



October – November - December 2015

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

### Bereaved Parents of the USA Mission:

We, as bereaved parents, help grieving parents and families rebuild their lives following the death of a child.

*Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM for greeting and fellowship.  
First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, Illinois  
Eleanor Byrne (708-485-6160) and Sally Yarberry (708-560-0393), Chapter Co-Leaders*

## Expectations

*by Donna Corrigan, Matthew's mom*

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 cannot.

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 inconsistent.

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.

Purchase a toy in memory of your child and bring it to our Dec 1st meeting; it will probably be painful to shop in the holiday crowds but wouldn't your kid

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### **Tuesday, October 6 - Monthly Chapter Meeting:**

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Open discussion

#### **Tuesday, November 3 - Monthly Chapter Meeting &**

**Potluck Dinner:** 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Chicken & beverages will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert (to serve 8) to share. Please RSVP by Nov. 1 to Sally at 708-738-0396 or [psyrbrry@hotmail.com](mailto:psyrbrry@hotmail.com)

#### **Tuesday, November 5 - Ladies Night Out:**

6:00 PM Rockwood Tap House 3131 Finley Road in Downers Grove

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7:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Children's Gifts - Bring an unwrapped gift in honor of your child and share each gift's significance. The gifts will be donated to underprivileged children

#### **Sunday, December 6 - Candle Lighting Program:**

Doors open 6:30 PM; Program at 7:00 PM. Please RSVP. See additional information in this newsletter

love knowing you are making someone else happy?

I would strongly encourage you to accept the invitation to light candles with our Bereaved Parents Chapter on December 6th; it is a peaceful interlude where we can share the brightness of our children's lives during the holiday season. You can expect it to be a safe place....

*Reprinted from the December 2010 - January 2011 edition of this newsletter, with dates and content adjusted for relevance.*

## BP/USA Chicagoland 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.

If you feel that you are ready to give back to the Chapter and would like to volunteer your time and talent, please contact the Chapter Co-Leaders Eleanor or Sally.

Chapter Co-Leaders:

Eleanor Byrne (708) 485-6160

Sally Yarberry (708) 560-0393

[psyrbrry@hotmail.com](mailto:psyrbrry@hotmail.com)



## ♥ ♥ ♥ Love Gifts ♥ ♥ ♥

A Love Gift is a donation to the chapter in memory of your child, grandchild or sibling. A financial contribution in any amount is appreciated. 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. Make your check payable to: **BP/USA Chicagoland** and mail it to arrive **by the 10<sup>th</sup>** of the month prior to the upcoming newsletter. **The newsletter is published quarterly.**

Mail your check to:

**Bereaved Parents of the USA  
Chicagoland Chapter  
P.O. Box 320  
Western Springs, IL 60558**

It is also recommended that you email your love gift message to [psyrbrry@hotmail.com](mailto:psyrbrry@hotmail.com).

*Thank You!*



## Holiday Cards Available

It turns out we had more Bereaved Parents Holiday Cards than we thought, so we're able to offer them again this year. The cards are an assorted package of previous favorites including a wreath, an ornament, a bell, and an angel (five cards of each design). The butterfly, our symbol of hope, is uniquely featured on each of the cards.

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

Printed on high-quality paper, the actual size of the card is 4"x 6". The card comes in packages of 20 assorted cards with matching envelopes. The order form is available on our chapter website. ♣♣

## HELP NEEDED TO REBUILD CHAPTER LENDING LIBRARY

Due to storage constraints, our chapter has not been able to display our Lending Library ever since we changed locations in 2013. Now, thanks to a generous donation from Nancy Butler, in honor of her son Dr. Phillip Butler, we have purchased a library-style book cart that can be wheeled into our meeting room each month.

As it's been awhile since there was any point in purchasing new books, we have compiled a Wish List of recently-published books. Please consider purchasing and donating a book from our Wish List, or making a donation allowing us to purchase a book to include in our Lending Library.

All donated books will display a sticker with the name of the donor and the name of the child in whose honor the book was donated. **Please contact Sally for a list of titles: [psyrbrry@hotmail.com](mailto:psyrbrry@hotmail.com); 708-738-0396**

## Welcome

Bereaved Parents Chicagoland Chapter extends a warm welcome to the new attendees at our recent meetings. We know it is difficult to come to your first meeting.

New attendees:

♥ Mary McBride, mother of **Riley**

♥ Brian & Sharon O'Malley, parents of **Kevin**

We are very sorry for the reason you are here, but we are glad that you found us. ♣♣

♥ ♥ ♥ Love Gifts ♥ ♥ ♥



*In loving memory of  
Matt Corrigan  
July 4, 1977 until August 12, 1991*

When asked what is the most important thing you have learned about life Robert Frost replied, "Life goes on." As bereaved parents it is sometimes hard to believe this simple truth. When your child dies and life feels like you have been punched with a metal press, life goes on. When you cannot get up in the morning because of exhaustion life goes on. When you are not sure what day it is, life goes on. When you cry in the cereal aisle life goes on. When friends hide from you, life goes on. When your partner does not understand you, life goes on. When the boss tells you to pull it together, life goes on. When you do not recognize yourself, life goes on. BUT when you get up, get dressed and go to work, life goes on. When you realize that love never dies, life goes on. When you can laugh even a little, life goes on. When hope returns, life goes on. When new friends offer a hand, life goes on. When a small hand fits into yours, life goes on. When people say your child's name, life goes on. Our children wait for us to realize life goes on. It was meant to go on. It has to go on and so do we.

Love Always,  
Mom and Dad  
Donna & Mike Corrigan

*This was written by Donna's cousin, Keith Swett. He also had a son who died, also named Matt.*



*In loving memory of  
Lisa Zimmerman  
November 24, 1971 until October 13, 2004*

Dear Lisa,  
We love and miss you so much! So much has happened and we wish you were part of it. Eleven years have passed and the sad hurt feeling of loss is still present. We know you are with God and your Guardian Angel.

Love Always,  
Mom and Dad  
Carol & Bill Zimmerman  
Pam and Ryan and Parker and Miles



*In loving memory of  
Meghan Elizabeth Peters  
November 26, 1980 until August 31, 2004*

In Loving Memory of you Meghan.  
You will always be my little baby girl.

Love, Mom  
Kathleen M. Peters



*In loving memory of my dear daughter  
Patricia Ilse Strick Hawkins  
October 31, 1959 until March 18, 2015*

Patricia, who joined her sister Roseanne Strick, who preceded her in death, passed from ovarian cancer. She was a very caring and loving daughter.

Patricia, we love and miss you forever.

Your Mom and brother Michael and family  
Ilse Strick



*In loving remembrance of  
Paula Lynn Yarberry VanHorn  
October 3, 1968 until October 27, 2006*

Paula Sweetie,

We're coming up on the ninth anniversary of your leaving us, and it's only gotten a little easier. I still struggle to remember only the good times, and try hard to keep the sad and scary memories locked away. I'm grateful that I have 38 years of memories, and that I was able to see what a wonderful woman you turned out to be, but my heart will always ache because I'll never see your smile or hear your voice again.

*"Here is one of the worst things about having someone you love die. It happens again every single morning."*

~ Anna Quindlen

I carry your heart in my heart.

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





# Potluck Dinner

## Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Doors Open at 6:30PM - Dinner at 7:00PM**  
**Program begins at 7:45PM**

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-N** - please bring a **side dish or salad**

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

**We will have a presentation from a guest speaker after dinner (to be announced...watch for an email!).**

If you are unable to come for dinner, please feel free to arrive at 7:30 and join us in listening to the speaker.

Siblings (high school age or older) are encouraged to attend.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 1<sup>st</sup> to Sally Yarberrry at (708) 560-0393 or e-mail [psyrbrry@hotmail.com](mailto:psyrbrry@hotmail.com).

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

**Dan Parmenter - 20**  
Oct 15, 1987 - Feb 14, 2008  
NIU Classroom Shooting  
Gary Parmenter

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

**Eric-Alan Gottung - 24**  
Oct 10, 1986 - Mar 04, 2011  
Suicide  
Nancy & Eric Gottung

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

**Gregory Michael Humbert - 30**  
Aug 31, 1961 - Oct 31, 1991  
Auto Accident  
Marge Humbert

**Jacob Silver - 22**  
Oct 05, 1990 - Apr 11, 2013  
Suicide  
Lauren Dunne

**Katherine Lacewell - 41**  
Feb 27, 1969 - Oct 16, 2011  
Alcoholism  
Allen Lacewell

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

**Lisa M Zimmerman - 32**  
Nov 24, 1971 - Oct 13, 2004  
Medication Overdose  
Carol & Bill Zimmerman

**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

**Michelle Louise Jensen - 30**  
Nov 08, 1980 - Oct 13, 2011  
Drug Overdose  
Kelly Jensen

**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

**Brent Evans - 35**  
Dec 27, 1976 - Nov 07, 2012  
Alcoholism  
Anne & Ed Evans

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**Brian Eck - 39**  
Sep 08, 1971 - Nov 08, 2010  
Enlarged Heart  
Kathy Eck

**Caitrin Paige Gadomski - 6**  
Apr 16, 2007 - Nov 17, 2013  
Cancer  
Joe & Becky Gadomski

**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

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

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

**Katie Elizabeth Farley -**  
Nov 12, 2004 - Nov 12, 2004  
Prenatal Decision Due to Chromosomal  
Issues  
Kelly Farley

**Jennifer Roley - 22**  
Nov 26, 1989 - Jan 15, 2012  
Drug Overdose  
Lynn Gantner

**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

**Phillip G. Dore - 21**  
Nov 11, 1988 - Sep 02, 2010  
Suicide  
Phil & Linda Dore

**Riley McBride - 30**  
Nov 06, 1984 - Apr 22, 2014  
Overdose  
Mary & Jim McBride

**Sarah Marie Fink - 3 1/2 Mths**  
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 01, 1966 - Nov 01, 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

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

**Casey Cox - 27**  
Dec 17, 1985 - Feb 14, 2013  
Asthma  
Cynthia Cox

**Casey Reiter - 25**  
Aug 11, 1984 - Dec 15, 2009  
Heart Attack  
Sandy Tummillo

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



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**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

**John C. Crider - 44**

- Dec 24, 2009  
Helen Bapes Crider

**Joseph James Craig - 35**

Dec 05, 1974 - Dec 15, 2009  
Drowning  
Joseph R. Craig

**Josiah Weiberg - 10 Months**

Jan 16, 2009 - Dec 03, 2009  
SMA Type 1  
Alesha & Jim Weiberg

**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

**Matthew Davis - 33**

Dec 28, 1976 - Jun 10, 2010  
Unknown  
Gloria Smolek

**Michael Kosinski - 26**

Dec 17, 1986 - Jun 12, 2013  
Sudden Cardiac Arrest  
Marge & Bill Kosinski

**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

**Phillip Butler - 30**

Dec 29, 1982 - May 13, 2013  
Atherosclerotic Heart Disease  
Nancy Butler

**Rachel Krueger - 21**

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

**Richie Chow - 27**

Dec 22, 1983 - Sep 30, 2011  
Unknown  
Joyce Chow

**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 Anderson

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**Stevie Brow - 8**  
Dec 13, 1964 - May 18, 1973  
Gunshot  
Roberta Brow

**Tim Schiefelbein - 18**  
Dec 07, 1989 - Feb 24, 2007  
Car Accident  
Diane Grabowski

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



What will I do this holiday season?  
**Weep** for you. **Miss** you.  
Be **kind** to a stranger because of our love.  
**Invoke** your name so others will **honor** you.  
Stand in awe at the **beauty** of all you are.  
Meditate on your **life** and death.  
**Carry you** in my **heart** wherever I journey.  
Show **mercy** to children and animals.  
Ask for your **forgiveness**. And **presence**.  
Unfold your **love** into the world.  
**Remember. Your. Beauty.**

~ by Joanne Cacciatore, PhD, MISS Foundation

## Detour of the Month – Thanksgiving

by Mary S. Cleckley, from *I Walked A Mile With Sorrow*, 2006

Well, here it is - detour time again! And just when you were headed back to the main road after Halloween. Some out there, whose lives continue as they have been, think of the four months of October, November, December, and January as the holiday season. Then there are those of us who have “new” normal. We think of these same months as the detour season, and with good reason.

Just prior to Thanksgiving one year, I had a letter from one of our TCF members who told me she, her husband, and their two sons were heading to Florida over Thanksgiving. She said, “We are not going to sit around a turkey pretending to be thankful.” Now, that’s a good idea if you can’t stand the thought of observing that day in a traditional way. Do whatever you need to do this year if Thanksgiving is a problem. Explain to those who care about you that this year will, by necessity, be different. You can hope they understand, but if not, let that be their problem. Your needs right now are paramount.

Several Thanksgivings passed before I found myself looking forward to that day again. I hope you soon reach that place, if you haven’t already. I just want to assure you that nowhere is it carved in stone that you must sit around a turkey and “pretend.”





**Bereaved Parents of the USA  
Chicagoland Chapter**

Cordially invites you to attend our

**Annual Candle Lighting Observance**



Sunday, December 6, 2015  
1st Congregational Church of Western Springs  
1106 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, IL

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

During this observance, the name of each child will be read out loud. If you wish to submit a photo (5x7 or smaller), your child's picture will be shown as his or her name is read aloud. **If you have submitted a photo in the past, you must give us your permission to have the photo shown again this year.** 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 Candle Lighting Observance. You are welcome to bring your child's favorite treat to share. Memorial tables will be available to display your child's picture or remembrance.**

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)

**Deadline for photos, 5x7 or smaller: Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**Return Form for Annual Candle Light Observance**

Please respond by Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Return to: Bereaved Parents USA c/o Bob & Carol Gordon, 7717 Williams St., Darien, IL 60561-4429, or  
[FLASH22504@comcast.net](mailto:FLASH22504@comcast.net)

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.**

***If you would like to help with planning the Candle Lighting Observance, or participate in the program, please contact Donna Corrigan: [silks6@aol.com](mailto:silks6@aol.com)***

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<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	
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## Come Away

*By Richard A. Dew, M.D.  
 From Rachel's Cry, 1996*

Come, my child, and go with me,  
 We'll do all the things that we planned.  
 Things will be like they used to be,  
 We'll run and we'll play hand-in-hand.  
 Hurry, my child, I'll go with you  
 To places that we've never been,  
 Many new things we'll see and do,  
 We'll laugh and be happy again.  
 Oh, no, my child, don't stay behind,  
 And leave me to live all alone.  
 I think that I'll go out of my mind  
 With nothing to touch but a stone.

**BP/USA Chicagoland on the Web:**  
<http://www.bpusachicagoland.org/index.html>