



A Journey Together: Hinsdale Chapter Bereaved Parents of the USA

www.bpusahinsdale.org

October - November 2010

*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)*

Thank You for the School Supplies

Dear Fellow Bereaved Parents,

I want to thank you for your massive amount of school supplies! For your information, here is what I counted when I went into school and unpacked all of it....that is, went into my new art room! Our school has doubled in size, with the new addition.

I will prepare 'goody bags' and place one of each item in each bag and will place the bags in the lockers of the neediest children. I will obtain a 'neediest children list' from each of the teachers, based upon their observations. The items which we have fewer in number will be placed in my good behavior raffle to be selected by the winners.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I think we will tell the children that Santa stopped by when he heard they were starting school. I don't tell the recipients where the bag comes from because I don't want the non-recipients to feel slighted.

Sincerely,
Art Teacher Suzi

Donations

68 spiral notebooks (various sizes)
60 folders and three-ring folders
13 three-ring binders
2 art sketchbooks
30 pairs of scissors
16 zippered pencil pockets
13 pencil boxes
435 pencils
10 lead pencils with grips
22 pink erasers
50 pencil top erasers
150 blue, black and red pens
4 book covers
3 sets of colored pencils
6 hi-liters
4 expo whiteboard markers
10 pkg of index cards
16 rulers
1 clipboard

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Friday, October 1 - Monthly Chapter Meeting: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM - Masks, How Do We Protect Ourselves From the Pain? Gain insight into how we uniquely mourn our children

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Monday, October 18 - Steering Committee Meeting: 6:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran. We will continue planning for 2011.

Friday, November 5 - Monthly Chapter Meeting: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner featuring Kelly Farley, Bereaved Father - www.GrievingDads.com Please RSVP

Wednesday, November 10 - Ladies' Night Out:
Meet at Bailey's in Westmont at 6:30 PM

Friday, December 3 - Monthly Chapter Meeting: 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Love Never Dies (If you choose, purchase a gift and share a memory of your child - unwrapped gifts are donated to a local charity).

Friday, December 10 - Holiday Craft Meeting:
7:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran with George Ragusa

Sunday, December 12 - Annual Candlelighting - 7:00 PM; doors open at 6:30 PM Candlelight Remembrance of National Children's Memorial Day. Please RSVP.

1 locker shelf
4 sharpie, permanent markers
2 watercolor sets
20 boxes of crayons
27 boxes of colored markers
21 bottles of white glue
25 glue sticks
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
12 pkg of notebook paper
1 pkg of graph paper



Love Gifts

A Love Gift is a donation to the chapter in memory of your child, grandchild or sibling. All Love Gifts are gratefully acknowledged in the newsletter accompanied by wording exactly as the donor submits. BP/USA is a national non-profit organization therefore; all donations to the chapter are tax deductible as allowed by law.

When mailing in a love gift, **please include your child's name, your address** and any other info you would like in your love gift message. Please make your check payable to: **BP/USA Hinsdale** and **mail it to arrive by the 10th** of the month prior to the upcoming newsletter. The newsletter is published every other month. Mail to:

**BP/USA Hinsdale Chapter
PO Box 703
Hinsdale IL 60522**

**Thank You for your continued support of
Bereaved Parents of the USA - Hinsdale Chapter.**

Bereaved Parents of the USA is a self-help support group which is run entirely by volunteers who are also bereaved parents. The volunteers are a little further down the road in their grief and can give back to the chapter by helping with the many jobs it takes to keep the chapter running. This makes it possible for new bereaved parents to see survival and hope when they walk through the door of their first meeting.

Love Gifts

***In loving memory of our son & brother
Bobby Vargas
October 8, 1972 until October 26, 1988***

We will love you,
miss you,
remember you,
always -

Love,
Mom & David
Susan Vargas & David Vargas

Love Gifts

***In loving memory of our wonderful daughter,
Paula Lynn Yarberry VanHorn
October 3, 1968 until October 27, 2006***

"Your absence has gone through me
Like thread through a needle
Everything I do is stitched with its color."
~ W.S. Merwin

Dearest Girl,
It's hard to believe it's been almost four years since you left us....not an hour goes by that I don't miss you....your wise counsel, your thoughtfulness, the way you could find humor in anything and everything. I handled life so much better when you were just a phone call away! I am so proud of the woman you turned out to be, and I'm trying hard to "be the willow...."

Love always & forever,
MamaSama and Bry
Sally and Bryan Yarberry

***In loving memory of
Mike Seaney
February 24, 1951 until September 23, 1995***

Mike:
We lost our favorite pet, Wally, this year. He was just 28, much too young to die, like you. I hope you, Dad and he are all together again – laughing and happy to be together again.

Love,
Your mom
(Who will always miss you,
but this 15th year is very hard.)
Vernadene Tolaman

***As always, this newsletter is compiled in loving
memory of our precious children.***

♥ ♥ ♥ Love Gifts (continued) ♥ ♥ ♥



**Happy 40th Birthday Tom
In Loving Memory of
Thomas A. Walsh Jr.
October 16, 1970 until July 20, 2003**

Happy 40th Birthday Tom!
How in life we never ever could imagine not spending this
milestone with you.

Having a huge birthday for your one & only 40th!

Some days it feels like only days, others like forever since
we got to see you and hear you and all your funny jokes &
see your silly smirk.

How much more gray hair would you have by now?
How many more happy wonderful memories could have
been made?

Would you be in the house & happy there by now?
Would you maybe in that slim chance be married and have
a baby that you always said you would never do?

All the unanswered questions and things that you & your
grieving family will never know keep wondering from pain of
this deep hurting hole that is always wondering & longing
with love & missing you so.

Tom you are forever in our hearts and souls for eternity!!!!

Have a Happy 40th Birthday in heaven!! (My big brother)

Tom Tom you're still my special birthday present that will
never change. I'll carry you in my broken heart forever.
You're my one and only son that will never change. I know
your spirit is still around us and I thank you.

So Happy 40th Birthday my baby boy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
You and your great grandpa Ollie celebrate your birthdays
in heaven. And we will celebrate it here for now till we're
together again. (Love you Mom)

Love always & forever,
Mom, Kevin, Grandma Dolly, Dad,
Tracy, Lauren, Riley & Dimitri
Karen Richards



HINSDALE CHAPTER WEBSITE:

Both the calendar and the newsletter are
available on the Hinsdale Chapter website at:
<http://www.bpusahinsdale.org/>

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the
new attendees at our recent meetings. We hope you
were able to take home at least a small glimmer of
hope.

New attendees:

- ♥ Karen Rich, mother of **Dennis Rich**
- ♥ Lori & Rob Chana, parents of **Cameron L. Chana**
- ♥ Geri Ploskonka, mother of **Donna Hark**
- ♥ Janet Schar, mother of **Adam Schar**

While we are very sorry for the reason you are here,
we are glad that you found us. ☙☙

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stamped and mailed by volunteers, in loving memory
of our children. There is no charge to receive it.

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Address Changes

Please send address or information changes to
Angelo Tomasello at angelotomasello@comcast.net.

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. If you 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 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 |

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

Bobby Vargas - 16
Oct 08, 1972 - Oct 26, 1988
Auto Accident
Susan Vargas

Cindy Cebzynski - 21
Oct 18, 1983 - Nov 07, 2004
Victim of a Drunk Driver
Pam & Bob Cebzynski

Donna Hark - 48
Oct 28, 1961 - Feb 08, 2010
Pulmonary Hypertension
Geraldine Ploskonka

Frank Knapczyk, Jr. - 25
Mar 28, 1967 - Oct 24, 1992
Electrocution
Barbara & Frank Knapczyk

Kerri L. Gartner - 22
Sep 09, 1981 - Oct 24, 2003
Auto Accident
Ervin & Kathleen Gartner

Matthew Lane - 27
Mar 08, 1978 - Oct 10, 2005
Car Accident
Joylin Lane

Michael Atella - 60
Oct 11, 1949 - Sep 12, 2008
Heart Attack
Edna Atella

Natalie Anne Ragusa - 27
Oct 24, 1975 - Mar 04, 2003
Car Accident
George Ragusa

Paula L Van Horn - 38
Oct 03, 1968 - Oct 27, 2006
Sepsis
Sally Yarberry

Robert Conway - 15
May 12, 1975 - Oct 22, 1990
Hit by Van while Bike Riding
Rose Conway

Roseanne Strick - 22
Feb 27, 1969 - Oct 14, 1991
Brain Aneurysm/Heart Attack/Car
Accident
Ilse Strick

Ryan Vesely - 17
Oct 03, 1974 - Jan 18, 1992
Auto Accident
Stan & Val Vesely

Susan G. Gabrielsen - 31
Apr 18, 1963 - Oct 14, 1994
Breast Cancer
Patricia Jacobi

Thomas A Walsh Jr - 32
Oct 16, 1970 - Jul 20, 2003
Unknown
Karen Richards

Adam Schar - 33
Nov 23, 1976 - Jul 18, 2010
Accidental Death
Janet Schar

Aidan Samuel Wood - 4
Jul 17, 2003 - Nov 30, 2007
House Fire
Michelle & Ian Wood

Amanda Aadson - 20
Apr 08, 1981 - Nov 25, 2001
Car Accident
Mary Jo Sullivan

Celeste Tomasello - 17
Apr 20, 1982 - Nov 05, 1999
Accidental Fall
Linda & Angelo Tomasello

Christopher Kavanagh - 25
Sep 23, 1984 - Nov 15, 2009
Undetermined
Sherri Kavanagh



David Horn - 7
Aug 05, 1973 - Nov 20, 1980
Leukemia
Russ & Linda Horn

Emily Nylec - 9
Mar 14, 1995 - Nov 14, 2004
Single Engine Plane Crash
Jena Nylec

Glenn Patrick Beach - 31
Nov 07, 1960 - Feb 16, 1992
Murdered
John & Grace Beach

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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

Matthew Frank - 17

Nov 09, 1989 - Feb 11, 2007
Auto Accident
Scott & Donna Dwyer

Megan Elisabeth Peters - 23

Nov 26, 1980 - Aug 31, 2004
Drug Overdose
Kathleen Peters

Michael Walter Schulman - 28

Apr 21, 1978 - Nov 28, 2006
Traffic Accident
Jerry, Mary, Melissa, Jonathon, & Katie Schulman

Paul Moore - 10

Nov 04, 1982 - Jun 08, 1994
Drunk Driver
Don & Julie Moore

Sarah Marie Fink - 3 1/2 Mos.

Jul 11, 1977 - Nov 02, 1977
SIDS
Sue & Garry Fink

Steven Glosky - 23

Feb 16, 1972 - Nov 13, 1995
Suicide
Judy & Danny Glosky

Thomas (Tommy John) Adams - 35

Feb 12, 1966 - Nov 04, 2001
Marge & Bill Adams

Timothy Kuzmicki - 16

Mar 07, 1986 - Nov 13, 2002
Motorcycle/Auto Collision
Kathy Kuzmicki

William "Bill" Collins - 24

Nov 15, 1965 - Dec 24, 1989
Auto Accident, Hit & Run
Sue Collins



A Gift

from "The Slender Thread" by Shirley Cognard Ottman

When grief is new and pain is one's constant companion, it is difficult to function in normal patterns. The world seems out of sync. Any comfort is small and fleeting. Even the best minds can temporarily be crippled by an overwhelming sense of loss. Sometimes in the agony of our loved one's death, we rant at the injustice we bear and attempt to fix blame on someone—anyone—even God—as if our children were our own personal property wrongfully stolen from us.

Eventually, of course, pain recedes and rational thought and behavior return. Then choices become available. We may continue to view our plight as a loss of personal property, but to do so invites habitual bitterness. The better alternative is to realize the enormous gift of love encompassed in our loved one's life. To remember this gift and to cherish it enables us to rebuild our own lives and to find new purpose and meaning within this mystery called life. 🌿

Potluck Dinner

Friday, November 5

Doors Open at 7:00 PM - Dinner at 7:30PM

Program begins at 8:30PM

Please come join us for food & fellowship. We all need a night out, especially before the holiday rush begins. Hope to see you there! The Chapter provides chicken, beverages and table settings. Bring your child's favorite dish if you wish, or another special item sure to be enjoyed by all!

Please bring a dish (serving for 8) based on your last name:

If your last name begins with **A-R** - please bring a **side dish or salad**

If your last name begins with **S-Z** - please bring a **dessert**

Our Special Guest Speaker will be Kelly Farley - "The Grieving Dads.com Project"

Kelly is a bereaved father who has suffered the loss of two children and has started the Grieving Dads.com Project. The project is designed to reach out to all bereaved dads and to provide a conduit to share their stories. Kelly hopes to bring awareness to the impacts that child loss has on fathers and to let society know that it's okay for a father to grieve the loss of a child. A father shouldn't have to hide his pain or feel ashamed to show his emotions.

If you are unable to come for dinner, please feel free to arrive at 8:15 and join us in listening to Kelly Farley. Siblings (high school age or older) are encouraged to attend.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 1st to Donna Corrigan at (630) 279-6148 or e-mail silks6@aol.com



**Bereaved Parents of the USA
Hinsdale Chapter**
Cordially invites you to attend our
**Annual Candlelight Observance of
National Children's Memorial Day**



Sunday, December 12, 2010
Redeemer Lutheran Church
First & Park Streets, Hinsdale, IL

Program 7:00 p.m. ♥ Doors open 6:30 p.m.

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 out loud. In addition, for those wishing to submit a photo (5x7 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.

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.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the candlelight observance. You are welcome to bring your child's favorite treat to share. 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.

**Send photos to: Bob & Carol Gordon, 7717 Williams St., Darien, IL 60561-4429 (630) 971-9472
or e-mail photos to: FLASH22504@comcast.net**

Deadline for photos, 5x7 or smaller: Friday, Dec. 3, 2010

Return Form for Children's Memorial Day Candlelight Observance

Please respond by Friday, December 3, 2010

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 _____

I have enclosed a picture _____ I will send a picture _____ I will e-mail a picture _____

I give permission to use a photo I previously submitted _____

Donations to help defray costs are gratefully appreciated



2010 Holiday Card

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

This year's card features a delicate, white bell embossed in the center of a pastel blue background. A large lacey butterfly rest gently on its crown and 3 butterflies encircle the bell's waist.

Printed on high-quality paper, the actual size of the card is 4" x 6." The card comes 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
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HOLIDAY CARDS for 2010**ORDER FORM**

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ Pkgs.	Holiday Cards (20 cards/pkg)	\$13.00	\$ _____
NOTE:	10% discount for orders of <u>10 or more</u> packages	Discount	- \$ _____
NOTE:	15% discount for orders of <u>15 or more</u> packages paid for with a <u>check from a non-profit group</u>	Discount	- \$ _____
Postage and Handling: \$5.00 for the first package		Postage***	\$ _____
	.50 each additional package	TOTAL	\$ _____

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

Make check payable to : Bereaved Parents of the USA

Charge my order to: VISA or MC (circle one) Acct# _____

Name on credit card (print clearly)

Exp. Date

SHIP ORDER TO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/State _____ **Zip Code** _____

PHONE Area code (_____) _____

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For more information, call Rose Krueger at 847-208-5620 or email rainbows67@sbcglobal.net

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All-Occasion Card



This is an all-occasion card with special meaning for bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents as well as those who support them.

The front of the card is a field of flowers, heavily embossed in the foreground with lighter embossing toward the back giving the effect of a garden that seems to go on forever. On one of the flower heads sits a lovely, lacy butterfly. The flowers, depicted here in black and white, are embossed white-on-white. The only color on the card is the stunning periwinkle blue butterfly.

The card is blank inside.

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

Acknowledgment on the back of the card:

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ALL OCCASION CARD

ORDER FORM

* NOTE: Holiday and All Occasion card postage may be combined on one order form!

<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Pkgs. All Occasion Cards (20 cards/pkg)	\$6.00	\$ _____
NOTE:	10% discount for orders of <u>10 or more</u> packages	Discount	- \$ _____
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*(See postage note at top of order form)

Make check payable to : Bereaved Parents of the USA

Charge my order to: VISA or MC (circle one) Acct# _____

Name on credit card (print clearly) Exp. Date

SHIP ORDER TO

NAME _____

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December

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December 12	Annual Candlelighting - 7:00 PM; Candlelight Remembrance of National Children's Memorial Day.



Autumn

by Lily de Lauder, Van Nuys, CA

The fall
When amber leaves are shed,
Softly - silently
Like tears that wait to flow,
I watch and grieve.
My heart beats sadly
In the fall;
It's then I miss you
Most of all.

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