

The Compassionate Friends

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TCF meets every first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted

Next Meeting: October 2, 2006

*******We have a new meeting place!*******

**To accommodate our friends that come from so far away
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 LEFT

Welcome and Sharing Begins at 7:00 P.M.

Committee meets at 6:30 P.M.

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. On the subject line insert "TCF Email Newsletter" and your name and you're done.

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WE'RE ALIKE, YOU AND I

We're alike, you and I.
We've never met
Our faces would be those of strangers if we met
We would barely perceive the other's presence
If we passed on our walk through the mists
We're unknown to each other
Until the terrible words have been spoken
"MY CHILD DIED"

We're alike, you and I
We measure time in seconds and eternities
We try to go forward to yesterday
Tomorrows are for the whole people,
And we are incomplete now
The tears after a time turn inward
To become invisible to all save you and me
Our souls are rumpled from wrestling with demons.
And doubts and unanswerable prayers.
"GIVE ME BACK MY CHILD"

We're alike, you and I.
The tears that run down your face are my tears
And the wound in your soul is my pain too.
We need time, but time is our enemy
For it carries us farther and farther
From our lost child
And we cry out;
"HELP ME"

We're alike, you and I.
And we need each other
Don't turn away, but give me your hand
And for a time we can cease to be strangers
And become what we truly are,
A family closer than blood.
United by a bond that was forced upon us---
But a bond that can make us stronger,
Still wounded and not to sure,
But stronger for our sorrows are shared.
"WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE"

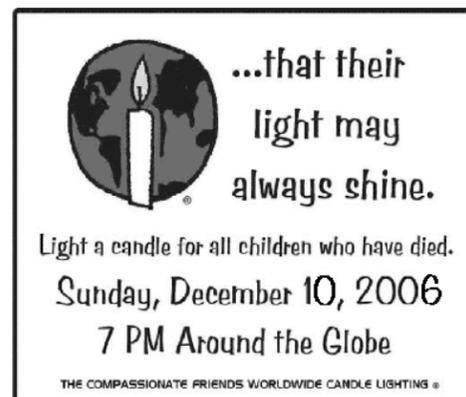
written by Judy Dickey



Our Children, Loved and Remembered



Birthdates		Anniversary Dates	
Keala Howard Daughter of Robert Howard	10/1/1992	Tyler A. Thompson Son of Robert & Jill Thompson	10/3/1998
Ashley Erin Kelly Daughter of Sherri & Tom Kelly	10/4/1985	Tanya Rane Mitchell Daughter of Teresa & Dennis Mitchell	10/15/1991
Kevin Edward Branning Son of MaryAnn Branning-Johnson	10/6/1959	Justin Taylor Son of Donna Taylor	10/27/1999
Heidi Schmidt Daughter of Dick & Elda Schmidt	10/9/1968	Jennifer Lynn Taylor Daughter of Helen Taylor	10/27/2001
Erika Rose Addison Daughter of Deborah C. Addison	10/18/1982	Caitlyn Landers Daughter of Don & Sandy Landers	10/25/1998
Clint Beatty Son of Karen Lutgen-Beatty	10/22/1979	Brianna N. Dwyer Daughter of Karen Dwyer	10/30/1999
Melissa Heinly Daughter of Sharon Matson	10/24/1990		
Zackary Robert Finch Son of Keith Finch	10/31/1977		
Damian A. Holliday Son of Arlene Holliday	10/31/1973		



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.

**If we have inadvertently missed your child's Birthday or Anniversary Date or made any other errors, please accept our deepest apologies. Do call us at 287-5968 or email anne.rinaldi@comcast.net to make an immediate correction.

Thank you for your Gifts of Love

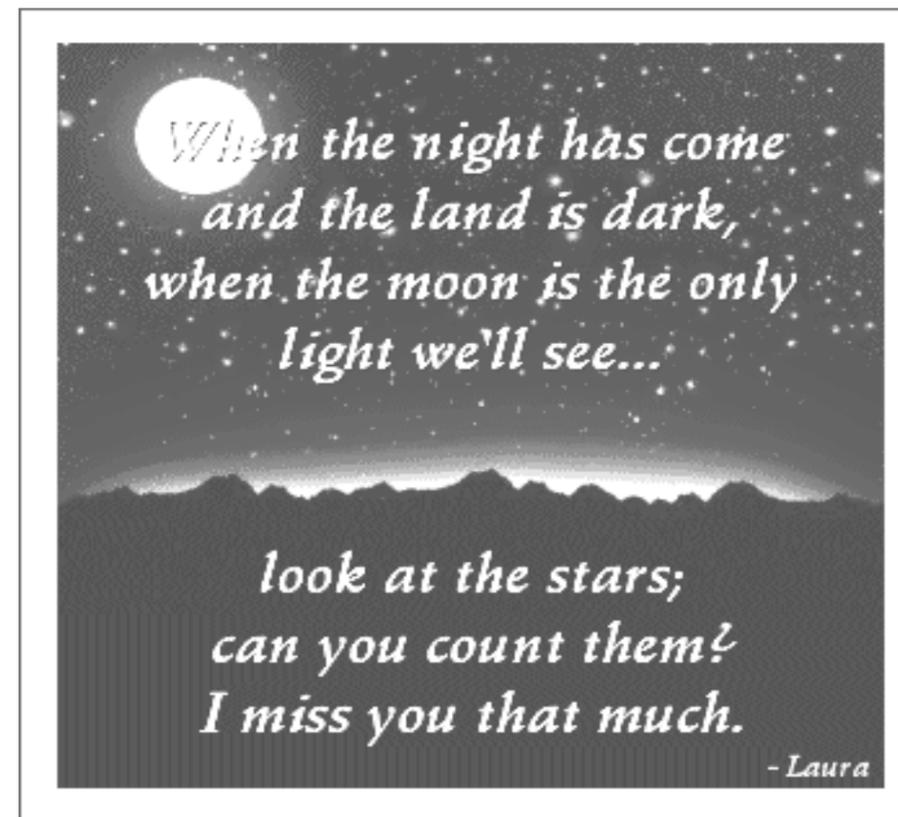
. All donations are gratefully accepted and assist the chapter in its mission to help bereaved families following the loss of a child.

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

Members Area: Southwest Florida Compassionate Friends: Planting Seeds . . .



For those of you who would like to share your ideas, growth, insight, stories or poems, please email your material for the newsletter. Or if you prefer, mail it to my address: 168 Lake Point Lane, Naples, FL 34112.

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 grievers 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.