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Dear Friends: To receive this newsletter by email, which will help us save on the cost of printing and postage, please send an email to me at: [anne.rinaldi@comcast.net](mailto:anne.rinaldi@comcast.net). On the subject line insert "TCF Email"

TCF meets every first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted

**Upcoming Meetings: March 5, 2007**

April 2, 2007, May 7, 2007, June 4, 2007, July 2, 2007

**Welcome and Sharing Begins @ 7:00 PM**

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**(in the PLC building behind the church)**

**625 111th Ave. North, North Naples, FL 34108**

At the Immokalee and 41 intersection turn on 111th Ave. (travel toward the beach)  
TRAVEL ABOUT 1 MILE AND THE CHURCH IS ON THE RIGHT

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The Compassionate Friends

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### Precious Child

Written & Sung by: Karen Taylor Goode - TCF

In my dreams  
You are alive and well  
Precious child, Precious child  
In my mind, I see you clear as a bell  
Precious child, Precious child

In my soul, There is a hole,  
that can never be filled  
In my heart, there is hope  
cause you are with me still.

In my heart, you live on  
Always there, never gone  
Precious Child, You left so soon  
Though it may be true that were apart  
You will live forever,  
in my heart.

In my plans,  
I was the first to leave  
Precious child, Precious child  
But in this world,  
I was left here to grieve,  
Precious child, My precious child

In my soul, There is a hole,  
that can never be filled  
But in my heart, there is hope  
and you are with me still  
  
In my heart, you live on,  
Always there, never gone  
Precious child, you left too soon  
Though it may be true, that were apart  
You will live forever, in my heart

God knows I want to hold you,  
feel you, touch you  
and maybe there is a Heaven  
and some day I will again  
Please know your not forgotten  
Until then...

In my heart, you live on  
Always there, Never gone  
Precious Child  
You left too soon  
Though it may be true, that we're apart  
You will live forever  
in my heart!

The melody "Precious Child" was written and performed by Karen Taylor-Good in loving memory of her nephew, Paul Rodgers. First sung at the 1998 TCF National Conference in Nashville, this moving song is now available on CD or Cassette Tape from the TCF Resource Center. Perfect for memorial services, Side 1 of the Cassette Tape features Karen's stirring vocals, while Side 2 is an instrumental version of the song. A lyric sheet is provided with each tape so that you can sing along.



## Our Children, Loved and Remembered



<i>Birthdates</i>		<i>Anniversary Dates</i>	
<b>Nestor Kratz</b> Son of Valerie Kratz	3/1/2001	<b>Greg B. Williams</b> Son of Lloyd & Judy Williams	3/1/2001
<b>Jesus Salinas</b> Son of Sergio G. & Patricia Salinas	3/2/1981	<b>Tanya Lake</b> Daughter of Elizabeth Lake	3/7/1990
<b>Chelsea Rose Stevenson</b> Daughter of Debbie Stevenson	3/13/1994	<b>Bert Buede, Jr.</b> Son of Bert & Josette Buede	3/8/2003
<b>Stephen Kenneth Bogee</b> Son of Dee Bogee	3/16/1980	<b>David X. Nonamaker, Jr.</b> Son of Anne Rinaldi-Nonamaker	3/9/2004
<b>Scott M. Jessie</b> Son of Sara Ruble	3/20/1975	<b>Leah Rose McCarrick</b> Granddaughter of Pat & Fred Bifulco	3/11/2003
<b>Timothy Taylor</b> Son of Richard & Cheryl Taylor	3/21/1978	<b>Nathaniel "Nate" Ketcham</b> Son of Deborah Ketcham	3/12/2006
<b>Debbie Pascarella</b> Daughter of Jeanne Milano	3/31/1958	<b>Rachel Louise Brown</b> Daughter of Susan & Michael Brown	3/19/2003
<b>Todd Swaine</b> Son of Margaret Swaine	3/31/1975	<b>Timothy Taylor</b> Son of Richard & Cheryl Taylor	3/28/2004
		<b>Collin Creed</b> Son of Terese Walker	3/30/1996

\*\*If we inadvertently missed your child's Birthday, Anniversary Date, or any errors, please accept our deepest apologies. Call us at 287-5968 or email [anne.rinaldi@comcast.net](mailto:anne.rinaldi@comcast.net) to make an immediate correction.

### *Loving Listeners:*

For those times when you need to speak to someone who will listen with understanding and who can offer hope and support from their own process of healing in grief please call us:

**Annette Carruli 250-4071**      **Teresa Walker 353-3215**      **Anne Kithcart 775-5640**

### *Why Butterflies?*

Since early times, the butterfly has symbolized renewed life. The caterpillar signifies life here on earth; the cocoon, death; and the butterfly, the emergence of the dead into a new, beautiful and freer existence. Frequently, the butterfly is seen with the word "Nika" which means victory. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross movingly tells of seeing butterflies drawn all over the walls of the children's dormitories in the World War 11 concentration camps. Since Elisabeth believes in the innate intuitiveness of children, she concludes that these children knew their fate and were leaving us a message. Many members of The Compassionate Friends embrace the butterfly, a symbol—a sign of hope to them, that their children are living in another dimension with greater beauty and freedom—a comforting thought to many.

### *Thank you for your Gifts of Love*

All donations are gratefully accepted and assist the chapter in its mission to help bereaved families following the loss of a child.

Please mail to:  
Teresa Mitchell 11081 Longshore Way West,  
Naples, FL 34119



We are pleased to have partnered with *Basket of Kindness* for fundraising. We receive 15% of your purchase!

### Members Area: Southwest Florida Compassionate Friends:

### Provocative Retreat

Imagine talking with your unborn baby and explaining what is about to happen. We'd probably say something like . . . "When the time is right you will be born into this world. At that moment I will hold you and look into your eyes. You will see my face for the first time" . . . Being the good parent that you are you might mention that there may be some pain or fear associated with the birth. You might tell the child to have faith in you and know that this pain and fear will pass. You might tell the unassuming innocent child that the joy will far outweigh that pain and fear and remind him/her that you'd be there to receive him/her with love. I'm thinking the baby might object strongly. He/She would probably tell us to leave him/her alone and explain that he/she loves their world just the way it is; safely in the womb of Mom.



When the time is exactly right . . . the birth begins and the child is born into your arms, received with love, able to see the parents face for the first time. He/She discovers the joy does outweigh the fear and pain of the birth into this world.



While not one of us that has suffered the loss of our children know the "why," we are each left with the gifts of hope and faith. Hope and faith that while our children died from this world, they have been born into another. Hope and faith that they were received with love into the arms of their Creator, able to see the face of eternal love. Hope and faith that the joy they are experiencing far outweighs any pain or fear that was associated with their passing. Hope and faith that one day we too will die from this world and be received with love into the arms of our Creator, and eternally reunited with our children. We were each bestowed the greatest gift of love by our Creator. our children. They are entrusted to us, eternally, to love and cherish in the womb, in this life, and with the hope and faith of reunification in the next.

For those of you who would like to share your ideas, growth, insight, stories or poems, please submit your material for the newsletter by the 20th of the month. You may email it or, if you prefer, mail it to my address: 168 Lake Point Lane, Naples, FL 34112. Sincerely, Anne Rinaldi-Nonamaker: 239-287-5968

**Our Mission:** 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 to be supportive.

The Compassionate Friends is a national nonprofit, self-help support organization that offers friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. There is no religious affiliation and there are no membership dues or fees.

The secret of TCF's success is simple: As seasoned griever reach out to the newly bereaved, energy that has been directed inward begins to flow outward and both are helped to heal. Please come, bring your hope and energy, and be a Compassionate Friend to another.