



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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Supporting Family After a Child Dies

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Our meetings take place at the **Regina M. McGinn, MD Center**, which is located between the Emergency Room and the main building on the second floor. The address is 475 Seaview Avenue SI, NY. The meeting takes place at 7:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursday of the month.

## TCF 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.

***Meeting Dates* April 8th and 22nd, 2021**

If the weather permits, we are planning to have our April meeting outdoors. - Stay tuned !

## SIBLING CORNER

NATIONAL COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OFFICE see above

- You'll notice links throughout the website to our Facebook Page. We hope you will join and thus have the opportunity to interact with other siblings, as well as parents and grandparents who "get" what you're going through.
- Please join our [Sounds of the Siblings](#) closed Facebook group to interact with other siblings. Contact Keith Singer of Staten Island TCF

# Chapter corner

NEW MEMEBRS:

# WELCOME

Visit our website at [www.sitcf.com](http://www.sitcf.com)

We welcome our newly bereaved friends. We are sorry for the cause that brings you. We know how dev-astated you are. In order to get full benefit of our meetings, it will be necessary to attend at least three meetings.

We offer you unconditional love and understanding as we share with you our love for our children.



## Love Gifts

### Vincent Castro

### 2/14 - 8/10



Dear Friends,

### ATTENTION

We have been so fortunate to have Avery, Abigail's dad, print our monthly newsletter. His creativity allows him to embellish and print it in color. This our pride and joy.

However, this endeavor is becoming too expensive and we have to make a decision.

If you are interested in having a black-and-white version sent to you by mail, please consider sending us a check for \$20.00 per year. If enough people choose to do so, we can try to print it for you. The check should be made out to TCF.

Don't forget that these newsletters are emailed to most of you. The newsletter is also posted on our website [sitcf.com](http://sitcf.com). You can always read it from there.

Thank you for your attention.

#### Telephone Friends

The people listed as telephone friends are there because they are bereaved parents and siblings who have had been bereaved for a while and therefore they have the ability to "hear" your pain. These friends are there to listen. Don't hesitate to call when you need to. They are our compassionate friends.



We extend our congratulations to the Ricco Family for the marriage of their son.

Keith Singer	718.227.1207 sibling
Cookie Parisi	718.317.0793 sudden death
Michele Muro	718.227.6516 car accident
Virginia Chieco	718.948.8127 suicide
Carol Bell	718.917.0633 only child
Richard Pierce	908.653.1994 young child
Fran Zogby	718.317.0647 multiple children

The newsletter cannot exist without contributions from TCF members.

Please send articles, poems, etc. in order to make it yours.

Email to: VWendroff@aol.com

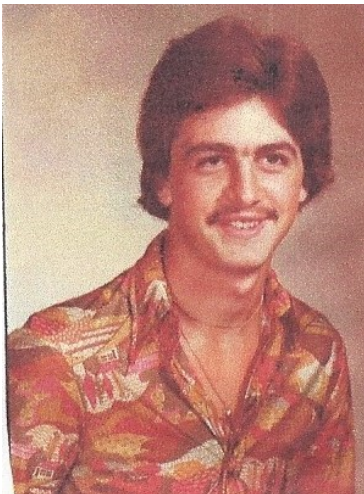


## Love Gifts



In Loving Memory of  
**ANTHONY COMPTON**

With love, MOM  
Ann Magrone



WILLIAM PALIOTTA

On your 60th birthday

You are in my thoughts today and every  
day.

Forgotten Never.

Love and miss you.

Mom

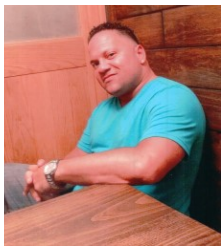
Katherine Paliotta

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

**NOTE:** Any article that you want to be published during the month of a birthday or anniversary **MUST** be place in the month prior to publication.

The newsletter will be sent for printing on the 20th of each month.





Frankie Kalansky



Hugh White, Jr.



Suzie Brunelle



Lori Singer (Muro)



Carolyn Baer



Helene Bonsignore



Angelica Tidona



Deena Magrone



Georgena Marbaille



Jack Steinberg



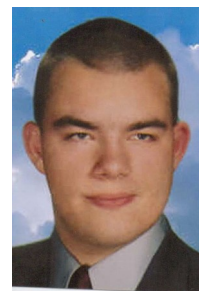
Marti LoMonaco



Stephen Ventimiglia



John Gintole



Eddie Ernst



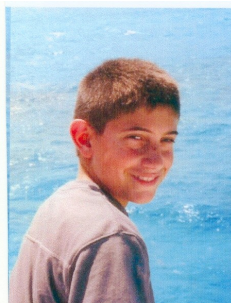
Matthew Scherer



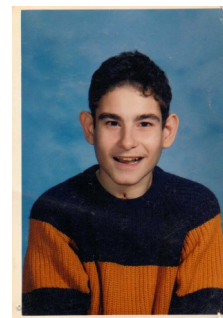
Robert Hagerman



Patrick Bogan



Nicholas Johs



Richie Cohen (Richter)



Ryan Pisapia



Arielle Newman



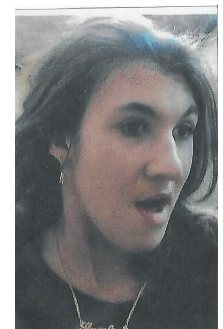
Gerald Ascuncion



Lenny Ingrassia



Bobby Bright



Angelica Tidona

**What is Normal after your child dies?**

**Normal is having tears waiting behind every smile because your child is missing from all the important events in your life.**

**Normal is feeling like you can't sit another minute without getting up and screaming, because you just don't like to sit through anything anymore.**

**Normal is not sleeping very well because a thousand what if's & why didn't I's go through your head constantly. Normal is reliving the day your child died, continuously through your eyes and mind, holding your head to make it go away.**

**Normal is having the TV on the minute you walk into the house to have noise, because the silence is deafening. Normal is telling the story of your child's death as if it were an everyday, commonplace activity, and then seeing the horror in someone's eyes at how awful it sounds. And yet realizing it has become a part of your "normal."**

**Normal is each year coming up with the difficult task of how to honor your child's memory and their birthdays and survive these days.**

**Normal is a heart warming and yet sinking feeling at the sight of something special your child loved.**

**Normal is having some people afraid to mention your child. Normal is making sure that others remember your child. Normal is everyone else eventually going on with their lives.**

**Normal is weeks, months, and years after the initial shock, the grieving gets worse, not better.**

**Normal is not listening to people compare anything in their life to your loss, unless they too have lost a child. Nothing compares.**

**Normal is self care, and trying not to cry all day, because you know your mental health depends on it.**

**Normal is realizing you do cry everyday.**

**Normal is being impatient with everything and everyone except someone stricken with grief over the loss of their child.**

**Normal is sitting at the computer crying, sharing how**

**you feel with other grieving parents.**

**Normal is being too tired to care if you paid the bills, cleaned the house, did the laundry or if there is any food. Normal is asking God why he took your child's life in-stead of yours.**

**Normal is learning to lie to everyone you meet and telling them you are fine. You lie because it makes others un-comfortable if you cry. You've learned it's easier to lie to them then to tell them the truth that you still feel empty and lost.**

**And last of all...**

**Normal is hiding all the things that have become "normal" for you to feel, so that everyone around you**

**will think that you are "normal."**

**Written by a grieving mother**



**Happy Birthday my kind sweet Frankie.**

My heart knows you are not here physically, but my brain doesn't. I long to hear your voice telling me what you want for your special dinner and then having your cupcakes. Life was so simple then. My Son, I pray that the Angels are singing to you and you are all dancing in the Sky. I will have your cupcake today and as I blow out your candle, my wish will always be the same. I love you my Sonshine, so much more today than yesterday, but not as much as tomorrow.

Love Mama xoxo



Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.  
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

... and the month is already over.

... and the year is almost over.

... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.

... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.

and we realize it's too late to go back...

So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...

Let's keep looking for activities that we like...

Let's put some color in our grey...

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters...

I'm doing it after...

I'll say after...

I'll think about it after...

We leave everything for later like "after" is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...

afterwards, priorities change...

Afterwards, the charm is broken...

afterwards, health passes...

Afterwards, the kids grow up...

Afterwards parents get old...

Afterwards, promises are forgotten...

afterwards, the day becomes the night...

afterwards life ends...

And then it's often too late....

So... Let's leave nothing for later...

Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,

the best experiences,

best friends,

the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

So let's see if you have time to read this message and then share it.

Or maybe you'll leave it for... "later" ...

And you'll never share it



April 16 2015

The day I fell apart broken in so many piec-es, I can never be put together again. Grief, sorrow, pain, and heartache the consuming words my precious daughter. Vibrant, gor-geous, kind and loving. An angel that touched everybody's heart. Daughter there wasn't enough time to do everything we wanted to do. Taking away when your light was just about to shine, like a wave tossed in the ocean. In your life time you have tak-en time out for me which speaks volume of the special bond we shared. You have a way of making me feel more important in life and more loved. I miss your glow you're one in million daughter. Life without you my G will never be the same. As the years rolled bye there's no change the knife is still in my heart. When I feel like giving up your beautiful kids keep me going now I live for them, I see you though them as they are the living replica of you. Stars aren't enough, the hours, the minutes, the days, the years, brings no closure will there be any? Not for me. I'm holding on to hope to see my one and only again. Rest and wait for me we will be reunited, loved forev-er. Mom, Liam, Isabel, John



Gina Marie Newman

In Loving Memory of

**LATOYA SCHOUKO**

March 26th

# ANNIVERSARY

<b>Kenneke (Dym)</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>4/1</b>
<b>Tush</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>4/2</b>
<b>Newman</b>	<b>Arielle</b>	<b>4/3</b>
<b>Asuncion</b>	<b>Gerald</b>	<b>4/3</b>
<b>Reitano</b>	<b>Amy</b>	<b>4/3</b>
<b>Ingrassia</b>	<b>Lenny</b>	<b>4/4</b>
<b>Levine</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Mastromauro</b>	<b>Jacklyn</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Silvestri</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Restivo</b>	<b>John Louis</b>	<b>4/6</b>
<b>Stiskin</b>	<b>Jerry</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>Scarpa (Hunt)</b>	<b>Anthony</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>Shankman</b>	<b>Sharon</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>Graney (Garofalo)</b>	<b>Scott</b>	<b>4/12</b>
<b>Gintole</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Marballie ( Newman)</b>	<b>Georgena</b>	<b>4/16</b>
<b>Realmuto</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>4/17</b>
<b>Sarnelli</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>4/17</b>
<b>Baer</b>	<b>Carolyn</b>	<b>4/19</b>
<b>Saha</b>	<b>Augustine</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Petrizzo</b>	<b>Dante III</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Hook</b>	<b>Sean</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Tidona</b>	<b>Angelica</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Brunelle</b>	<b>Suzan</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Pierro</b>	<b>Jason</b>	<b>4/22</b>
<b>Hagerman</b>	<b>Robert Jr.</b>	<b>4/23</b>
<b>Bergenfeld</b>	<b>Amy</b>	<b>4/23</b>
<b>Bogan</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Bright</b>	<b>Bobby</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Bonsignore</b>	<b>Helene</b>	<b>4/24</b>
<b>Katz</b>	<b>Sam</b>	<b>4/25</b>
<b>Cohen (Richter)</b>	<b>Richie</b>	<b>4/27</b>
<b>Ernst</b>	<b>Eddie</b>	<b>4/28</b>
<b>Johs</b>	<b>Nicholas</b>	<b>4/30</b>

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

# BIRTHDAY

## OUR CHILDREN

Gutter (Johnson)	Sha-Ron	4/2	
Stiskin	Jerry	4/4	
Restivo	John Lewis	4/6	
Magrone	Deanna	4/7	
Johs	Nicholas	4/8	
Cohen (Richter)	Richie	4/8	
Carey	Suzanne	4/8	
Singer (Muro)	Lori	4/10	
Perez (Rodriguez)	Desi	4/11	
Lustig	Suzanne	4/13	
Glutzer	Jonathan	4/15	
LoMonaco (Fisher)	Marti	4/16	
D'Amico	Freddie	4/19	
McGlynn	Coleen	4/19	
Saha	Augustine	4/20	
Tidona	Angelica	4/20	
Cassius	Andrew	4/21	
Gonzalez	Craig	4/21	
Babera (Lissita)	Alicia	4/22	
Amore (Rosen)	Ronda	4/23	
Nierenberg	Matthew	4/23	
White	Hugh, Jr.	4/23	
Brand (Willette)	Josh	4/24	
Kunz	Bobby	4/24	
Steinberg	Jack	4/27	
Filipowicz	John	4/27	
Neeham (Ferucci)	Robert	4/27	
Pisapia	Ryan Anthony	4/24	
Bergenfeld	Amy	4/29	
Scherer	Matthew	4/29	
Ventimiglia	Stephen	4/30	
Paliotta	William	4/30	
Kalansky	Frank	4/30	



# April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 MEETING	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 MEETING	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

If the weather permits, we are planning to have our  
April meeting outdoors. - Stay tuned !

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