early days of grief, many days are difficult and some are worse. They just are.

I would encourage you to reject what others expect, especially those who have not experienced the death of a child. Try to live in an attitude of acceptance. Christmas without our children will never be as good as Christmas was with them. This is our new normal.

Don't expect to be miserable, accept the fact that you will be very sad. Do not expect others to reach out to you, accept that you might have to ask for support. Don't expect others to understand your pain, accept that they can not.

Most importantly, do not expect others to anticipate the best way for you to celebrate the holidays. Accept the reality... you're not sure what you want to do this year and very few activities may bring you happiness. The path of grief can be inconstant.

As you look at the upcoming months and their celebration days, accept the idea that you may want to participate on a limited level. Seek out activities that allow the freedom of laughter; recognizing that tears may mingle with joy.

Consider accepting the invitation to light candles with other bereaved parents on December 13th, share the brightness of their lives. You can expect it to be a safe place... ❄❄❄

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### **Friday, December 4 - Monthly Chapter Meeting:**

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM - Love Never Dies - If you choose bring a gift and share a memory of your child (unwrapped gifts are donated to a local charity)

#### **Wednesday, December 9 - Men's Group:**

Meet at Kappy's in Villa Park at 6:30 P.M. RSVP to Jerry Schulman 630-205-4552

**Sunday, December 13 - Candlelight Observance of Children's Memorial Day:** Redeemer Lutheran  
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Please RSVP; for more details see the invitation in this newsletter

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### Newsletter on the Internet

Current and past newsletters are available to download at:

<http://www.bpusahinsdale.org/ChapterNews.html>



## A Bereaved Parent's Twelve Days of Christmas

*By Rob Anderson, Brendons' dad*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Christmas I wished it was the 12<sup>th</sup> so all this "Merry" junk would be over and done with.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Christmas I slept until noon because I couldn't think of a good enough reason to get out of bed.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas I looked at pictures of past Christmases with you and those memories made me feel bad so I stopped.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I tried to go shopping, but when I got to the mall, heard the music and saw the decorations I started crying and went home.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, I stayed in my pajamas all day, watched the food channel and ate way too many doughnuts.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I went to buy a tree and I felt like punching out the sales guy when he wished me a "Merry Christmas" for the fifth time.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I called a friend who "gets it" and cried and talked and cried and talked for three hours. I felt better.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I went over to that friend's house and cried and talked and cried and talked some more and got a huge hug. I felt even better.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I decided enough was enough and I had to get back involved with life so I watched Oprah.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I went back to the mall, cried a little in my car and then went in and got some shopping done. I bought a present in honor of you to give away to someone else.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I wrapped my presents, felt good enough about that to get out my pictures again and remembered things that made me feel good.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas I thanked you for being you and I smiled. "I did it, I made it through Christmas and I'm proud of myself," then I watched Oprah. ❄️



### School Supplies

My K-6 grade school is the recipient of the collection of school supplies. I sent an email to the teachers informing them that the Hinsdale Bereaved Parents group had donated school supplies for our students. I relayed that the group likes to purchase supplies in the fall because it helps them feel better. I asked the teachers to observe and let me know who are the really needy kids in their classroom. Then I qualified that as monetarily needy, not attention needy. We discussed the students during the quarter and agreed upon names. I made up the bags composed of one of each item. I sharpened and kept the pencils for my apron pocket to use for those who never have a pencil. I attached the students' names to the bags and placed them in their lockers. I told the teachers that I want to remain anonymous. Tell them that Santa came early or they won a raffle or it's the night before Veteran's Day. An example of students selected is Leonel and his sisters, Natalie and Eileen. They never have supplies each year. He used his birthday money to buy his two younger sisters' school pictures. Mom works and doesn't have the money to buy anything.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed school supplies!

Suzi Scott, Kate Pranno's mom ❄️

### Thank You

Adel Gianfortune made a book donation to our Chapter Library, in loving memory of her son, Frank Gianfortune Jr. Thank you, Adel. ❄️

*Our Children, Loved Missed and Remembered - Anniversaries and birthdays are difficult for bereaved parents and families. In the days ahead, may we lovingly remember these children and send our prayers, love and support to their parents and families*

**Alan Schroeder - 22**  
Oct 11, 1985 - Dec 04, 2007  
Joan & John Schroeder

**Brandon Hardy - 22**  
Aug 13, 1980 - Dec 28, 2002  
Auto Accident  
Don & Celeste Hardy

**Chris Marie Longo - 18**  
Dec 21, 1951 - Sep 26, 1970  
Brain Aneurysm  
Anthony & Margery Longo

**Daniel M. Schedler - 23**  
Dec 16, 1969 - Apr 06, 1993  
Auto Accident  
Tom & Judeen Schedler

**Daniel Stoothoff - 34**  
Jun 03, 1970 - Dec 07, 2004  
Car Crash  
Sally Stoothoff

**Elizabeth Anne Barrett - 15 1/2**  
Dec 29, 1976 - Jun 29, 1992  
Hit by Van  
Kay & Phil Barrett

**Eric Fitzpatrick Bucholz - 19**  
Jun 26, 1974 - Dec 24, 1993  
Electrocution  
Sue Bucholz

**Frank Gianfortune Jr - 19**  
Aug 01, 1968 - Dec 06, 1987  
Auto Accident  
Ms. Adel Gianfortune

**Garrett Joel Zaagman - 7**  
Mar 04, 1976 - Dec 09, 1983  
Spinal Meningitis  
Dirk & Florence Zaagman

**Jessica Louise Lang - 23**  
Mar 03, 1980 - Dec 12, 2003  
Heroin Overdose  
Kristine Lang

**Mariana Tunstall - 8**  
Dec 29, 1999 - Jul 16, 2008  
E-Coli  
Keith & Kristena Tunstall

**Martin K. Adams - 42**  
Dec 11, 1960 - Jan 06, 2003  
Marge & Bill Adams

**Marty Sobanski (Brother) - 28**  
Dec 08, 1961 - Sep 05, 1990  
Seizure Disorder  
Helen Sobanski-Hennessey

**Nicholas Carl Pica - 21**  
Dec 12, 1984 - Jul 13, 2006  
Sudden Cardiac Death  
Jane & Jerry Pica

**Noah Michael Cichorski - 2 1/2**  
Jun 24, 2001 - Dec 16, 2003  
Head Injury (Cause Unknown)  
Jeannine Cichorski

**Rachel Krueger - 21**  
Dec 29, 1986 - Sep 23, 2008  
Pulmonary Embolism  
Jim Krueger & Rose Martino-Krueger

**Ryan James Moravcik - 21**  
Jan 07, 1980 - Dec 31, 2001  
Suicide  
James & Lucille Moravcik

**Sarah Lynn Moore - 5**  
Dec 18, 1998 - Mar 31, 2004  
Surgical Complications  
Susan Moore

**Scott Wesolowski - 18**  
Dec 13, 1984 - Apr 08, 2003  
Drug Overdose  
Sue Berger

**Sean Howard Anderson - 17**  
Feb 22, 1983 - Dec 05, 2000  
Suicide  
Maureen & Russ Anderson

**William "Bill" Collins - 24**  
Nov 15, 1965 - Dec 24, 1989  
Auto Accident, Hit & Run  
Sue Collins

**Bryce Stack - 30**  
Jan 26, 1979 - Jul 24, 2009  
Accidental Overdose  
Trish DeBauche

**Dana Samuel - 32**  
Apr 07, 1970 - Jan 23, 2003  
Asphyxiation  
Lana Samuel

**Denise Dubois - 38**  
Feb 12, 1960 - Jan 02, 1999  
Cancer/Suicide  
Janet & Bernie Finnigan

**Gerrick Davies - 18**  
Jan 21, 1986 - Feb 09, 2004  
Murdered  
Diane Davies

**Heather Kasl - 3**  
Nov 26, 1990 - Jan 17, 1994  
P.N.E.T. Brain Tumor  
Dave & Juliet Kasl

**Heather Runge - 6 Wks.**  
Nov 21, 1989 - Jan 04, 1990  
Neuroblastoma  
Sandy Sand

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**Jeffrey Anderson - 17**

Jan 28, 1981 - May 25, 1998  
Asphyxiation  
John & Irene Anderson

**Jeffrey Scott Caccavari - 34**

Jan 16, 1967 - May 10, 2001  
Unknown  
Dominic & Karen Caccavari

**Matthew Swett - 25**

Jan 07, 1979 - Jan 25, 2003  
Accident  
Keith & Jean Swett

**Patrick Vincent DeMauro - 19**

Jan 28, 1982 - Aug 29, 2001  
Car Accident  
Vincent & Debbie DeMauro

**Renee Michelle Saban - 21**

Jan 07, 1964 - Apr 05, 1985  
Auto Accident  
Jackie & Joe Saban

**Rolanda L. Marshall - 14**

Jan 08, 1979 - Sep 06, 1993  
Homicide  
Alice T. Norris

**Ryan Vesely - 17**

Oct 03, 1974 - Jan 18, 1992  
Auto Accident  
Stan & Val Vesely

## Just a note to...

**Celeste, Brandon, Jim, Kathryn, Ken, Matt, Mike, Michael, Nick, Patrick, Paula, Rachel, Ryan, Sara, and Tim...**

You can be very proud of your parents today. Although the pain of losing you has often been overwhelming, your Moms and Dads have worked very hard to provide a support system to other more newly bereaved parents.

Editing, stamping and mailing newsletters, sending cards, making coffee, planning programs, organizing fund raisers, paying the bills, hosting dinners, updating the database, planning Candlelightings and balloon launches, and picnics and butterfly releases, maintaining a library... numerous tasks, behind the scenes, to keep our Bereaved Parents Chapter running.

Remembering you is easy; choosing to help other parents remember their children can be very painful. And yet, they have chosen to be there for the new parent who walks through the door.

You can be as proud of your parents as they are of you! 🙏

- Donna Corrigan



**Bereaved Parents of the USA  
Hinsdale Chapter**  
Cordially invites you to attend our  
**Annual Candlelight Observance of  
National Children's Memorial Day**  
**Sunday, December 13, 2009**  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**First & Park Streets, Hinsdale, IL**

Program 7:00 PM  Doors open 6:30 PM

This invitation is extended to parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members who wish to join in honoring the memory of a beloved child at this special time of the year.

During this observance, the name of each child will be read aloud. In addition, for those wishing to submit a photo (5"x7" or smaller), their child's picture will be shown as his or her name is read aloud. If you have submitted a photo in the past, please indicate your permission to have the photo shown again this year. This year 2 1/2" photo buttons of the picture displayed in the slide show will be available the night of the Candlelighting. They are \$2.00 each. **Note: the quality of the picture submitted is very important for transfer to the slide show/buttons.**

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the candlelight observance. You are welcome to bring your child's favorite treat to share. There will be special tables set up for pictures. Feel free to bring a picture or remembrance of your child to display. If you submitted a photo to be shown during the candle lighting, you may pick it up at the end of the evening.

Kindly fill out and return the attached registration form. This will help us to plan for seating, refreshments, candles and reading of the names. If you are unable to attend, but wish to have your child's name read aloud, please indicate on the return form. **Send photos to: Bob & Carol Gordon, 7717 Williams St., Darien, IL 60561-4429 (630) 971-9472. Or e-mail photos to: [FLASH22504@comcast.net](mailto:FLASH22504@comcast.net) (Email is the best way to submit photos.)**

**PLEASE RESPOND BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009 ~ DEADLINE FOR PHOTOS**

**Return Form for Children's Memorial Day Candlelight Observance**

**Return to: Bereaved Parents USA, c/o Bob & Carol Gordon, 7717 Williams St., Darien, IL 60561-4429**

First name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

Last name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

First & last names of parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How many people will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Of those, how many bereaved siblings (for special candles) \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a picture \_\_\_\_\_ I will send a picture \_\_\_\_\_ I will e-mail a picture \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to use a photo previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Photo buttons requested (\$2 each) \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations to help defray costs are gratefully appreciated**

*27th Annual Sale*  
**HOLIDAY CARDS for 2009**

**ORDER FORM**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ Pkgs. Holiday Cards (20 cards/pkg)	<b>\$12.00</b>	\$ _____
<b>NOTE:</b> 10% discount for orders of <u>10 or more</u> packages	<b>Discount</b>	- \$ _____
<b>NOTE:</b> 15% discount for orders of <u>15 or more</u> packages paid for with a <u>check from a non-profit group</u>	<b>Discount</b>	- \$ _____
<b>Postage and Handling:</b> \$4.50 for the first package .50 each additional package	<b>Postage***</b>	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

\*\*\*Note: We can not ship cards without the correct postage. Take only one discount.

The Hinsdale Chapter is very pleased to offer our cards this year for the same price as we did in 2003.  
*Our card price and postage rate have remained the same since 2003*  
 despite increases in the price of paper, ink and postage.

**Make check payable to:** Bereaved Parents of the USA

**Charge my order to:** VISA or MC (circle one) Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Name on card (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date

**SHIP ORDER TO**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

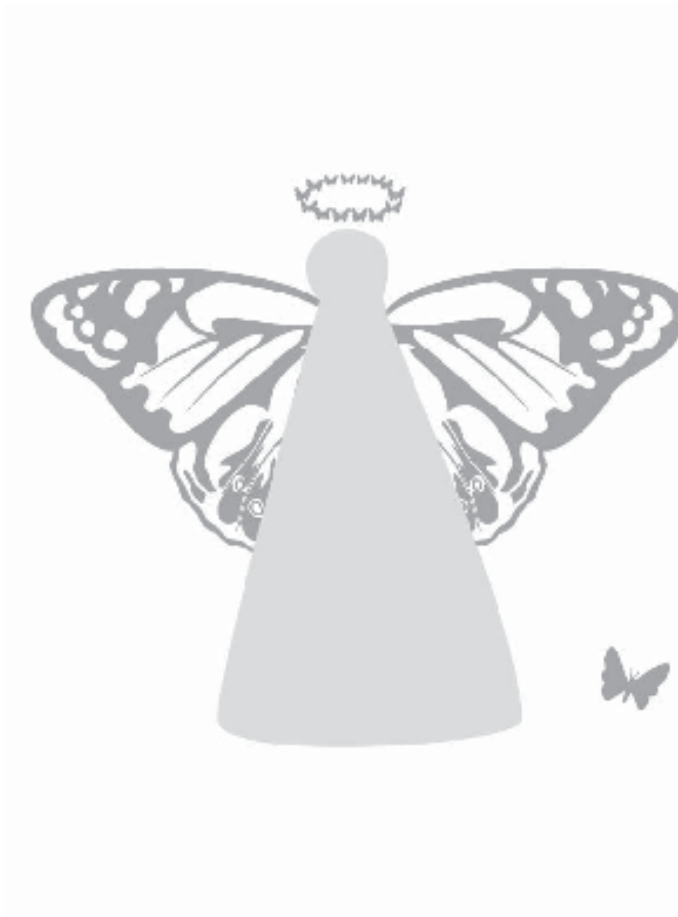
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This is a general holiday greeting card with special meaning for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents, as well as those who support them.

This card depicts a snow angel. The angel's beautiful and airy butterfly wings are embossed in blue, as well as the halo of butterflies above the angel's head.

In the center, the outline of the snow angel is embossed in an off-white color—the color of snow.

The snow angel is genderless—it's up to the beholder to decide whether it is a girl or boy angel.

Printed on high-quality paper, the actual size of the card is 4-1/2" x 6". The cards come in packages of 20 with matching envelopes.

The message printed on the inside bottom front of the card:

In Memory of Our Children

The message printed on the inside of the card:

*Wishing you  
a season filled with peaceful memories  
carried forever in your heart.*

The acknowledgement printed on the back of the card:

Proceeds from the sale of this card benefit  
Bereaved Parents of the USA/Hinsdale Chapter  
(a nationwide support group for bereaved  
parents, siblings and grandparents)  
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## BEREAVED PARENTS OF THE USA – HINSDALE CHAPTER: 2010 PROGRAMS

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<b>February 5</b>	Panel of Bereaved Parents – Ask questions of bereaved parents further down the road in their grief journeys
<b>March 5</b>	“I Can’t Believe You Said That” – Share comments heard after our child died and our reactions to those comments – Words can hurt as well as heal
<b>April 9</b>	Butterfly Gardening – Growing Hope – Donna Corrigan will facilitate this program
<b>May 7</b>	Preserving, storing & organizing pictures of your child, also website design. Jerry Schulman will facilitate this program
<b>June 4</b>	Balloon Release; also cut out & decorate the Gathering design in memory of your child
<b>June 27</b>	Picnic and Butterfly Release at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Westmont
<b>July 9</b>	Watch a DVD of Becky Russell’s talk: “10 Things I Learned About Grief”
<b>August 6</b>	Small Groups: Break into small groups to discuss certain topics; Also School Supplies (If you choose, purchase school supplies in memory of your child to be donated to a local charity)
<b>September 10</b>	Holiday Cards – annual chapter project
<b>October 1</b>	What kinds of masks do we wear? Have you felt the need to survive your grief by wearing a mask?
<b>November 5</b>	Pot Luck Dinner & Guest Speaker
<b>December 3</b>	Love Never Dies (If you choose, purchase a gift and share a memory of your child – unwrapped gifts are donated to a local charity)
<b>December 12</b>	Candlelight Remembrance of National Children’s Memorial Day

## From Your Editor...

Thinking back to my first Bereaved Parents meeting I remember how it made our son's death real. When Brandon died it felt surreal, like a nightmare where we were the only parents who had ever experienced a child's death. When we walked into our first meeting in early 2003 and shook hands with real people whose children had also died, Brandon's death became real. As we listened to others and saw hope masking the sadness in their eyes we realized we were NOT alone.

Children have been dying since the beginning of human existence but it was not real to US until OUR child died. We walked into a different dimension where life is not orderly, where children die before their parents. These 'other' bereaved parents existed before but they were not real, they were someone else, somewhere else.

You are all an inspiration to me. At our November meeting we were lucky to have Rob Anderson as our guest speaker. An 'experienced' grief traveler, Rob is an inspiration as he shares what he has learned along the way. He has learned not to let the tragedy of his son's murder take hold of him. He encourages us to find positive ways to remember our children and the eternal love that we share with them.

This is a tough time of the year for many of us. During this time it is a good idea to use the positive survival methods that work for you, e.g. go for a walk, pray, lend a hand to someone else, watch a funny movie, write down your thoughts, come to a BP meeting, etc. A gentle, positive way to remember your child this December is to come to the Candlelighting on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

*May you find inspiration and peace during this season.*

## PANACHÉ

November 5, 2009

By Keith Swett, Matt's dad  
Seymour, WI

While I was working out the other day, the pastor asked how I was doing with Matt's death. Raised in a German family who would say they were fine if their arm was falling off, I was of course fine. But the question raised some interesting thoughts. If you mean am I eating, sleeping, exercising more normally, I am. If you mean do I cry less and laugh more, I do. If you are asking if I've reached closure, the answer is another story.

Several years ago, I was teasing the quarterback that he should try softball. The girls could help his throwing motion. In response, he tossed me a pass. As the ball sped towards me, I raised my right hand to catch the pass. Bam, the ball hit me in the face. I'd forgotten that my right arm was frozen.

Now, I'm not crazy. If I'd been filling out forms in the doctor's office, I would have included a frozen right shoulder, but my actual reaction was to use the arm which wasn't there anymore.

That's where I am with Matt. I still get the urge to call and talk wrestling. I start to write him a note describing class. When we beat L-C, I had to share the night with him. When Laura passed her nursing test, I couldn't wait to share. Matt is very much a part of my daily life. I'm not crazy. The only hugs I get are from my memory, but Matt will always be a part of me. Buddhists understand. We all share multiple planes and although Matt's body is gone, we are joined at many overlapping levels. Frost said, "The grave is lovely, dark, and deep, but I have miles to go before I sleep, miles to go before I sleep." Someday we will share all planes.

Today, I'm better. ☘☘

## 2010 National Gathering

The next annual Bereaved Parents of the USA National Gathering will be held July 9 through 11, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. Little Rock is only a short drive from Hot Springs, the largest tourist area in the state.

The 2010 Gathering committee is busy meeting and planning for a great gathering. They are looking at previous workshops and searching new ideas to provide uplifting and healing moments.

Make plans now to attend the Gathering and experience new hope along your grief journey. #



## “A Journey Together: Hinsdale Chapter BP/USA”

The Hinsdale Chapter newsletter is compiled, stamped and mailed by volunteers, in loving memory of our children. There is no charge to receive it. If you would like to submit content to be considered for inclusion in a future newsletter, please email the newsletter editor, celeste\_hardy@hotmail.com.

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## Address Changes/Corrections

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## Steering Committee

Our chapter is run by a volunteer steering committee that meets periodically during the year to discuss future meeting programs, fund raising, member involvement, our library and other pertinent issues. Interested in sharing your time and talent? ....contact a member listed below:

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	Rose Martino-Krueger	(847) 451-4870

## Chapter Library

We maintain a large lending library of books and tapes of interest to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents. These resources are available to check out at each meeting to be returned at the following meeting, if possible. Donations of books are always gratefully accepted, and acknowledged in the newsletter. If you are no longer attending meetings regularly and come across a book at home that belongs to our library, please **mail it** to us at the reduced **“media rate”** to: **PO Box 703, Hinsdale IL 60522-0703**. You can contact our Librarian, Suzy Scott at [suzyart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzyart@sbcglobal.net) or (630) 985-0394.

## Telephone Friends

When you have a need to talk to another bereaved parent, these members are available to listen:

Val Vesely	(630) 469-9584
Donna Corrigan	(630) 279-6148
Marge Humbert	(815) 609-4151
Jim Moravcik (suicide)	(630) 904-9094

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Seasons

by Eloise Cole

My life has known the change of many seasons.  
 I have experienced the spring of life.  
 Love fresh and new and bright with promise.  
 I have come to know the warmth of a family’s  
 laughter.

Life’s way has taken me through the change of fall  
 and winter storms of challenges and pain.  
 Through the seasons your love has been with me.

I am now faced with new seasons of change.  
 Pain filled is our parting.  
 Goodbye a word I can hardly stand.  
 Yet, I know that as I continue along life’s way, the  
 light of your love and the gift of your memory will be  
 my warmth and strength.  
 Your gift of love will remain.

I know I will move through the seasons of pain and  
 challenge with your memory locked safely within my  
 heart.

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