

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

A self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved families

Inside Valley Forge

Meetings are on the first Thursday of every month, at 7:45 PM (ending at 9:30 PM). We meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Founders Hall, Valley Forge Road and Henderson Rds., King of Prussia, PA.

For info call Rhonda (484) 919-0820

Meeting Schedule and other TCF Events of Interest.

Meeting - 8/4/2022

Next Meeting - 9/1/2022

SAVE THE DATE— 45th National Convention, August 5 - 7, 2022 in Houston, TX .

Butterfly Release is September 17, 2022 at the Lower Merion Township Bldg. Sat 3 P.M. See page 7 for Details.



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We encourage newsletter writings from our members. You may also submit articles written by others. Please include the author of all articles submitted. The cut off date for newsletter entries is the 15th of the preceding month. Articles should be sent to the newsletter editor.

There are no dues or fees to belong to the Compassionate Friends, or to receive our newsletter. Your tax deductible donations (which we call love gifts) given in memory of your loved one enables us to defray the cost of the chapter expenses, particularly the newsletter, meetings and our outreach to the newly bereaved. Please include any special tribute you wish printed in the newsletter along with your gift.

Please make all checks Payable to:
TCF VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER
Send to Rhonda Gomez

Mission Statement

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild and helps others better assist the grieving family.

NEW FRIENDS

We welcome our newly bereaved friends, sorry for the cause that brings you. We all have been in the depths of despair, and offer unconditional love and understanding to all of you, it sometimes takes several meetings to feel the full benefit of group sharing. We offer confidentiality, unconditional love and understanding to all of you.

Eric Archibald, daughter, Naroly 19

Joanne Quirion, daughter, Marissa 43

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments may be donated in memory of loved ones. Please call Rhonda (484) 919-0820 or you may sign the refreshment chart located on the refreshment table.

The Chapter

LOVE GIFTS

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We are asking if possible, would you please receive your newsletter by email.

We do not want to remove anyone from our newsletter mailing list who is benefiting from receiving it. We hope it is a help to you while going through your grief, giving you better understanding of your feelings, and letting you know **"We need not walk alone"**.

A newsletter helps to keep our TCF family informed of local and national events. We consider this an important function of our program.

We are asking if you have email, would you consider receiving your newsletter in email format. You will receive your copy earlier if you opt to receive it by email. If you chose to use the email method of receiving your newsletter, you will have the option to switch back to the old method. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email please contact: **Frank Gomez (frank@tcfvalleyforge.org)**

AFTER THE STORM COMES THE RAINBOW

Happiness does not depend on what happens outside of you, but rather on what happens inside of you. It is measured by the spirit in which you meet the problems of life.

The master secret of happiness is to meet the challenge of each new day in remembering to look for the rainbows as assurance God is with us through the storms of life.

Author Unknown - TCF, Holmdel, NJ

OUR CHILDREN & SIBLINGS LOVED, SADLY MISSED AND REMEMBERED

Each month some of us must face those special, but difficult days of birthdays and anniversaries. This month we ask your thoughts and prayers for the parents, siblings, relatives of the following children.

We will no longer list the birth and death years of deceased persons in our newsletter. We have concerns this information could be misused, and result in an adversity for the families.

Anniversaries

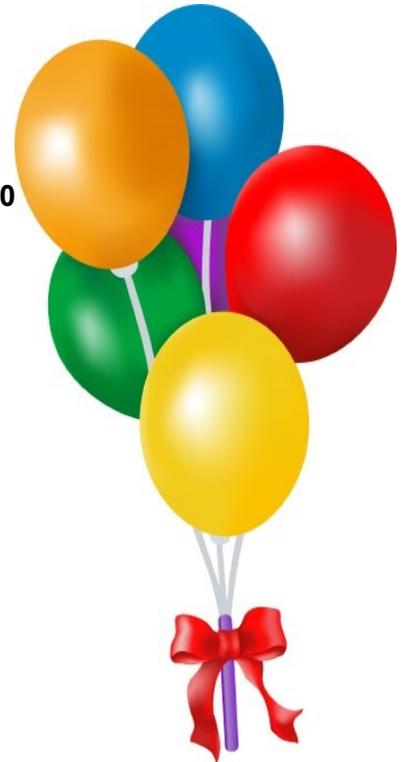
- Maryellen & Dick Abell - Brian Abell - son - 8/19**
- Emily L. Alm - Bryan W. Alm - son - 8/23**
- Lisa Bellopede - Johnny - son - 8/12**
- Dorothy & Jack Bert - Matthias - son - 8/29**
- Tom & Kathy Biggar - Ava Nobles - granddaughter - 8/28**
- Bob & Marge Blasucci - Danny - son - 8/1**
- Joe & Maryann Bucci - Dante - son - 8/13**
- Carol & Ira Caplan - Julian - son - 8/6**
- Gary Chavez - Christopher Dale Chavez - son - 8/4**
- Mary Chelius - John J. Chelius, Jr. - son - 8/24**
- Wendy Coleman - Gabrielle - daughter - 8/18**
- Liz & Scott Conaghan - Jan - brother - 8/27**
- Joane Cooper - Ben - son - 8/2**
- Jean & Bill Cotter - Patrick Cotter - son - 8/11**
- Carol Curtiss - Kurt - grandson - 8/20**
- Dorothy & G. Robert Daily, Sr. - G. Robert Daily, Jr. - son - 8/10**
- Carol Dawidziuk - Michel - son - 8/21**
- Kimberly De Simone - Lacey - daughter - 8/13**
- Antoinette & John DiDonato - John Jr - son - 8/17**
- Scott & Charlene Fazekas - Eric Scott Fazekas - Son - 8/13**
- Richard & Martha Fenoglio - Judith Fenoglio Daw - daughter - 8/6**
- Lisa Foos - Curtis - son - 8/12**
- Denise & Edward Frazier - Akhir - son - 8/25**
- Molly Gehring - Daniel - son - 8/26**
- Angela Giannantonio - Anthony - son - 8/2**
- Stephanie Grier - John "JD" Grier - son - 8/17**
- Tim & Rosemarie Griffiths - Timothy Griffiths - son - 8/17**
- Tracey Hawley - Christopher - son - 8/10**
- Janet Higgins - Nicholas - son - 8/1**

Anniversaries - Cont'd

Margaret Huss - Robert - husband - 8/9
 Joan Jagers - John Costello - son - 8/18
 Janet & Dave Keller - Joseph E. Keller - son - 8/21 - Thomas A. Keller - brother - 8/10
 Greg & Anita Lewicki - Eric Stephen Lewicki - son - 8/20
 Frank & Laura Lincicome - Daniel - son - 8/29
 John & Nancy Logue - Heather Logue - daughter - 8/23
 Kathleen & Hugh Martin, Jr. - Colin John C.J. Martin - son - 8/16
 Jeff and Kathy McCarron - Sarah - daughter - 8/14
 Marjorie Meckley - Douglas Meckley - son - 8/16
 Kathleen Mitchel - Danielle - daughter - 8/21
 Joanne Morasco - Robert - son - 8/6
 Jenn Nobles - Ava Ruth Marie - daughter - 8/28
 Carol & Dennis O'Connor - Michael O'Connor - son - 8/23
 Chet, Hema and Nita Patel - Neil - son - 8/1
 Patricia Peraino - Anthony - brother - 8/2
 Marge Randolph - Bob Fixter - husband - 8/18
 Thomas & Jeri Bubbles Reinert - Theresa Volpe - mother (Bubbles) - 8/23
 Tracey Robinson - Connor - son - 8/29
 Susan & John Rutland - Justin Rutland - son - 8/30
 Carol Sannella - David Sannella - son - 8/31
 Sheila Scanlon - Andrew McGuire - grandson - 8/29
 Rosemarie Scott-Griffiths - Timothy F. Griffiths - stepson - 8/17
 Enjoli Segneri - Shane - boyfriend - 8/8
 Robert & Nell Shoemaker - Brynn Shoemaker - daughter - 8/9
 Edie Smith - John Seddon "Sed" Wilson - son - 8/20
 Linda Sposato - Bernadette Funaro - daughter - 8/24
 Elaine & Joe Stillwell - Margaret Mary O'Connor - daughter - 8/2, Denis E. O'Connor, III - son - 8/6
 Judy Tomarelli - Daniel Robert Tomarelli - son - 8/10
 Jack, Bobbie and Ross Trotter - Megan - daughter/sister - 8/26
 Steven Tucker - Patrick Ryan - son - 8/18
 Tim and Mary Tuinstra - Sophia Tuinstra - granddaughter - 8/31
 Kevin Welde - John Welde - brother - 8/14
 Carolyn & Tom Yuhas - Eric Whitelock - son - 8/17

BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Anton - cousin/godmother - Douglas Hofmockel - 8/27
 Denis Nicholson Asselin & Judy - son - Nathaniel - 8/21
 Dorothy & Jack Bert - son - Matthias - 8/16
 Jovanna & Joseph Bevilacqua - son - Donato Danny Bevilacqua - 8/20
 Richard & Jo Bewley - son - Kevin Bewley - 8/24
 Joane Cooper - son - Ben - 8/2, daughter - Katy - 8/2
 Allison Crowder - daughter - Amber - 8/8
 Dorothy & G. Robert Daily, Sr. son - David - 8/26
 Lisa & David Dibello - son - Joey - 8/14
 Karen Donaldson - daughter - Willow Ann - 8/5
 Laurie Downing - son - Trevor - 8/3
 Jim and Patty Duffy - son - Michael Duffy - 8/8
 Nancy & David Dykty - brother - Jim Sutton - 8/7
 Tom & Irene Edmunds - son - Kyle Derek Edmunds - 8/1
 Ron & Sue Gamza - daughter & Grandson - Rachel & Troy - 8/22
 Frank & Rhonda Gomez - brother - Donnie - 8/7
 Mary Lou Harrison - son - Lance 'Scott' Harrison - 8/4
 Marie Hofmockel - son - Douglas Hofmockel - 8/27
 Jan & Dan Jackson - son - John Jackson - 8/18
 Michael & Betsy Jarrett - son - Michael Jarrett - 8/13
 Vern & Joyce Kaiser - son - son - Michael - 8/4
 Joan Kingslake - daughter - Ann Kingslake Woods - 8/3
 Sue Lawlor - son - Jim Sinha - 8/24
 Kathleen & John Leeper - son - Shaun Michael Leeper - 8/17
 Janet Leflar - son - Scott - 8/11
 John & Nancy Logue - daughter - Heather Logue - 8/16
 Timothy & Maxine Lurowist - daughter - Kristine - 8/24
 Mary Mac Farland - son - Marc - 8/4
 Bonnie MacDonald - son - R. Scott Geddes - 8/30
 Anna E Marchese - son - Matthew Paul Marchese - 8/28
 Diane Mazzagatti - son - John Pirocchi, Jr. - 8/3
 Sue McMaster - cousin - cousin - Patty - 8/30
 Alfred J. & Joan Michini - son - Alfred J. Michini, II - 8/2
 Alexandra Milas - daughter - Nicole Penelope Wiseley - 8/23



Birthdays — continued

Andrew Miller - daughter - Perri - 8/21
Kathleen Mitchel - daughter - Danielle - 8/21
John B. & Lillian Neff - son - Patrick Neff - 8/30
Sharon Ott - daughter - Amber - 8/12
Joan Palumbo - son - Michael - 8/4
Marie Poulsen - grandson - Jerry August Warfel - 8/12
Chris Poulsen - nephew - Jerry - 8/12
Sharyn & Joe Pozzuolo - son - Joey Brad Pozzuolo - 8/26
Joe & Marti Purifico - son - Jeffrey - 8/3
Marcella Rice - brother - Raymond Anthony Rice - 8/29
Christine Rizol - son - Tyler - 8/24
Bonnie Rosen - son - Troy - 8/30
Becky Rotkowski - brother - Brian - 8/17
Beverly & Joe Rush - daughter - Kelsey - 8/27
Marie Schmeltzer - son - Sam Sonny Schmeltzer - 8/22
Pamela Schneibolk - brother - Douglas Hofmockel - 8/27
Harry & Carol Schultz - son - Brian Andrew Schultz - 8/23
Susan Snyder - son - Brian - 8/24
Lorraine Spear - daughter - Kimberly Jean Spear - 8/15
Susan & Ron Spencer - son - Rob - 8/21
Elaine & Joe Stillwell - daughter - Margaret Mary O'Connor - 8/23
Karen & Alan Stoner - daughter - Holly Patricia Stoner - 8/11
Fred & Irene Sutton - son - Jim Sutton - 8/7
Tracey Sutton-Vitabile - brother - Jim Sutton - 8/7

GRIEF

GRIEF is sometimes silent – like snowflakes falling on a dark winter’s night – but never peaceful or serene or pretty like the pure white snow. When grief is silent, the tears seem to turn to ice, like the snowflakes, before they reach our eyes.

GRIEF is sometimes raging – like a monstrous thunderstorm - with all its fury and bolts of lightning striking our hearts at every angle. When grief is raging, the tears come in torrents like the rain and flood our soul.

GRIEF: Whether it be silent or raging . . . IT HURTS.

Verna Smith, TCF, Ft. Worth, TX

BUTTERFLY RELEASE AND PROGRAM
Saturday, September 17, 2012 at 3 PM
Upper Merion Township Park
175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Diagonally across from our monthly meeting place at Good Shepherd Church.
This event will be held in back of the township building, at the gazebo.

Cost \$6 per butterfly — August 20th Last day to place order.
There is no admission or parking fee.

Water will be provided by the chapter. Please bring folding chairs or a blanket to sit on.

A family may order one butterfly to share, or order one butterfly for each family member. You may order as many butterflies as you wish. All butterflies must be preordered. If you are unable to attend on this date, we can release the butterfly that you have purchased in your loved one's name. The names of all loved ones will be read during the program.

For questions, please call TCF Valley Forge 484-919-0820
Any further details will be posted at the VF website. www.tcfvalleyforge.org

Cut on the line

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

_____	_____
Name of loved one	Your Relationship to them
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Total number of butterflies ordered: _____ \$6.00 each -

Total money (no credit cards) enclosed: _____

Please forward registration and check to: Rhonda Gomez,
12 Brook Circle, Glenmoore, PA 1934

We need not walk alone. We are the Compassionate Friends. We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope. The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes but our love for them unites us. Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope. We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances. We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds and relationships. We are young and we are old, some of us are far along in our grief but others still feel a grief so fresh and so intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope.

Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength. While some of us are struggling to find answers. Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression; while others radiate an inner peace. But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of the Compassionate Friends, it is pain we will share, just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died.

We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building a future together. We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace, share the faith as well as the doubts and help each other to grieve as well as to grow. We need not walk alone, we are the Compassionate Friends.

The Compassionate Friends Credo



*A bereavement organization
For parents, siblings and families
We offer friendship, love and understanding
We talk, we listen, we share, we care.*

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