



THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Newsletter of the Atlanta Chapter

"The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive."

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The Atlanta Chapter of The Compassionate Friends meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the:

**First Christian Church of Atlanta
4532 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084**

**Upcoming Chapter Meetings:
January 12, February 9 and March 9**

The Atlanta Chapter also offers a Sibling Group at the same time as our regular monthly meeting.

The Compassionate Friends, Inc. is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child of any age, from any cause is welcome. Our meetings give parents an opportunity to talk about their child and about their feelings as they go through the grieving process. There is no religious affiliation. There are no membership dues. The purpose of this support group is not to focus on the cause of death or the age of the child, as it is to focus on being a bereaved parent, along with the feelings and issues that evolve around the death experience of a child.

To Our New Members

Coming to the first meeting is the hardest, but you have nothing to lose and everything to gain! Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not The Compassionate Friends will work for you. At the next meeting you may find just the right person or just the right words said that will help you in your grief work.

To Our Members Who are Further Down the 'Grief Road'

We need your encouragement and your support. Each meeting we have new parents. THINK BACK – what would it have been like for you at your first meeting if there had not been any TCF "veterans" to welcome you, share your grief, encourage you and tell you, "your pain will not always be this bad, it really does get better!"

**YOU NEED NOT WALK ALONE.
WE ARE THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**



Atlanta Walks

For Our Children and Siblings Gone Too Soon

The Compassionate Friends National Walk to Remember will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday morning, July 4, in Arlington, Va., the National Conference host city, prior to the closing ceremony.

First held in conjunction with the national conference in 2000, this Remembrance Walk has quickly become a highlight for conference-goers with more than 1,000 people joining together hand-in-hand, arm-in-arm to cover the two-mile course arranged for the event.

This is our way to honor the memories of children and siblings who we will never forget.

Families who have had a child die are invited to include their child's name on our "**Atlanta Walks**" banner carried by members of our local Atlanta TCF Chapter attending the 2010 conference.

If you would like to have your child, sibling or grandchild's name included, please complete the following form and return it to us as soon as possible. The deadline is June 15.

Atlanta Walks – 2010 in Memory of our Children and Siblings

Yes, I would like to have my child/sibling/grandchild included on the Atlanta Walks banner.

Child's Name _____
(Please print clearly)

Yes, I would like to help with the Walk to Remember expenses and support the work of The Compassionate Friends Atlanta Chapter by making a donation in the amount of:

\$ _____ (\$10, \$25, \$50.....)

Please mail your check payable to "The Compassionate Friends" to:

The Compassionate Friends
c/o Jayne Newton
808 Brentway Court
Lilburn, GA 30047

Thank you for your support. (Deadline June 15)



*Sample Banner from 2008 Walk at the Nashville Conference
"Atlanta Walks...
In Memory of Our Children and Siblings"*

July 2-4

TCF National Conference to be Held in Arlington, Va.

"Reflections of Love, Visions of Hope" is the theme of The Compassionate Friends 33rd National Conference, to be held in Arlington, Va., July 2-4, 2010.

The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City promising a beautiful venue for the 33rd TCF National Conference.

Independence Day will not only feature the annual Walk to Remember, but will include a world-class display of fireworks over the National Mall, visible from Arlington.

Please be thinking now about whether you will be able to attend. And, watch the national TCF Web site for details to be posted soon about making hotel reservations. The hotel always fills up quickly. To ensure a reservation at the hotel, reservations need to be made as soon as possible.

Our chapter also would like to identify those chapter members who plan to attend and can help carry our chapter's banner in the Walk to Remember. See the flyer on the previous page about adding your child or sibling's name to the banner.

If you plan to attend the conference, please contact Cindy Durham to let us know of your plans – cindy_durham@bellsouth.net.

Here's the national TCF Web site to watch for upcoming information about the conference and hotel arrangements: <http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

The Spirit of Our Children

Carol Hawley of our chapter writes that she and her husband recently returned from a long trip with their son Alan, his cousins and uncle. Carol is our chapter member who sends all of us those wonderful birthday and angel date cards. She and her husband now live in Indonesia.

Our trip to Kalimantan over the Christmas holidays was delayed by more than six hours. We landed in Pangkalan Bun in the evening. We drove to the port of Kumai as dusk was approaching. All of us boarded the boat and headed up the Sekonyer River.

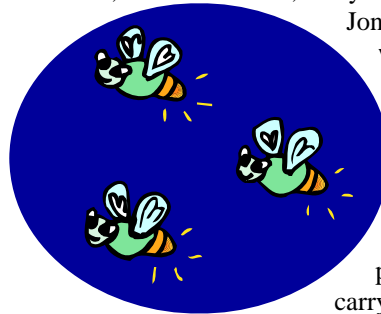
That was when we saw first-hand the phenomenon of the fireflies that some tourists have written about. The captain turned off the lights of the boat and, presto, there it was:

thousands upon thousands of flickering lights among the nipa palms on both sides of the river banks.

It was pitch dark and we were rewarded with the display of "Christmas lights." There also was a symphony of various sounds of frogs, crickets and cicadas and the slow putt-putt of the boat's motors. It was mesmerizing.

For that moment in time, it felt like a part of heaven above drifted down and settled among the palms. It carried with it the thousands of spirits/stars of our children to greet us. It was emotional and yet serene at the same time. Even though Billy is no longer with us physically, I know he saw, heard and experienced the entire happening through our eyes – mine, his Dad's, brother Alan, his cousins Josh and Dana, Uncle Tom and, lastly a fun guy named

Jonathon from Australia whom he never met.



And so things do happen for a reason. If our flight was on time we would have never seen this phenomenon. I shall carry this wonderful feeling

of seeing the fireflies for the rest of my life.

Sending hugs and love to all.

Carol Hawley
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Atlanta Chapter is on Facebook

The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta has a Facebook Group. We invite you to join.

For more information, click the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43057397614>

You will need to log into Facebook to join the group. You will also need a Facebook account (it's free).

Our hope is that you will be able to connect to someone to help you in your grief journey.

Remember "We Need Not Walk Alone."

January, February and March Birthdays

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Family</u>
Christopher James Downs	January 9	son	Jim and Joan Downs
Sharon Elizabeth Zick	January 12	daughter	Paul and Rebecca Zick
Elliott Vahid Brown	January 13	son	Edward and Maria Brown
Nick Posey	January 14	son	Diana and William Posey
Ahmissa Noelle Freeman	January 16	daughter	Pearl A. Freeman
Jessica Lyn Bryl	January 19	daughter	Betty and Daniel Bryl
Jessica Lyn Bryl	January 19	sister	Sarah Bryl
Charlie Wellman	January 20	son	Mary Wellman
Janice Benator	January 23	daughter	Carol Wolper
Michael 'Kyle' Davis	January 27	son	Mary Ann Davis
Jamarr Jordan	January 27	brother	Nina Florence
Jamarr Jordan	January 27	son	Janet Mitchell
Antwain Danta Whatley	January 27	son	Gloria Whatley
Clinton Ron Walker	January 31	son	Candace and Clint Walker
Clayton Thomas Sechrist	February 1	son	Ann and Nelson Sechrist
Jeremy William Frank	February 5	son	Sheila M. Frank
Apollo Holmes	February 14	son	Dorothea Eastman
Arthur Burt Jordan	February 16	son	Ann Asbell
Arthur Burt Jordan	February 16	brother	Emily Jordan
Harry Luthi	February 19	son	Katherine Luthi
Melvin Shannon	February 23	son	Lillian Smith
Melvin Shannon	February 23	brother	Juanita White
Kathleen Dirr	February 24	daughter	Jim Dirr
Dijon Plummer, Jr.	February 24	son	Dijon Plummer
Todd Kirk Stien	February 25	son	Lorann Stien
Heide Hilburn	February 26	sister	Millie Hilburn
Matthew Meehan	February 26	son	Michael Meehan
Matthew Meehan	February 26	son	Vicki Webb
Brian Trunnel Rounds	February 29	son	Floyd and Janice Rounds
Brian Trunnel Rounds	February 29	brother	Floyd T. Rounds
Allen Palmer Shugart	March 4	son	Kelli and Henry Shugart
Shana Rosenwald	March 7	daughter	Ellie Rosenwald
Hayden Vann	March 9	sister	Whitney Horne
Christian Nicole Ricketts	March 11	daughter	Nicole Ricketts
Bill Hawley	March 15	son	Bill and Carol Hawley
Bill Hawley	March 15	brother	Alan Hawley
Annie Hope Shlevin	March 15	daughter	Barbara Shlevin
Desha Beamer	March 18	daughter	Maureen Beamer
Reezin N. 'Chip' Swilley, Jr.	March 18	son	Reezin and Elsie Swilley
Corey Adam Price	March 24	grandson	Angie Williams
Jamie Dalziel	March 25	son	Martin and Donna Dalziel
Shemariah Tafari Downer	March 26	son	Barbara H. Forbes
Hallbrook 'Trey' Polite, III	March 28	son	Linda and Hallbrook Polite Jr.
Winn Jordan	March 31	son	Bill and Jan Jordan

January, February and March Angel Dates

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Angel Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Family</u>
Latoya Peart	January 1	daughter	Alvin Dorman, Patsy and Morrinette
Damien White	January 6	son	Robin White
Nicholas Ryan Gardner	January 9	son	Michelle and Dewey Gardner
Nicholas Ryan Gardner	January 9	grandson	Pilar Turk
Sherry Engel	January 12	sister	Andrea Huskey
Sherry Engel	January 12	daughter	Lou Ellen Huskey
Clayton Olvey	January 12	son	June Smith
Jessica Dodge	January 14	daughter	Dan and Tamie Dodge
Richard Alan Cartin	January 16	son	Nancy Murphy
Ahmissa Noelle Freeman	January 16	daughter	Pearl A. Freeman
John Thomas Arnold	January 22	son	Donna Arnold
Mark East	January 25	son	Jeff East
Katherine A. Chillman	January 26	daughter	Abigail Arthur-Chillman and Michael Chillman
Jonathan Aaron Blumenfeld	January 27	son	Harriet Blumenfeld
Amelia Sutterthwaite Ward	January 29	daughter	Lisa and Greg Ward
Corey Adam Price	January 31	grandson	Angie Williams
Kameron Michael Dunmore	February 2	son	Karen A. Dunmore
Scott Wiseman	February 3	son	Lynn Wiseman
Clinton Ron Walker	February 7	son	Candace and Clint Walker
Stephen Ledford	February 8	son	Luella and Mike Ledford
Herbert Shaw Jr.	February 10	son	Arlena M. Shaw
Jamarr Jordan	February 14	brother	Nina Florence
Jamarr Jordan	February 14	son	Janet Mitchell
Harry Luthi	February 19	son	Katherine Luthi
Clayton Thomas Sechrist	February 20	son	Ann and Nelson Sechrist
Shana Rosenwald	February 23	daughter	Ellie Rosenwald
Billy Snapp	February 25	son	Teal and Bill Snapp
John Allen Askins	March 3	son	Elaine Askins
Brandon Marquis Williams	March 5	son	Selena Randolph
Jacob Miller	March 7	son	Sandra and Richard Miller
Matthew Scott Marshall	March 10	son	Gena and John Ivester
Christian Nicole Ricketts	March 11	daughter	Nicole Ricketts
Jennifer Marie Dailey	March 12	daughter	Joanne and Bob Dailey
Heide Hilburn	March 15	sister	Millie Hilburn
Candi Gaye Marshall	March 16	daughter	Gena and John Ivester
Joey Capron	March 17	son	Carmen Capron
Ronald Taus	March 20	son	Dena Hubbard
David James Teddlie	March 22	son	Anne and Don Teddlie
Winn Jordan	March 23	son	Bill and Jan Jordan
Jamaal Addison	March 23	son	Patricia Roberts
Demetrius O'Neal Span, Jr.	March 24	son	Calvin and Tammie Washington
Dianne Martha Shlevin	March 26	daughter	Barbara Shlevin
Daniel Prescott	March 31	brother	Pam Gnanamani
Aaron Marion	March 31	son	Family and Denise Marion

2009 Candlelight Service

Jessica Handler: Remember Your Siblings for Who They Were

Jessica Handler, author of the book *"Invisible Sisters,"* was the sibling speaker at last month's Candlelight Service. She shared the text of her remarks with us and – for the benefit of siblings who were not able to be with us that evening – we are reprinting her remarks here, edited slightly for space.

I am the oldest of three sisters, and by the time I was 32, was the only one living. My sister Susie died of leukemia when she was eight, and I was 10. Our younger sister Sarah was four when Susie died.

Sarah was born with a blood disorder called Kostmann's syndrome, so rare that it's only found in about 1 in every 2 million people. She wasn't expected to live through elementary school. She died at 27.

Our father was a Civil Rights attorney in Atlanta in the 1960s, and one of the questions we faced as a family was "how do you save others when you cannot save your own?" *Invisible Sisters* is about growing up and learning to be, as my sister Sarah predicted, "the only one left." The book celebrates my sisters and our family, and the girl I was then, and the voice that I found for myself.

"Do you have any brothers or sisters?" is such a common question, but for most of my life, I didn't know how to answer that. Being truthful was often too difficult, because it led to more questions – how did they die, how did you handle it – and my honest answers might be more than the person bargained for. They presumed they were asking a simple question!

But I couldn't deny my sisters. I have two sisters, I've learned to say, but they are deceased.

I was asked to share my thoughts with you about how to cope with those first few moments, days, years of loss, and I'll be honest. I have no simple answers. We all grieve differently. What I will do, though, is give you some of the markers from my own road map, and I encourage you to use what works for you.

When I was 10 years old, on the morning that my sister Susie died, my father told me that death is hardest on those left behind, and that what we can do in the face of loss is honor the people who have died in the way we live.

That was a big concept for a little kid. So I did what kids do – I kept living my life, and missing my sister, who was 18 months younger than me, with whom I had shared a bedroom, shared toys, and teased and played and fought. Sometimes on special occasions, our mother had dressed us alike.

And after a while, I stopped being able to hear her voice. We had twin beds, side by side. Her bed, moved against the wall, became a couch. Susie's college fund bought books for our elementary school library. The end-of-year photographer called me "Susie-Q," to get me to smile, and I burst into tears. Poor guy, he didn't know what was wrong with me.

My little sister Sarah was four when Susie died. As Sarah and I grew up, we never spoke about Susie – the things she liked to do, what we were like as three sisters. In the late 1960s, at least in our family, talking about death wasn't openly done. This was before family therapy was common, and our parents believed that the right thing was to move on, and keep living. And so we did.

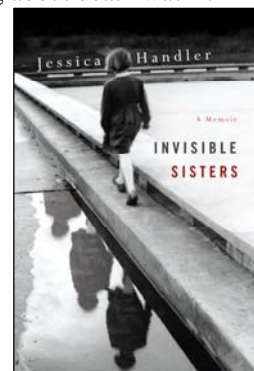
But I told you that I am the only surviving sister. Sarah died 23 years after Susie, after a lifetime of living with a chronic and fatal illness. Sarah and I were close – closer than Susie and I had a chance to be. Sarah and I were also both young adults at the end of her life, which meant that we experienced more of life together: boys, dating, drivers' licenses, high school and our parents' divorce.

My parents and I – and Sarah – knew that she would die young, but knowing that didn't make it easier when it came.

I wrote *Invisible Sisters* more than a decade after Sarah died, and almost 30 years after Susie died. I had made a lot of false starts – short stories, poems, journal entries, and I realized that this story had to be nonfiction – it had to be true. My goal was to do what we hadn't been able to in our family when my sisters were alive. I wanted to tell their true stories, and to remember.

Our siblings are our memory. Our bond with brothers and sisters is different from our relationships with parents, and even with best friends. When we lose a sibling, we lose a part of ourselves.

In writing *Invisible Sisters*, I tried to find parts of what I'd lost. I became a kind of homemade archeologist of "stuff" from our lives. I contacted hospitals in Atlanta, Boston and New York for my sisters' medical records, and read every page I got. I've kept journals my whole life – and I read the contents of a floor-to-ceiling bookcase. All the family mementoes that I never could throw out and toted from apartment to apartment: like a huge, ugly cabinet (that was Sarah's changing table when she was a baby) that became a linen cabinet for me, a clay figurine – more of a yellow



lump, actually – that Susie made at camp, and Sarah’s t-shirts and sweaters that would never in a million years fit me, but stayed in a duffel bag on my closet floor. I went through all of it, handled and smelled and examined this stuff. For me, items like these were proof of what had become a lost civilization.

Yes, this was truly heartbreaking at times. And surprisingly, sometimes there were funny moments that gave me great joy. There’s always that photograph that you pull out of a box and say aloud, before you realize no one’s there with you, “you did not wear that, no way!” And then you laugh! So, one of the markers on that roadmap is “stuff.” I promise you, keep some of the stuff!

There are some things I’ve kept that I still can’t look at or listen to; an audio recording of Susie and me playing when we were both very little, an answering machine cassette with a message from Sarah. I’m not ready to discard these, and I’m not ready to listen to them, either. I’m on the fence, waiting to see where I land on this one.

I take back what I said before. There is one aspect of the right way to grieve that we can all take as a marker on our

Kyle: ‘I Pray You are Warm and Smiling’ ... Happy Birthday!

By Mary Ann Davis

My son Kyle was born on 1/27/83 at 1:27 p.m. I always felt that was special in its own way; and Kyle was my special little man.



He passed away Oct. 2, 2008, after a long illness. He was such a strong and fearless little man, who had endured so much, particularly during the last 10 months of his life.

So many people want to hold onto that last year. However, I do not – because of all the pain and the hurt. I have spent all of this last year trying to block out that pain Kyle suffered and to instead remember happy times. It has been so very difficult.

Here’s how my first year was without him. I held all of his ornaments and his Christmas stocking. I will continue to hang his stocking every year. I lit my candles every night. Kyle loved all the holiday lights, brightly decorated boxes, and the heightened activity.

But everything has changed now. Mom and I went to my brother's home in Big Canoe and spent Christmas with the rest of the family. It is a new tradition. But, someone is always going to be missing.

roadmap. It’s memory. Remember your siblings for who they were, as real people; the good times and the less good times. There was that time when they did that thing... or you did that other thing. They’d remember the person you had a crush on in junior high, and you remember that weird recipe your brother or sister liked. That’s another marker on the roadmap.

After a sibling dies, our own lives go on. We are changed. We have deep furrows in our hearts. There are things we can no longer do without sorrow, and there are things in which we are strengthened. My sisters and I were raised with the concept of *Tikkun Olam* – “repair of the world” in Hebrew. We could not repair our family, but at least for me, writing *Invisible Sisters* is how I began to repair my world – and myself.

My father was right. Remember yourself, too. That’s part of the road to learning to live as who we are now.

Jessica has donated a copy of her book to our chapter. It can be borrow from our chapter library. Our chapter’s sibling group meets in a separate room, but at the same time, as our parent group. Please join us.

I yearn to hug him, to see his smile, to cuddle with him. I miss those big, brown eyes. As a caregiver for 25 plus years, I even wonder if he is warm and taken care of in Heaven. A pastor told me: “He has his wings now; he is walking, running and doing everything he could not do on earth.”

Kyle, I pray you are warm and smiling. Happy birthday, angel.

Love, Mom

Vote for TCF – 2nd Round

From the TCF National Office

Compassionate Friends members, friends and fans – please take a bow!!! Your votes worked!!!

Chase Community Giving has named The Compassionate Friends to receive a \$25,000 award and now we’re setting our goals on the \$1 million top award in Round 2. We successfully made it through Round 1 as one of the 100 U.S. charities (out of 500,000 nonprofits eligible) to receive the most votes cast during a one-month period starting Nov. 15.

Round 2 runs Jan. 15-22 as the top 100 vote-getters in Round 1 will vie to be among the six highest vote-getters. The charity receiving the most votes will receive \$1 million while the five runners-up will each receive \$100,000.

“Working together, we have a great chance at receiving the top \$1 million award,” says TCF Executive Director Patricia Loder. “We need everyone to be committed to this goal because, with donations down, an award of this type will not only help us maintain our programs, but will allow us to expand them so we can help more people!”

For more information on this program, go to:
<http://apps.facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving/>

Journey of the Remembrance Cards

By Jayne Newton

All members of the Atlanta Chapter of TCF should receive a remembrance card on your child’s birthday and angel date. Each card is individually handmade with love by Carol Hawley in memory of her son Billy Hawley.

Carol and Bill Hawley lost their son Billy in September 2004. They began attending the Atlanta/Tucker Chapter several months later. In 2006 Carol volunteered to individually create a special card for each child’s birthday and angel date in memory of Billy.

In 2007, Bill and Carol moved around the world to Jakarta Indonesia. She has continued to create the cards for our children. Once the cards are finished, Carol mails the blank cards back to Atlanta where I create the insert that goes inside, personalized with each child’s name and date. They are mailed a few days before the child’s special remembrance dates to our TCF families. Some of the cards travel around the world....some within the states and some to other countries.

Carol has always shared that Billy helps her create each and every card. She feels like he travels with each card to each grieving family. This is one way Carol keeps Billy alive in

the hearts of so many who have never met him and gives Billy the opportunity to travel the globe.

In Memory of Billy Hawley
www.tcfatlanta.org/heartsonastring/Memorials/BillyHawley (3/15/83 – 9/27/04)

We send between 40 and 60 cards per month to grieving families. We have been blessed to have the funds to continue this ministry from donations from our families. We want to thank the families who made donations in 2009 specifically designated to fund **The Remembrance Card Ministry**.

In memory of:

- Robert Lind Jr. and Margie Ann Lind, from their parents Robert and Bette Lind, Lilburn, GA
- Jill Nakawatase, from her parents Ken and Eileen Nakawatase, Lodi, CA
- Anita Marepally, from her sister Archana Marepally, Chapel Hill, NC
- Chris Kuzela, from his mother Pat Kuzela, Tucker, GA
- Reezin N. “Chip” Swilley, Jr., from his parents Elsie and Reezin Swilley, Sr., Atlanta, GA
- James Daniel Smith, from his mother Judith M. Smith, Tucker, GA
- Keith L. Perry, from his mother Oveta O. Perry, Conyers, GA
- Bill and Billy Snapp, from Margaret V. Knutson, Loves Park, IL
- And we want to thank everyone who mailed supplies directly to Carol Hawley in Jakarta.

~ I have really treasured the beautiful cards that you have created over the years. Somehow they magically appear at exactly the right date. ~ Pat Kuzela

Gifts of Love

A love gift is a gift of money to The Compassionate Friends of Atlanta. It is usually in honor of a child who has died, but it can also be from individuals who want to honor a relative or friend who has died, a gift of thanksgiving that their own children are alive and well, or simply a gift from someone who wants to help in the work of our chapters.

The following donations are in support of the Atlanta Chapter newsletter, candlelight service, Web site and other outreach.

All chapters within TCF are totally dependent on funds from our families. We DO NOT receive funds from our National Office. Everything we need to operate our local chapters are paid directly from our local resources and our local family contributions. Thank you to all who contribute and support your local chapters. Some people contribute in memory of other’s children.....this is a wonderful way for others to say “I am remembering your child.” Other “Gifts of Love” are evident by all the compassionate and giving volunteers we have within our TCF Atlanta organization.



Love gifts to the Atlanta Chapter of TCF should be made payable to The Compassionate Friends and mailed to our treasurer:
Jayne Newton, 808 Brentway Court, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Love Gifts

In Loving Memory of Aaron Geddings Williams, from his grandparents James and Sandra Willing, Fayetteville, GA

In Loving Memory of Michael Btembke, from his father Ghakarhi Btembke, Norcross, GA

In Loving Memory of Robert Jr. and Margie Lind, from their parents Robert and Bette Lind, Lilburn, GA

In Loving Memory of Joey Capron, from his mother Carmen Capron, Atlanta, GA

In Loving Memory of Clarissa Cunningham, from her parents Winston and Judy Cunningham, Tucker, GA

In Loving Memory of Jonathan Aaron Blumenfeld, from his mother Harriet K. Blumenfeld, Atlanta, GA

In Loving Memory of MeChelle A. Murphy, from her mother Brenda J. Murphy, Decatur, GA

In Loving Memory of Christopher Simpson, from his grandmother, Elizabeth Luke, Auburn, GA

In Loving Memory of Jenny Gryzinski, from her mother Lisa Katz, Atlanta, GA

In Loving Memory of Todd Stien, from his mother Lorann M. Stien, Eau Claire, WI

In Loving Memory of Bo Tuggle, from his parents Johnny and Connie Tuggle, Snellville, GA

In Loving Memory of Ashley Craig, from her mother La Tangie Craig, Hampton, GA

In Loving Memory of Ryan Douglas Romanoski, from Sylvia Thompson, Douglasville, GA

In Loving Memory of Jennifer Jean "JJ" Florence, from Sylvia Thompson, Douglasville, GA

In Loving Memory of Amber Leigh Thompson, from her parents Tommy and Sylvia Thompson, Douglasville, GA

In Loving Memory of Hayden Vann, from her sister Whitney Horne, Atlanta, GA

Centerpieces/Poinsettias for Annual Candlelighting Sponsored in Memory of

In Memory of Michael Btembke, son of Ghakarhi Btembke

In Memory of Julian Carter, son of Julie and Bryan Carter

In Memory of Michael "Kyle" Davis, son of Mary Ann Davis

In Memory of Meseret Debru, son of Kila Gebru

In Memory of Matthew Dobbs, son of Kathy Dobbs and brother of Laci Dobbs

In Memory of Jessica Dodge, daughter of Tamie and Dan Dodge

In Memory of James Anthony Durham, son of Cindy Durham and brother of Katie Durham

In Memory of Ahmissa Noelle Freeman, daughter of Pam Freeman

In Memory of Chad Gordon, son of Wayne and Jayne Newton and brother of Lisa Remshik

In Memory of Micki Henderson, daughter of Judy Jones

In Memory of Adam William Hess, son of Trudy Hess

In Memory of Derrick M. Kelly, son of Deborah Kelly

In Memory of Jason Maham, son of Trish Maham

In Memory of Brad Peerson, son of Pam and Jon Peerson, brother of Blake Peerson and grandson of Jackie Fuller

In Memory of Nick Posey, son of William and Diana Posey

In Memory of Nathan J. Potter, nephew of Therese Sunfelippo

In Memory of Ashley Pott, daughter of Ron and Angel Pritchards and sister of Autumn (Sissy) Millard

In Memory of Evan Sheffield, son of Cathy and Webb Spraezt

In Memory of Allen Palmer Shugart, son of Henry and Kelli Shugart

In Memory of Mashanda Nicole Taylor, daughter of Michelle Taylor Scott

In Memory of Nemit Elizabeth Sevgi White, daughter of Michael and Medora Johnson

"All Our Children Remembered" Marietta Chapter of TCF

NEW SUBSCRIPTION - RENEWAL - CHANGE FORM - DONATIONS

If you are receiving our newsletter for the first time...everyone within The Compassionate Friends Organization wants to say We are sorry you have the need for this publication but we are glad you found us and we hope our newsletter will be helpful on your journey. Someone may have lovingly sent you the newsletter...and if so and you find it helpful, please complete the data sheet enclosed and return it so that we may add you to our newsletter database for future mailings. This is to insure that all the information we have is correct and complete. *This is for internal use only.*

Please print, filling in all applicable blanks/boxes:

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone (including area code) _____ E-mail: _____

Do you prefer to receive the newsletter by (check one): _____ Mail _____ E-mail (provide e-mail address above)

Child's Full Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Child's Birth Date: _____ Child's Death Date: _____

Cause of Child's Death (optional): _____

Child's relationship to you (e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild) _____

Names and ages of all surviving siblings living with you:

- How did you find out about The Compassionate Friends? Please circle one: (1) Friends (2) Family (3) Hospital (4) Church (5) School (6) Funeral Homes (7) Internet (8) Newspaper (9) Employers (Human Resources) (10) Other _____

Note: **The information you have given above will be confidential (used for internal purposes only) unless you answer "yes" to one or more of the following questions:**

1. Do you want your child's name to appear in the newsletter's "**We Remember You**" section of birth and death dates? Yes ___ No ___
2. Do you want to receive the daily e-newsletter from TCF Atlanta? If so, please include your email _____
2. Do you wish to have your child's name included on the Wall of Memory on our TCF Atlanta Web Site? Yes ___ No ___
3. May we include the above information in the TCF Atlanta Chapter directory? Yes _____ No _____

Voluntary donations are TCF Atlanta's only source of income. The Compassionate Friends needs to be here for the families who do not know today that they will need us tomorrow.

Yes, I want to help with TCF outreach...a donation is enclosed in Memory of _____

- I would like to apply my donation toward the following outreach: (1) _____ newsletter (2) _____ birthday/angel date cards
(3) _____ newly-bereaved packets (4) _____ annual candlelight remembrance service (5) _____ TCF Atlanta Web site
(6) _____ library (7) _____ general expenses

Make Checks Payable to: The Compassionate Friends

Please return to: The Compassionate Friends, c/o Jayne Newton (treasurer), 808 Brentway Court, Lilburn, GA 30047

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