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The Compassionate Friends



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The Compassionate Friends Wristbands

“FOREVER IN MY HEART”

Are now available for only \$3.00!



New customized Compassionate Friends wristbands have the phrase "Forever in My Heart" framed by two butterflies. The wristbands are high quality long lasting silicon and are swirled blue and white. Wristbands come individually packaged with a card explaining the mission of The Compassionate Friends and includes contact information.

The Naples Chapter of Compassionate Friends kicked off our fundraiser at the March meeting with these wristbands. While many of the attendees took a few, Joe took about 30 to put on the counter in his salon, Hair. I took 10, at Joe's encouragement, to either sell or give to my friends and family. They absolutely loved them, thanks Joe! A friend of mine in CT ordered 10 to give to some of her loved ones and I have other orders from extended friends and family. Who do you know that might really cherish such a gentle yet powerful reminder? The money we raise will help us to offset the cost of postage, printing, and meeting resources.

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.



Our Children, Loved and Remembered



<i>Birthdates</i>		<i>Anniversary Dates</i>	
Perry Bracuti Son of Norman & Elaine Planer	4/3/1957	Sean Terry Son of Wendy Terry	4/8/1995
Kirk Reed Son of Marilyn Reed	4/5/1973	Michael McSorley Son of Marcie Spencer	4/11/2003
Stephanie Ann Reeve Daughter of Mary Reeve	4/13/1988	Brad L. Corder Son of Mark & Pam Corder	4/14/2002
Tom Scott Son of Bob & Judi Scott	4/26/1972	Gary Tepe Son of Dennis & Jan Tepe	4/14/2003
<i>Anniversary Dates</i>		Bill Bishop Son of Robert & JoAnn Bishop	4/22/2002
Rain Lee Schliska Son of Loni Pines	4/1/1996	Karen Brewster Daughter of Kate Gamble	4/24/1993
Sarah Anne Kithcart Daughter of Herb & Anne Kithcart	4/2/1992	Phillip Scott Starling Son of Lynn Connor	4/26/2003

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 II 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.

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.

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.

Sincerely, Anne Rinaldi-Nonamaker

Thank you for your Gifts of Love

Lloyd and Judy Williams in memory of their son, Greg.

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

When you can't make it to the meeting . . . Try an on line chat support:

Compassionate Friends Web site offers many topic sensitive chat opportunities

http://compassionatefriends.com/Chat/chat_schedule.htm

EST: PM	8:00 — 9:00	9:00—10:00	10:00—11:00	11:00—12:00
Monday		General Bereavement Siblings	General Bereavement Men's Chat	
Tuesday	Bereaved over 2 years	Pregnancy/Infant General Bereavement	General Bereavement Pregnancy/Infant	
Wednesday		General Bereavement Siblings Bereavement under 1 year	General Bereavement	
Thursday	No surviving children	General Bereavement Siblings	General Bereavement	
Friday	Survivors of suicide	Loss of a special needs child	General Bereavement	General Bereavement
Saturday		Iraq/Afghanistan issues	General Bereavement	
Sunday		General Bereavement Siblings	General Bereavement Siblings	

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TCF meets **EVERY** first Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 2006

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

**MOORINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
791 HARBOUR DR., NAPLES**

GOING NORTH ON U.S.41, HARBOUR DR. IS A LEFT TURN
ABOUT A MILE NORTH OF COASTLAND MALL AND GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY.

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