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December 8, 2010 - The Annual HOPE Memorial Service

The HOPE Group Annual Memorial Service will be held this year on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held in the Keating Conference Room, first floor, Baldwin Park I, 12 Alfred Street, Woburn, Massachusetts. The service will include music, readings, and a candle lighting ceremony. All parents, grandparents, and/or friends are invited to attend the service. Children who are old enough to understand the significance of this event are also invited. Refreshments will be served.

Directions: From Route 93 (North or South) take exit 37 for Route 128/95 South. From Route 128/95 South take exit 35 for Route 38. Once in the rotary, follow signs for Route 38 North/Wilmington. Take a right at the first traffic light onto Alfred Street. Baldwin Park I will be on your left. The Keating Conference Room is on the street side of the building.



A Mother's Perspective By Jeana Catarino

My husband, Anthony, and I often ponder the appropriate answer when we're so often asked "how many children do you have?" We have two children. We have one beautiful angel in heaven, Anthony John (A.J.), and one beautiful angel on earth, Angelina. It continues to be the most difficult question we're faced with when we're out enjoying time with our beautiful baby girl. We're obviously parents as we tote around our 19 month old daughter or push her in the stroller. So often complete strangers feel compelled to ask this question that cuts so deeply to the heart of our wound; something so simple yet so deeply personal. The truth is our first born, A.J., died at 35.6 weeks due to a "cord accident". He was absolutely perfect and beautiful in every single way, and we will continue to grieve his death for the rest of our lives as we're forced to cope with the missing piece of our family puzzle. It's devastating and heart-wrenching to think about how his promising life was ended so soon, but alas, we must persevere.

In an effort to honor our son and keep his memory alive, we decided to make memory boxes for Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA, where A.J. was born. We feel a deep connection to the nurses and staff at Emerson, one in which we continue to nurture today. On the night of A.J.'s second birthday, this past March 18th, 2010, we began our new tradition... we dropped off the first round of memory boxes which we somberly made with lots of love in the hopes they grow dusty and dirty over many years of not being called to duty.

Shortly after A.J.'s birthday and our visit to Emerson, we were approached by the hospital to be interviewed for a short story for their newsletter. The newsletter was described as an "uplifting" and "positive" way to connect with the Emerson Hospital community by sharing momentous or profound stories of survival, determination, acceptance, etc. The public relations department found our story to be interesting and thought it would be a nice way of sharing how wonderful the nurses were at Emerson, and the loving care we received by their staff, even under our devastating circumstances. They found it to be uplifting that Anthony and I went on to have another baby and delivered her at Emerson Hospital, a true testament to the superb care of their facility and our full faith in the hospital staff. In a world where we don't get to talk about A.J. very often, naturally, we obliged.

To our dismay, Emerson decided to retract the story from being published in their newsletter as they feared it may "upset the masses". Needless to say we were (and still remain) extremely disappointed. In the aftermath of our disappointment,

withstanding the overwhelming feelings of grief, Anthony and I will ALWAYS share that we have two beautiful babies when asked "How many children do you have?" A.J. would have been 2.5 years old, and our beautiful baby girl, Angelina, is 1.5 years old. There is no shame in this; it infers no fault on behalf of the parents or the medical community. Sometimes babies die and we're forced to move forward in life; and the best way we know how to move forward is to continue to talk about and include A.J. in our family and our daily decisions and tasks. We will continue to share A.J.'s brief yet profound life with Angelina and she will always know that she has a big brother in heaven. We will continue to tend to his garden in the spring, summer and fall and hang his ornament on the Christmas tree each winter. We will continue to donate memory boxes to Emerson Hospital in his honor. I will continue to share in the HOPE Group, thanks to Rindy and Donna and many of the strong and miraculous women that have come before me. I will continue to contribute to this newsletter to hopefully provide my insight and share my experiences in what lies ahead for parents just starting out on their difficult and tumultuous journey. I will also continue to share A.J.'s beautiful life with complete strangers who don't know any better than to ask such personal questions...because my son does exist. I will always be his Mom, he will always be my first born, and I thank God for him every day; and for this I will never feel ashamed.

Here is the article that was not published by Emerson Hospital, but I thought it would be nice to share with my HOPE friends, because this, too, didn't happen in vain:



The Loss

by Naomi Funkhauser

The Caterino family buried newborn son Anthony John (AJ) on the day they were supposed to have a baby shower celebrating his impending birth.

It was 2008, and the nursery was almost ready. Mom Jeana Caterino was 35 weeks and six days pregnant, and she and husband Anthony drove to Emerson for a routine doctor's appointment and ultrasound.

Jeana had noticed that AJ had been inactive for a day or so; she hadn't felt any movement or kicking. When she mentioned this to her physician, he immediately sent the Caterinos to labor and delivery at Emerson, where an ultrasound confirmed that their baby had no cardiac activity.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, in 2004, the stillbirth rate in the United States was 6.2 per 1,000 births. AJ Caterino was delivered via Caesarean section on March 18, 2008, a stillborn baby as a result of a cord accident; the cord was wrapped twice around the infant's neck. The Caterinos, stunned and grieving, opted for an autopsy of their son, which confirmed that he was a healthy baby otherwise and that it was the cord that had caused his death. "He died wrapped up inside me, nestled in the warmth and comfort of my belly, and I was none the wiser," said Jeana Caterino. "I will never forget the silent echo of stillness from the heartbeat monitor."

Nothing prepares parents for such loss, but the Caterino family was supported throughout the journey by Emerson's Birthing Center clinical team. "The whole staff is unbelievable," said Jeana. "I call them angels on Earth. They are all very seasoned, experienced nurses who knew what to do and say. They could run a class on bereaved parents."

The team encouraged the family to hold AJ, and a priest blessed Jeana Caterino's belly before she underwent a Caesarean section. Nurses cried with the Caterinos. AJ was photographed, a standard procedure at Emerson, which keeps all baby photos on file for five years should the parents of a stillborn baby later want to retrieve them. The family was given a "memory box" – inside there was a quilt, a knitted hat for AJ, an angel pin, and a place to store their son's handprints and footprints. And, Jeana's nurse hugged her mom in silence for several minutes, an image that remains with her today.

In recovery

In the following weeks, the Caterinos banded together at home, grieving for their lost son. "The following weeks and months were a blur," said Jeana. "We were numbed by the pain and loss of our firstborn. Our little boy was gone before he even had a chance to experience life. The hopes we had for him were a distant memory. A huge part of us died with him the instant we heard the news; we would never be the same again. We had nothing to smile about, we went through the motions of happy occasions feeling empty, and we found ourselves lost at the thought of daily life and work. We felt detached from the outside world, and all the passion for life we once knew was gone."

Honoring AJ

In their grief, the Caterinos sought meaning in their loss. Pregnant again with their second child, a daughter named Angelina who was born just days shy of AJ's first birthday in 2009, they wanted to honor AJ's short life.

Hoping to provide a small measure of comfort to other parents who experience similar losses, and attempting to transform their sorrow into hope, the Caterinos recently began contributing items to Emerson's memory boxes. Anthony Caterino knitted two hats, pink and blue, and on AJ's second birthday, they dropped them off at Emerson Hospital. With them, Jeana included other items she wished she'd had during her own time at the hospital: disposable cameras, photo albums, poems that were meaningful to the Caterinos, and a note to parents "telling them that although they can't imagine it now, they will survive this," said Jeana. The Caterinos anticipate that the memory boxes will be an ongoing effort in memory of their son. "Parents have empty arms as they leave the hospital during a time that was supposed to be so joyful," said Jeana. "This is at least something they can carry home with them in remembrance of their baby."

The Caterinos' message to grieving parents is simple. "Your baby will always be a part of your family. With the faith and love of our family, we know our son's memory will live forever. Somehow, some way, in the culmination of your grief, the smile and joy will return in your baby's memory."

Today, the Caterinos smile when they think of AJ. They planted a garden in his memory, and each year on his birthday, they release balloons. And, one of sister Angelina's first words? AJ.

Facing the Holidays After Pregnancy Loss

found online at <http://miscarriage.about.com/od/copingwithmiscarriages/qt/holidays.htm>



If you are struggling with the holiday season after a recent miscarriage or other pregnancy loss, you're not alone. Many people feel little holiday cheer after losing a baby, particularly if the loss was recent. You might feel reluctant to attend gatherings, not wanting to face pregnant relatives or friends with new infants. In addition, you might feel like everywhere you look, you see a reminder that there should have been another face in the family photo or another stocking by the fireplace.

Some of these tips might make Christmas, Hanukah, New Year's or other holiday gatherings easier to tolerate.

- **Know your limits.** If you are invited to a party where you know you will face more stress than enjoyment, maybe you should decline and send well wishes instead. Don't be afraid to bow out of social gatherings if you aren't feeling well. On the flip side, however, consider whether being around friends might help you take your mind off things for a little while.
- **Find an "out."** If you do need to attend a gathering, locate a quiet place where you can step away if you need some minutes to yourself. Alternately, plan an excuse in advance for why you need to leave the party early in case you feel overwhelmed, then go with the flow and see how you feel when you get there.
- **Do a good deed.** Many people find that doing a good deed during the holiday season brings some comfort. Some like to participate in charity efforts to buy holiday gifts for children in less fortunate families. Others like to volunteer at nursing homes or help serve holiday meals to the homeless. Think about whether something like this might make you feel better. (About.com's Christianity Guide has information about [five Christmas charity projects](#) here.
- **Honor your baby.** Some ideas might be to put a special angel ornament on your Christmas tree to honor your baby or to find an angel necklace or pin that is meaningful to you.
- **Share your feelings with family.** People can support you best if they know what you need. Remember that people who have never experienced a pregnancy loss may not have any idea what you are going through, and they may be more supportive if you let them know how you feel and what you need from them.
- **...But choose your battles.** Everyone has one of "those" relatives that just won't get it no matter what. If you have an ignorant in-law or second cousin throwing thoughtless comments at you, for example, decide whether you want to educate that person or just smile and nod. Remember that even though certain comments can be

infuriating and hurtful, the person saying them probably isn't purposefully trying to be insensitive and will most likely change the subject after a minute or two.

- **Seek comfort where you can.** Consider finding support groups, online or in-person, if you need someone to talk to. If you are spiritual, attend extra services in your faith or say a special holiday prayer for your baby. And of course, if you have any worries that you might be clinically depressed, don't be afraid to see a counselor or other mental health professional for advice.
- **Don't feel bad if you enjoy yourself.** Finally, remember that just as it's OK to not be in the Christmas spirit, it is also OK to smile and to have fun. It doesn't mean that you didn't love your baby or that you are not a good mom. Don't feel guilty for taking your mind off things and living your life.

Medford Cemetery Puts Up Stillborn Grave Memorial

By Nell Escobar Coakley



Nadia Purifory, a HOPE member, is proof that one person can make a difference — and that difference is providing comfort for grieving Medford families who have lost infants.

Purifory last year championed the creation of a memorial to be placed at Green Lawn to let residents know the small area at the rear of Oak Grove Cemetery is the burial location of stillborn babies. A pink granite stone was placed at the location earlier this year, bearing two angels, the footprints of a baby and the words “Eternal Resting Place for Our Precious Babies; When someone comes into our lives...and they are too quietly and quickly gone, they leave footprints on our hearts...and their memory stays with us forever.”

“I drove up one day with the kids and saw it,” Purifory said. “I was so happy, I cried. I couldn't believe there was nothing here and for me to go before the board and something actually came out...that's hard for me to believe.” The idea for the stone came about after an incident in September 2008 when Purifory visited the site and found tire tracks running through the site. Many of the homemade flowers and markers left by grieving parents were also removed. For Purifory, who had been taking care of the area by clearing away debris and rubbish left by residents taking a shortcut into the wooded area adjacent to the plot, the sight was devastating. It was especially so given that Purifory and her husband, Kevin, had lost their own son, John Kevin, in 2004.

Although the couple had chosen to inter their son in a private plot instead of the mass stillborn gravesite, Purifory found herself wanting to do something for the families, past and present, who had lost their children. “I've never done something like this before,” she said, gazing out over the quiet green lawn on a recent sunny morning. “I did it for my son because I feel like he has an area and I can't imagine not having somewhere to go. This is now a respectful area.”

Purifory met several times with the Cemetery Board of Trustees for approval of a design for the site. She then worked with Oak Grove's Superintendent Steve Brogan and David Deveney, owner of Oak Grove Memorials on Mystic Avenue, to turn the dream of a monument into a reality. “No one would know that was the stillborn lot unless someone might tell them,” said Brogan, adding the area had been designated for the purpose of infant burials since the cemetery's opening in the 1850s. “I thought it was a good idea. [Purifory] was right. People would come in and walk their dogs there, not because they were being disrespectful, but because they just didn't know.”

Brogan said it cost approximately \$1,900 for the work, which went out to bid and was awarded to Deveney earlier this year. “We went back and forth a few times on the sketch,” Deveney said of the work. “We wanted something more personal because it was going in the stillborn area. Gray granite is more traditional, but the pink granite seemed softer.” Deveney said the work was done in the summer of 2009 and finished shortly thereafter. “It was long overdue,” Deveney said, of the monument. “I've been in this industry a long time and I've seen how families with stillbirths react at a time of tragedy. If I couldn't afford a grave of my own and I went up to that lot and saw the stone, I would feel very comforted.” Charles Morelli, chairman of the Board of Trustees, agreed, adding the reaction to the memorial has been very positive. “People seem to like the stone,” he said, “and it now clearly identifies the area as the stillborn area.” Morelli added for years, the area was indistinct except for small stone markers with numbers painted on them so that families could find their children. With nothing in place, Morelli said the area was sometimes full of debris. Now, however, the site

is raked and kept clear of debris and residents seem to be more aware of what the area is. "People have come into the office and made remarks about how much they like it," Morelli said. "Frankly, it was about time we did something."

As for Purifory, who still visits the area frequently, the marker is not only a tribute to her son, but to all the families who have lost babies over the years. "There are so many babies here and I feel someone needed to speak up for them," she said. "I'm so glad it turned out so successfully."

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National Alliance for Grieving Children

Barbara Clarke a faithful HOPE Group attendee for eleven years since the death of her infant daughter Elizabeth, is now the National Director for the National Alliance for Grieving Children (NAGC).

The NAGC is a network of programs around the country (and internationally) to help children after the death of someone close to them. The NAGC helps professionals and volunteers share information and access training. We know that all children need support when someone close to them dies, and there is support out there. The NAGC's mission is to get more help for more kids.

The NAGC has been around for about 15 years and has sponsored an annual Symposium for professionals or volunteers in the child bereavement field. For the first time, the Symposium will be coming to Boston on July 14 through 17th. Volunteers would be much appreciated. We would also like to educate the community about how to help grieving children, so we are planning to offer workshops for teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, nurses, etc. - anyone who works with children. If we can train and educate these professionals who work with children, we know that we can help more children feel safe, comfortable and supported in their community.

Barbara is joined in her work by Michelle Kingdon, another HOPE parent who has also been attending HOPE group for eleven years. Both of them find it fulfilling to use their talents and energies to support a mission that is close to their hearts. Email Barbara directly at bclarke@nationalallianceforgrievingchildren.org and visit our website at www.nationalallianceforgrievingchildren.org.

Leaving on the Porch Light by John Budris

The idea seemed so simple: One more night to leave the porch light on for Ricky. That's how Rick Harrington describes his inspiration to transform the tired Edgartown Lighthouse into a memorial for children taken from us too young, too early. "Throughout human history lighthouses brought us home, gave us hope, pointed the way to shelter," says Rick. His own need to find solace after the death of his teenage son Ricky in a 1995 automobile accident brought Rick Harrington home to such a lighthouse. "I had a picture on my desk, fishing with my boys near the Edgartown Lighthouse," says Rick, who was born and raised on the Island, but now resides near Boston. "In my grief somehow I kept encountering images of lighthouses in odd places - on subway advertising signs, embroidered on the jacket sleeve of some stranger sitting next to me, and this light went on in my mind." Engaging the Martha's Vineyard Historical Society, steward of the lighthouse, Harrington proposed the idea of restoring the landmark as a children's memorial. He found immediate support and open hearts. Nearly six years after the death of young Ricky Harrington, more than a hundred smaller cobblestones engraved with the names of deceased children will keep a permanent vigil around the lighthouse. Today and for all time to come, friends and strangers alike will walk the perimeter of that old lighthouse. Their eyes will meet, and in that unspoken look only a parent who has lost a child knows, a bridge will be built into a secret place. And their children will know - wherever they are - mom and dad are still waiting up for them and the porch light is on.



Article submitted by Donna McDonnell - To my beautiful angel, Julia Marie and all the precious HOPE babies memorialized together at the lighthouse, "You will always be at home in our hearts and we will continue to share the light of HOPE". My heart is truly touched forever by your generous gift of a cobblestone in Julia and Steve's name. Thank you just isn't enough. I sincerely feel blessed to have so many HOPE friends that care. xo

For more information go online to <http://www.childrenslighthouse memorial.org/>

To Gordon on your 5th Birthday by Kristen Grein

Twinkle twinkle little star
how I wonder what you are.
The brightest star could it be
you shining down at me?
Is that your face I see in the moon,
but the image fades way to soon.
When the darkness comes and there's no more light
is that your way of saying good night?
The rain drops that fall from the sky
are those the tear drops from your eye?
The breeze I sometimes feel on my skin
is that your presence that comes from within?
When the limbs on the trees start to sway
is that your spirit heading my way?
What about when the ocean turns still
are you showing me a piece of good will?
But then the tide changes and the ocean becomes rough
is that when you feel you've had enough?
Sometimes when the sky is so blue
is that my sadness that's come from losing you?
Every morning when I awake
I pray the lord why your soul did he take,
the only answer I know for sure
is that here on earth you are no more.
But that doesn't mean any less I care
for you are with me everywhere.

Who Could Have Known Submitted by Jeana Catarino

Who could have known the exquisite difference
your brief life would make upon mine?

Who could have known a tiny baby
would show me the beauty of a sunrise,
or the wonder of a rainbow,
or the pain of a tear?

Who could have known an innocent child
would take away my fear of death
and point me in the direction of heaven?

Who could have known that you would succeed
where so many others have failed?

By Dana Gensler

With all my love, A.J.,
I miss you more today than yesterday...
Love, Mommy



THE JOURNEY OF A TINY TREASURE TO THE GREATEST MIRACLE by Julie Richardson

On February 26th 2006, my life changed forever. I was almost 23 weeks pregnant with a set of twins - a son and a daughter that I conceived after four IUI's and three IVF's. I went to the hospital because I was not feeling well and my nightmare began. I was told by the doctor that I had an incompetent cervix and I was ten centimeters dilated. The doctor told me I would have to deliver the twins today and they were too young to survive. Twelve hours later, I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Kenley and a very handsome son named Chase.

Minutes after they were born, they were welcomed into heaven. I was devastated and in shock. Three days later, I was at their funeral. I knew that day that my life had changed forever. I would never be the same again. I was so lost. I wanted to be a mom so badly and after years and years of infertility treatments, my dream had vanished.

Three months after their death, I woke up one morning and said to myself "I need a change in my life and I need to find some good out of this terrible loss." That day, I sat down at my computer and started searching. I came across a job opportunity at an egg donation agency. They were seeking a cycle coordinator for their egg donation program. The requirements were a degree in the human service field and personal experience with infertility and IVF. I knew this was the job for me. It was exactly what I was looking for. I applied for the job and was offered the position a few weeks later.

While working at Tiny Treasures, I did three more IVF's (seven IVF's total) and suffered a miscarriage. I finally conceived my beautiful miracle baby girl Brooklynn and she just turned three a few weeks ago. I was eventually offered the position of Senior Director of Egg Donation Services which I gladly accepted and I still hold that title today.

At Tiny Treasures, we help parents conceive through the use of a young woman's egg. This process can be quite emotional and costly for the parents. I find my personal experiences help to make me great at my job. I am able to empathize with my clients and help them navigate through the egg donation process.

As much as I feel my personal experiences help me to be the best at my job, I also find it comforting and healing to be able to share my story with others on a daily basis. I feel my healing process can be attributed to the fact that I get to speak about Chase and Kenley often. They are certainly part of my everyday life. I also feel that I can be a bit of an inspiration to my clients since my infertility journey ended on a happy note. I am able to offer them hope and to "never give up"!!!

I love my job and could never imagine doing anything else. I have helped over 300 clients by giving them the opportunity to try and become parents. I have counseled them, encouraged them and cried with them. Losing Chase and Kenley was heart wrenching but because of them, I am able to help infertile people achieve their dream of becoming parents.

I would give anything for Chase and Kenley to be on this earth with me and their baby sister Brooklynn but sadly, that was not the plan. I find comfort in knowing that they have made me the person I am today and I feel I am a better person, counselor and mother because of them.

Messages of Love



Angel Baby A.J. - I said a prayer for you today, and I know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart, although He spoke no word. I didn't ask for wealth or fame...I knew you wouldn't mind. I asked Him to send treasures of a far...more lasting kind. I asked that He'd be near you, in all things great and small. But it was for his loving care...I prayed for most of all. I love and miss you sweet Angel baby AJ.
Gramme, XOXOXO

I love you **Jeana & Anthony** and hope that each year in passing, your heart becomes lighter with the burden of grief, and feel his (AJ's), presence within your hearts everyday.

Dear John Kevin, six full years since I've seen you son and it's just like it was yesterday. I think of you and still feel the pain of going home without you. I am so proud that you were created and carry my name in yours. Even with all the sadness, your still one of the best parts of our lives. We all love you. Dad

In Memory of Alexandra and William Crews:

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
---Helen Keller

Alexandra and William, we can no longer see or touch you, but we feel you with our hearts every day. We had so much love to give you and were crushed when we lost you. You, and the love that we had to share, inspired us to try hard to have more children. And we did. We are blessed with our son Maximilian and our daughter Scarlett and they bring us joy as we knew we would have had with you in our lives. We are grateful that we were able to hold you, even just briefly, and that we have our memories of you and some special items of yours to comfort us. Every year we release balloons on your birthday and have you in our hearts all year round. Every minute that you were with us before and after you were born was precious. We love you always, Mom and Dad

Dear A.J., I never met you, I never kissed you, I never held you, I never got to feel the wrinkles leading to your fingertips, or lift you up and whisper this into your tiny scrunched ear..."I love you."

Some may question how I could love one whom I never experienced and I answer this to them..."Often there are moments in life, where the world stops for a split second and an Angel appears. They remind us to breathe, to pause, and to never forget how exquisite and precious life truly is. And there doesn't have to be some profound explanation or rational reason to why it is "so"...just Effortless...just simple... it was just you, A.J."

Your physical presence here on this earth may have been brief, small in measure; however the mark you left on the soles of my shoes in which I ponder this dirt each day is enormous. You are responsible for so much in this world that most strive to achieve yet fail. But God did well when it came to you AJ. You did the most amazing work ever. You brought together two people and created a Mommy and a Daddy. You are their first true love, the start of your family. You give them strength on their weakest of days. You bring them hope on cloudy nights. You catch their tears before they hit their cheeks. You generate balance in their world of chaos. You give them faith when it is challenged. You prove devotion can withstand any storm. You silence their screams when they are enraged. You produced laughter in a room of stillness, meaning in the world of the unknown. You give them worth, when they feel so empty. You taught them how to love without limits. You brought them a small piece of heaven to earth and named her Angelina. What wonderful gifts you give.

Some of us are here for a short time and some are here for a long time...but you are here with us forever AJ...because with each shooting star...whisper of the wind...unexplained chill... random smile from a stranger or embrace from a loved one... your presence is still ever so strong, and for that I want to thank you. Thank you for reminding me everyday the true meaning of life and all its beauty and flaws, for they all serve purpose and meant to be celebrated just like you. How lucky, how beautiful, how cherished am I to have been touched by such a tiny angel. Love always, Missy

John Kevin, The days grow shorter, with cool mornings and nights ~ but my love for you, John Kevin, is ever bright and warm as the burnished leaves of the Fall.

Baby John, Not a day goes by that I don't think of your beautiful face and pray for you. I will never forget how it felt to hold you. Love Grandma Turchi

Dear John, Hey Buddy! You must be getting so tall as the days go by. What I would give to hold you in my arms even just for a few minutes. You are a very special person for all of us because you are our families guardian angel in my eyes. We love you very much! Love J.J., Sophia, Anthony, Carissa and Gianna

My Baby John, As Autumn begins I see all your siblings filled with excitement going apple and pumpkin picking, thinking of which Halloween costume to get and just having fun running through the leaves..As I watch them smiling, inside my heart is always still aching for the love I wish I could share with you and all the excitement I wish I could see from you..No matter how much time passes my arms still ache wishing I could hold you and hug you. I love you, Mommy

John Kevin, your love is still with us after 6 years. Never fading always growing. We think of you always, knowing you're smiling down on all of us. All Our Love, Uncle George, Auntie Elaine, Chelsie and Madison

Pregnancy Loss Websites

The HOPE Group, Woburn, MA, <http://www.rindyshope.org>

National Alliance for Grieving Children <http://www.nationalallianceforgrievingchildren.org/>

The Children's Room, Arlington, MA <http://childrensroom.org>

SHARE Pregnancy and Infant Loss Center, Inc., <http://www.nationalshareoffice.com>

The MISS Foundation, <http://www.MISSFoundation.org>

The Compassionate Friends, a national group for loss of a child at any age, <http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

SPALS - Subsequent Pregnancy After a Loss Support, <http://www.spals.com>

National Stillbirth Society, <http://www.stillnomore.org>

Mending Broken Hearts, <http://www.mendingbrokenhearts.org>

Resolve, The National Infertility Association <http://www.resolve.org/main/national/index.jsp?name=home>

Resolve of the Bay State, <http://www.resolveofthebaystate.org>



OUR BABIES REMEMBERED - A Loving Memorial in Print

To be added to the following list of Our Babies Remembered and to receive a remembrance card on your baby's birthday, please complete this form and return it to Rindy Huebner, c/o The HOPE Group, Five Liberty Avenue, Burlington, MA, 01803. Previously submitted forms will automatically be included.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 Baby's name and date of birth _____
 Date of death if different _____ Stillbirth _____ Miscarriage _____ Infant _____
 Death _____ Other children and birthdates _____
 How did you learn about the HOPE Group? _____

- 10/01/82 Jeffrey Andrew, son of Nancy and Steve Thornley; Stillborn
- 10/01/07 Baby Neff, baby of Tanya Neff; Infant Death 3/12/07
- 10/03/83 Benjamin and Daniel, twin sons of Joan Goodman and Aaron Boxer; Stillborn and Premature Birth
- 10/03/95 Abbey, daughter of Chris and Diane Yebba; Miscarriage
- 10/05/02 Griffin, son of Derilyn and Tim Byrne
- 10/07/01 Baby Kingdon, baby of Michelle and Ken Kingdon; Miscarriage
- 10/09/87 John Joseph, son of Kathy and Jim Sheridan: Stillborn
- 10/10/05 Gianna and Sofia, twin daughters of James and Monique Antonelli; preterm labor
- 10/12/84 Jeffrey, son of Valerie and Jim Collins; Stillborn
- 10/12/84 David, son of Buster and Elsie Sieben; Stillborn
- 10/13/87 Eric Paul, son of Linda and Paul Giancola; Premature Birth
- 10/15/95 Sabrina Marie, daughter of Fernando and Marie Franco; Stillborn
- 10/16/08 Baby Boy, son of Corinne and Joe Rogers; Miscarriage
- 10/21/05 Connor Xzavior, son of Jessica and Robert Amato; Stillborn, incompetent cervix
- 10/23/97 Cassandra Marie, daughter of Antonella and Sal Agliata; Stillborn
- 10/24/98 Baby Kingdon, baby of Michelle and Ken Kingdon; Miscarriage
- 10/25/82 Valerie, daughter of Jack and Linda Ferrante; Stillborn
- 10/26/89 Peter and Paul, sons of Tom and Patti Gerety; Stillborn
- 10/27/89 Abigail, daughter of John and Debbie Goempel; Stillborn
- 10/28/___ Dominique Rose, daughter of Kathy Diaz
- 10/29/96 Christopher, son of Louise and Joe Chiarenza; Stillborn
- 10/29/03 Abraham Bartholomew, son of Patricia and Richard Elliott
- 10/30/75 Emily Kate, daughter of Pat and Ellsworth Rice; Died 11/03/75
- 10/30/99 Tory and Trevor, twin daughter and son of Heather and Tony LaFreniere; Incompetent Cervix
- 11/06/91 James Boyle, son of Marie and James Fischer; Premature Birth
- 11/07/96 Molly, daughter of Kim and Tom Dawley; True Knot in Cord
- 11/08/05 Eamon Robert, son of Jill and Robbie O'Brien; Stillborn
- 11/10/79 Mark Edward, son of Rindy and Dennie Huebner; Stillborn
- 11/13/92 Alexis Savas, daughter of Chuck and Anne Savas; Stillborn
- 11/15/83 Elizabeth Alice, daughter of Kay and John Dreher; Died 7/02/84, Post Surgery Infection
- 11/15/93 Isabel Marie, daughter of Dyan Sierra; Heart Defect



11/20/95 Chandler James, son of Eileen and Roddy Perron; Stillborn

11/21/89 Richard John, son of Richard and Diane Todisco; Stillborn

11/21/90 Mark, son of Mark and Barbara Hussey; Died 11/29/90 Premature Birth

11/27/92 Matthew Alan, son of Mark and Betty Whittaker; Potter's Syndrome

12/01/91 Kimberly Beth, daughter of Bob and Jackie Moreau; Premature Birth

12/02/91 Michael Joseph, son of Jane and John Terranova, Stillborn

12/03/98 Julia Marie, daughter of Donna and Stephen McDonnell; Stillborn

12/04/92 Baby boy, son of Susan and Tim Lindblad; Stillborn

12/04/93 Joseph Michael, son of Jeff and Lisa Bullion; Prematurity

12/06/82 Joseph, son of John and Ellen Zakrzewski; Stillborn

12/07/85 Nicole Leslie, daughter of Linda and Leslie Wood; Stillborn

12/07/96 Joseph Edward, son of Ed and Julie LaLumiere; Stillbirth

12/09/95 Ann Margaret, daughter of Evie and Paul McDermott; Stillborn

12/09/03 Ashley Morgan, daughter of Tracy and Michael O'Sullivan; Stillborn

12/11/91 Gina Theresa, daughter of Robin and Phil Giacoppo; Died 12/12/91

12/11/82 Mara Victoria, daughter of Mallary and Gene Spirko; Stillborn

12/13/00 Baby Kingdon, baby of Michelle and Ken Kingdon; Miscarriage

12/15/03 Jack Patton, son of Karen and Steven Cassidy; Stillborn

12/20/05 Christopher and Noelle, twins of Daniel and Wendy Ward; Incompetent Cervix

12/20/91 Baby Hope, infant of Ceferino and Maria Ruiz; Miscarriage

12/21/85 Max, son of Susan and Lee Danielson; Died in utero 12/15/85

12/21/06 Sean Michael, son of Jennifer and Chris Stover; Miscarriage

12/23/89 Helen Marie, daughter of Rita DiSorbo; Anencephaly

12/25/08 Alexis Victoria Heffernan daughter of Amy and Gary Heffernan; infant death

12/25/89 Melissa Nicole, daughter of Beth and John Mangano; Died 12/26/89, Group B Strep

12/25/93 Richard Philip and Philip Richard, Twin sons of Rich and Kerri Nugent

12/26/92 Nathan Daniel, son of Karen Morrison and Charles Abbott; Stillborn

12/26/02 Baby M.J., baby of Kelly and Eric Mansfield; Miscarriage

12/28/81 Katelyn Maura, daughter of Carey Sullivan, Premature Birth, Incompetent Cervix

12/28/94 Victoria Brian Piazza, daughter of Barrie and Tommy Piazza; Stillborn

12/30/91 Wayne Alan, son of Karen and Ron Soly; Stillborn

12/30/01 Alec Daniel, son of Stacy Roberts; Infant Death

12/31/90 Sam, son of Donna and Stephen Harrington; Infant Death

01/04 Babies Schultz, children of Hilary and Steve Schultz; Miscarriages 01/04 and 05/04

01/01/00 Maia Edwina; daughter of Susan and Leo Helmer; Stillborn

01/04/95 Rachel Nicole and Danielle Julia, twin daughters of Susan and Ed Valenti; Premature Birth, twin to twin transfusion

01/05/88 Eric Michael, son of Mark and Barbara Hussey; Potters Syndrome

01/07/93 Benjamin Layn, son of Ann and Bill Saulnier; Premature Birth

01/07/03 Liam Joseph, son of Margaret and Gerry Dempsey; Infant Death 03/13/03

01/08/93 Margaret Irene, daughter of John and Cristina Kerekes; Stillborn

01/09/96 Mark Devoe, son of Marie Geraci; Infant Death

01/10/80 Meridyth, daughter of Anne Marie and George Crook; Infant Death

01/10/02 Cristina Magazzu, daughter of Bailey and J.P. Magazzu; Due Date 5/30/02, Premature Birth



01/10/04 John Kevin, son of Nadia and Kevin Purifory; Stillbirth
 01/16/94 Baby Silva, daughter of Christine and Tony Silva; Miscarriage
 01/17/97 George Jr., son of Diane Regas
 01/18/04 Nathan Glenn and Benjamin Mark, twin sons of Glenn and Kim Vogler; Premature Birth
 01/18/96 Matthew John, son of David and Victoria Gauvin; Vasia Previa, C-Section performed too late
 01/24/96 Grace Elizabeth, daughter of Denise and Frank Muggia; Stillborn
 01/24/81 Thomas Redmond, son of Kathleen and John Guarini; Infant Death 02/81
 01/25/92 Stephen Daniel, son of Laura and Jeff Parany
 01/27/10 Jamison John Riggio, son of Jamie and John Paul Riggio; Infant death 3/6/10
 01/28/95 Timothy Michael, son of Renee and Tim McGuire; Premature Birth
 01/29/96 Christopher James, son of Patty and Jim Griffin; Heart Disease
 02/01/85 Andrea, daughter of Regina and Al Giglio; Died 08/23/85, Heart Defect
 02/03/92 Gregory Joseph, son of Eileen and Mark Catizone; Fetal/Maternal Bleed
 02/04/04 Daniel, son of Kymne Hehman; Trisomy 13, Died 02/19/04
 02/13/92 Margaret Rose (Meggie), daughter of Priscilla and Lin Goodwin; Died 01/14/92 of Group B Strep, Neonatal Pneumonia and Sepsis
 02/18/93 Daniel Robert, son of Len and Gloria Carlson; Polycystic Kidney Disease (Potter's Syndrome)
 02/22/98 Angel, daughter of Joe-Ann and Tommy Palermo; Incompetent Cervix
 02/23/94 Lemiel Gonzales-Ortiz, son of Amara Ortiz-Gonzales
 02/26/04 Dakota Catherine, daughter of Christine and Ernie Boudreau; Stillborn, E-Coli Infection
 02/26/06 Chase David and Kenley Blake, twin son and daughter of Julie and David Richardson; Infant Death, Incompetent Cervix
 02/27/94 Scott Davis Williams, son of Marie and Chris Williams; Stillborn

Parent to Parent Hotline

Please feel free to reach out to another member if you are having a bad day or just need to talk. Many of us have walked in your shoes at one time or another and have felt the same way as you are feeling now.



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Welcome HOPE Miracles - Congratulations!!!

- **Emma Louise Perrin**, daughter of Lindsay and Matt Perrin was born on 5/5/10
- **Evan Alexander Heffernan**, son of Amy and Gary Heffernan was born on 6/3/10

Local Area Support Groups

- HOPE Group, www.rindyshope.org, Baldwin Park I in Woburn, MA., meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Contact Rindy Huebner at 1-781- 273-2624.
- The Children's Room, 1210 Mass Avenue, Arlington, MA., Email info@childrensroom.org or call 1-786-641-0012.
- Medford M.I.S.S. Group, Contact Lynne Barberian at 1-617-877-6970.
- Lowell General Hospital, Hospital Chapel, Lowell, MA., meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Linda Jezak at 1-978-937-6324.
- SHARE at Holy Family Hospital, Clemmins Suite, Methuen, MA., meets 1st Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Sue Uzdavanis at 1-978- 687-0151.
- LOSS at Beverly Hospital, New Kuders Conference Room, Beverly, MA., meets 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Call 1-978-922-3000 ext. 2200.
- SHARE at Elliot Hospital, Conference Room A, Manchester, N.H., meets 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact Brenda Smith at 1-603- 663-3396.
- Good Samaritan Medical Center, Board Room Six, Brockton, MA., meets 3rd Tuesday of the month. Contact Trish McClain at 1-508-427-3897.
- HOPE at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth, MA., Pregnancy Loss Group meets 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; Pregnancy After a Loss Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.; and a six week closed group meets in a time limited format. Call 1-781-340-4177 for more information.
- Metrowest Medical Center, Framingham, MA., meets in a time limited format. Call Mindy Shuster at 1-508-383-1000
- SIDS at Children's Hospital, Seagan 7 Conference Room, Boston, MA., meets 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Call 1-800-641-7437.
- Salem Hospital/North Shore Medical Center, Prenatal Loss Support Group, Davenport Building, Salem, MA, meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact Mary Hull at 1-978-745-9000 at ext. 8691.
- The Compassionate Friends, North Shore, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park Street (Route 62), North Reading, MA, meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. More information found online at <http://www.tcfnoshore-boston.org>
- Newton Wellesley Hospital, Newton MA Childbirth Loss Support Groups for families who have suffered the death of a child before birth, at birth or shortly after birth. These meetings provide information, education, resources and the support necessary to heal from the grief experience. The groups, led by a licensed social worker, offer comfort and reassurance for both individuals and couples. For more information call 617-243-6221. Contact, Susan Zucker, LICSW

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