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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.

November 14, 2013

Meeting Dates **No Meeting**

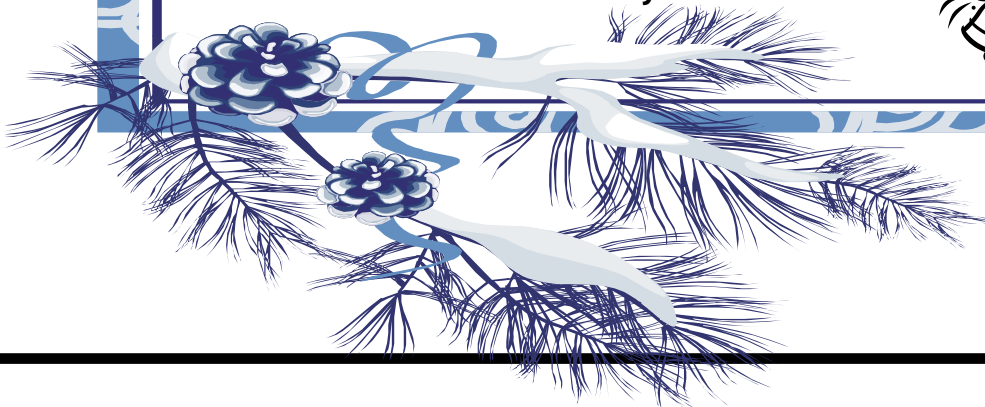
November 28, 2013 Thanksgiving

Congratulations to Sondra & George Cohen on the wedding of their granddaughter Nancy to David. This joyous event took place on September 21st.

Nancy is the daughter of Mindy Denora.

The TCF family wishes them good luck.

**May Mindy's memory bring
a smile to your soul.**



Visit our website at 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.

NEW MEMEBRS:

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BRIAN 3/9 7/2

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JEANMARIE 11/6 8/13



The TCF family
 wishes
 Mike Chieco
 A speedy
 recovery.

In loving memory
 of
 Douglas & Vincent
 Pannone.
 Love,
 Mom
 (Chickie)

November 3
 In loving
 memory of
 Michael Scarfia.
 Mom,
 Elizabeth and her
 3 nephews

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.



Get well to Mickey Fisher

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 | 718.97.0633 only child |
| Richard Pierce | 908.653.1994 young child |
| Fran Zogby | 718.356.6874 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

Or TCFArticles@aol.com

WISHES

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLORENCE RINCHIUSO ON THE BIRTH OF HER GRANDDAUGHTER.

Abigail was born in a whirlwind.

We got "the call" and off we ran to the airport the whirlwind at our backs.

We landed in Phoenix with great anticipation and off to the hospital in a whirlwind.

Abi was born on August 13, 1992 and Elaine's and my head was spinning like we were caught up in Abi's special whirlwind...it was love at first sight ...we were officially Mom & Dad.

That seemed like only yesterday, but 20 years went by like a whirlwind...yes we were caught up in Abi's whirlwind with years of love, anxiety, hope, fear, trials and tribulations.

Twenty years went by way too fast for my liking, and just as we were getting our daughter back she was gone in a whirlwind.

Abi was special, intelligent, creative and gave her help and heart to anyone who needed comfort, understanding, or just an ear to listen to their story.

Yet Abi was caught in her own whirlwind, she tried to fight her personal whirlwind with as much of her soul as she could.

She was caught in that whirlwind and it finally swept her away from us.

Our hearts and minds are spinning - we're still caught up in Abi's whirlwind.

Elaine and I can't feel the touch of our daughter, but we'll keep holding onto Abi in our heart, she will live there forever.

Our family wants to thank all of Abi's friends for the outpouring of loveand ask you keep Abi in you hearts and minds.

Now I want you to listen to me , there is never a place too deep that you can't reach out to a friend , your mom or dad, your favorite cousin, an advisor, WHOEVER....don't get caught in a whirlwind and let it suck you away from the people who care for you and love you...Don't let that whirlwind win, your life is way too precious..there's still a lot for you to experience, people you'll fall in love with, people who really care about you..

Reach out, there's a friend who will grab your hand, pull you out of life's whirlwinds, and pull you close to them until you beat your own personal whirlwind.

Elaine and I promise to be two of those friends who will be there if you reach out, for you and the memory of Abigail.

Avery Marder

August 13, 1992 - November 9, 2012





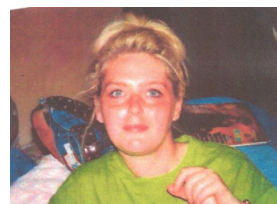
Vincent Chiara



Daniel Levy



Mitchell Krauss



Tamara Piazza



Joseph Fung (Girimonte)



Mark Zogby



Lauren Melissa Kok
November 27, 1986
July 25, 2009



Pattyanne Hughes



Mindy Denora (Cohen)



Brian Flynn (Smith)



Marti LoMonaco (Fisher)



Megan Vinci (Donovan)



Reina Ann Anglero



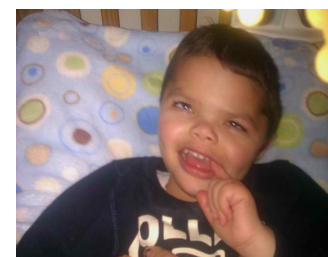
Douglas Pannone



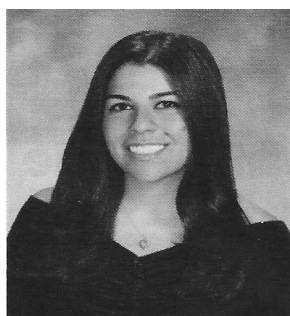
Vinny Paganucci



Thomas Mayer



Shawn Lopez (Alawich)



Janine Brawer



Gina Marie Morales (Iorizzo)



Stephanie Hare

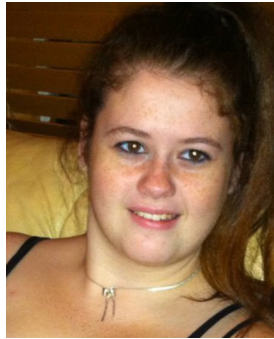


Jack Steinberg

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.



Christine Veni (Fox)



Abigail Marder



Roisin Sheeney 10/26



Greg JAiello (Johnstone)

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*Catching the Light-
Coming Back to Life after the Loss of a Child*
Genesee Bourdeau Gentry, 2009

In This Place

Brave hearts, you are here. You have traveled a dreadful distance. You have come, seeking solace, understanding, hope, threads to patch what death so cruelly undone.

In this place you can relax and breathe... the coats of others' expectations taken off. Walk into these few hours as into an oasis where draughts of love and memories can be quaffed.

In this place all names can be spoken; in this place each one's story may be told. We will not be discouraged by your sorrow; in this place ALL feelings, we enfold.

Here laughter does not mean we are forgetting; we do not count how many tears you shed. Both fuel us, fellow travelers, give us courage, for the long and winding road that is ahead.

And those we love are pleased we are together. They smile down on us, and bless this day, glad for every tiny step we're taking and send their light to guide us on our way.

Traveling with us as we journey onward, sending strength for what the miles may bring, they are a part of everything we do that matters-

My Dearest Son,

It is your Birthday. I know you are in the arms of God, well and happy, but I miss you desperately and wish you were here with me and your family. If Tears were highways and Memories a lane, I would walk right up to Heaven and take you home again.

You were always a joy to me and all who knew you. We hold you in our hearts forever. Please know that you are loved deeply, always and forever. Your loving family

Remembering Marti LoMonaco on her 4th anniversary in heaven - 4/16/62 - 11/3/09
I'm still missing you today as much as the day you left sweetheart . Forever in our hearts -

GONE FROM MY SIGHT Henry van Dyke (1852-1933)

I am standing upon the seashore.
A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!"



There is a Silence

There is a silence in my heart

Beyond all my tears

It is a silence of loss

That persists through the years

Times of crippling grief... and sorrow filled days

Unyielding heartbreak and spiritual malaise

Times of black starless nights and dark sunless skies

*Times of heart wrenching questions and unanswered
why's*

It is the silence of a voice with no strength left to cry

The silence of endless tears that have somehow gone dry

A silence unbroken save the beat of my heart

Irreparably broken... yet still breaking apart

It is the silence that wakes me in the midst of the night

With feelings of sadness... a silence contrite

*It is a silence of stillness like a winter's night cold
of dreams dashed and broken which shall not be con-
soled*

The silence of empty arms with no one to hold

It is the silence of youth much too quickly grown old

It is a silence of love which grows year to year

of longing for you... my daughter most dear

The silence of a voice with no one to hear

*Which will cry through the silence till you are once again
here.*

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| Cid | Louis | 11/1 | |
| Scarfia | Michael Jr. | 11/3 | |
| Lee(Sibling) | Kevin | 11/3 | |
| Roskowinski | Alex | 11/3 | |
| Mero | Jacob | 11/4 | |
| Mincieli | Dominick Nicholas | 11/5 | |
| Chiara (Terranova) | Vincent | 11/9 | |
| Levy | Daniel | 11/9 | |
| Restivo | John Joseph | 11/9 | |
| Davila | Jeremy | 11/11 | |
| Krauss | Mitchell | 11/14 | |
| Cafferata | Michael | 11/16 | |
| Piazza | Tamara | 11/19 | |
| Marlon | Draker | 11/19 | |
| Mortimer | Jill | 11/21 | |
| Veni (Fox) | Christine | 11/21 | |
| Fung (Girimonte) | Joseph | 11/22 | |
| Aiello (Johnstone) | Greg | 11/24 | |
| Quarato | Eric | 11/25 | |
| Zogby | Mark | 11/26 | |
| Kok | Lauren | 11/27 | |
| De Sena (Cante) | Alexis | 11/27 | |
| Hughes | Patty Ann | 11/28 | |
| Restivo | John Joseph | | 11/1 |
| Flynn (Smith) | Brian | | 11/3 |
| LoMonaco (Fisher) | Marti | | 11/3 |
| Vinci (Donovan) | Megan | | 11/3 |
| Anglero | Reina Ann | | 11/4 |
| Temple (Dorfman) | George | | 11/5 |
| Pannone | Douglas | | 11/7 |
| Hurley (Melnick) | John | | 11/8 |
| Mitchell (Payne) | Ricky | | 11/8 |
| Villanueva | Caiden James | | 11/7 |
| Marder | Abigail | | 11/9 |
| Kopp | Kristina | | 11/9 |
| Pagnucci | Vinny | | 11/16 |
| Mayer | Bthomas | | 11/16 |
| Lopez (Alawich) | Shawn | | 11/18 |
| Brawer | Janine | | 11/19 |
| LaGrua | Jimmy | | 11/20 |
| DeNora -Leto | Sal | | 11/24 |
| Denora (Cohen) | Mindy | | 11/25 |
| Quarato | Eric | | 11/2 |
| Rosen | Elaine | | 11/28 |
| Morales (Iorizzo) | Gina Alexa | | 11/28 |
| Sweeney (Henderson) | Michael | | 11/28 |
| Feltus | Jordan | | 11/29 |
| Hare | Stephanie | | 11/30 |
| Steinberg | Jack | | 11/30 |



November 2013

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Candle Lighting
Holiday Dinner

December 8, 2013
December 12, 2013



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