



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

**STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER**

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* February 11th and 25th, 2021**

# 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

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 devastated 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.

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Vera Marie Appedu 5/6 12/1

# WELCOME



## Love Gifts

Dearest Nicky,

Another year without you to celebrate your birthday.

Can't believe you would have been 43!

We lost you right after your 16th birthday!

We will always love & miss you!

Brokenhearted for 27 years!

I know you are happy & watching over us!

You are forever my baby!

Love Always,

Mom & Dad

Virginia & Mike Chieco

## LOVED AND REMEMBERED

### 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.



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  
Roisin Sheeney  
Ashley Ward  
Kelly Ward



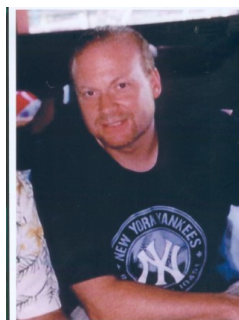
January 15th

My beautiful Dawnmarie. It's already 4 years since you've left us. They say it gets easier, but it's very hard for me. I miss you so much. My life is gone when you left me. My tears roll down my face every day. My heart cries out for you every day. The grieving is every day. All I can say is "WHY?" I have beautiful memories of you. We have your legacy, your two daughters. How I miss you, my Angel. I love you, Dawnmarie.  
Forever in your mom's broken heart.

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED

**NOTE:** Any article that you want to be published during the month of a birthday or anniversary **MUST** be placed in the month prior to publication. The newsletter will be sent for printing on the 20th of each month.





Carmine Esposito



Danielle Ricco



Blakely Russell



Nicky Chieco



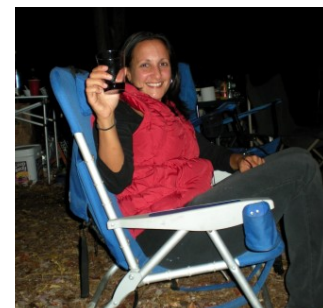
Roisin Sheeney



Anthony Mondella



Mark Zogby



Christine Veni



Daniel Kubiak



Christina Datello



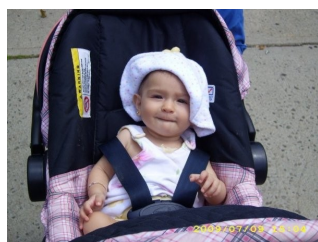
Dawnmarie Cangro



Stacey Kaphan



HALEY GRAY DAQUARA



Emily Martinez



Michael Human



Melissa Danishewski



Michael Medina



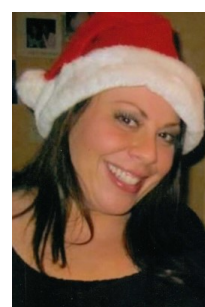
Michael Zajac



Nicholas Conte



Nolan Sacks



Michelle Zarra



Patty Bonsignore



## 2020 the year that passed

When you wake up in the morning,  
And the storm of emotions resonates,  
To the moment of darkness and trauma,  
that forever changed your life.

On December 20th., when our son Michael passed away, we felt the unbearable pain.

You try to move away from the tragedy that engulfed the whole family.

You feel that the pain will last forever.

This year, 2020 ,was very difficult.

The numbers were staring at us nonstop.

The year was a reminder of the devastation and the heartache.

The grief overshadowed everything that we did.

We survived, we took small steps, we learned that time is short.

The grief lasts forever, despite the pain and the darkness.

He didn't stay long, but he made a lasting impact on our life.

We will survive the challenge of our days.


In loving memory forever.

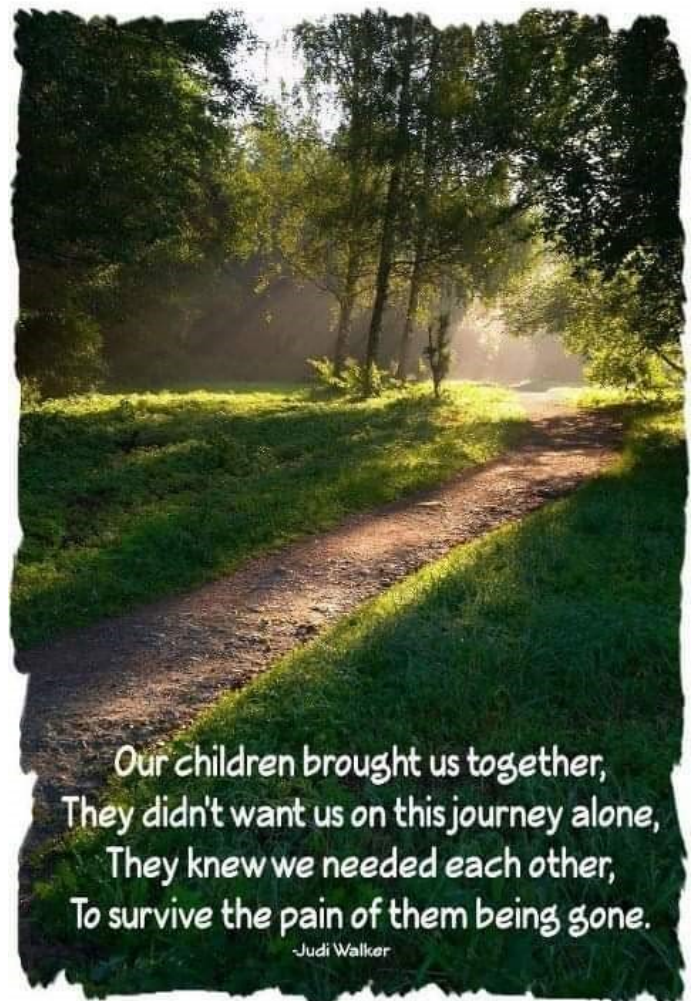
Tanya and Sam



## Physical Symptoms of Grief

Overwhelming tiredness & exhaustion  
Confusion  
Difficulty with concentration  
Sleep changes  
Appetite changes  
Nightmares  
Crying  
Social isolation  
Restlessness  
Aches and pains  
Anxiety attacks  
Difficulty with breathing

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Our children brought us together,  
They didn't want us on this journey alone,  
They knew we needed each other,  
To survive the pain of them being gone.

-Judi Walker

Dear Christina,

I can't believe another year has passed, it seems like it was only yesterday! February 6th will be your 35th birthday and you get to celebrate in heaven with your grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. We will celebrate your 35th birthday here as well. I still remember holding you for the first time. Looking at your beautiful face, touching your soft cheeks, counting your fingers and toes, and promising you that I would always be there for you. Christina I miss your face, I miss your laughter, I miss talking to you, I miss arguing with you, I miss hugging you, oh Christina, I miss you and love you so much! Every time I'm with John and Juliet I can't help but think how you would love and spoil them. Sometimes it just breaks my heart knowing that they will never know you. I show pictures of you to John all the time. He's so cute. Now he says, "No that's grandma." Thank goodness we have all been healthy during this pandemic. I haven't been in anyone's company other than Vincent, Colleen, John, Juliet and her family. They have been my social bubble. I've seen pictures of my great-nieces and nephews. I can't believe how tall they've all grown! OH MY CHRISTINA, I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU SO MUCH! Mom



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*For my beautiful, kind, loving Genevieve.*



*No words could express the love for you felt by so many, especially me, dad and John. You are missed every minute of every day.*

*I see your teardrops falling.*

*I hear you cry my name.*

*I know you cannot see me,  
but I hold you just the same.*

*I watch as you lie in bed as restless as can be.*

*I hear your whispered words as you pray for dreams of me.*

*Every day for you is painful.*

*Each breath, each step you take, but as the wise mom,  
I know a future you will make.*

*I envelope you in my love as for me you used to do.*

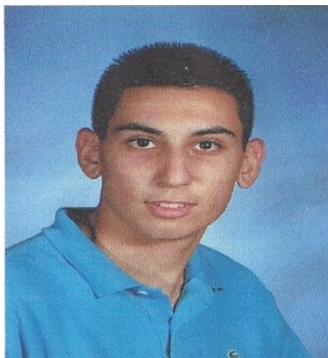
*It's hard to see you in such pain.*

*Forever the strong one's been you.*

*Although our lives' journeys have bid us to be apart,  
I am with you, you are with me,*

*always in my heart*

# Love Gifts



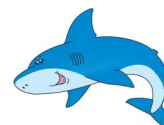
In Loving Memory of MICHAEL AUDITORE  
Mom & Dad (Frank & Michele)

# LOVED AND REMEMBERED



Human (Rivero)	Michael	2/1	
Ricco	Danielle	2/1	
Curatolo	Stephen	2/4	
Kaphan	Stacey	2/5	
Datello	Christina	2/6	
Shankman	Sharon	2/7	
Zajac	Michael	2/8	
Rinchiusso	Louis	2/9	
Schouko	Latoya	2/10	
Cunnigham	Kelly Ann	2/11	
Fay	Jessica	2/12	
Perri	John	2/13	
Conte	Nicholas Paul	2/14	
Kubiak	Daniel	2/16	
Lakeman (Cellamare)	Kenny	2/16	
Bahar	Michelle	2/18	
Scarpa (Hunt)	Anthony	2/18	
Bonsignore	Patricia	2/19	
Russell	Blakely	2/20	
Zick	Michael	2/21	
Parente	Derek	2/21	
Sheeny (Coohill)	Roisin	2/23	
Petrizzo	Dante III	2/23	
Harris (Bensen)	Sheri	2/24	
Goff (Scala)	Dean	2/27	
Lauer	Steven	2/27	
Chieco	Nicholas	2/28	
Zogby	Mark		2/1
Malucelli	Michael		2/2
Martinez (Miller)	Emily		2/2
Leguizamo	Destiny		2/2
Mondella	Anthony Scott		2/2
Kaplan	Elaine		2/3
D'Agostino	Wendell		2/3
Veni (Fox)	Christine		2/4
Collura	Genevieve		2/5
Donadio	Jacque		2/6
Vitale	Elena		2/7
Esposito	Carmine		2/9
Gold (Guberer)	Pamela		2/9
Ruggiero	James		2/10
Ortiz	Michael		2/3
Papaleo	Raymond		2/13
Medina	Michael		2/13
Conte	Nicholas Paul		2/14
Anderson	Malik James		2/14
Marcus	Bryan		2/14
Danishewski (Mattia)	Melissa		2/16
Botti	Thomas		2/16
Parente	Derek		2/21
Sacks	Nolan		2/21
Daquara	Haley Gray		2/21
Badiran, Kemeny	Joshua		2/22
Bono	Jamers		2/23
Morales	Jason Lloyd		2/23
Scarfia	Michael		2/24
O'Callaghan	Joseph		2/24
Zarra	Michelle		2/24
Cangro (Oliveri)	Dawn Marie		2/24
Kubiak	Daniel		2/28

# OUR CHILDREN





# February 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Meeting	12	13
14 Valentine's	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Meeting	26	27
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