The Annual HOPE Memorial Service

The HOPE Group Annual Memorial Service will be held this year on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held in the first floor conference room, 200 Unicorn Park Drive, 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: Take Rte. 93 to Exit 36 for Montvale Avenue, Stoneham/Woburn. Take the ramp towards Stoneham. Once on Montvale Avenue, turn left onto Maple Street just past the Rte. 93 entrance ramp. Mobil is on the corner to your right. Maple Street becomes Unicorn Park Drive. Building #200 is the second building on the left.

Fathers and Grief

The Grief of the Parents: A Lifetime Journey

When is it my turn to cry? I’m not sure society or my upbringing will allow me a time to really cry, unafraid of the reaction and repercussion that might follow. I must be strong. I must support my wife, because I am a man. I must be the cornerstone of our family because society says so, my family says so, and, until I can reverse my learned nature, I say so”.

Although both mothers and fathers grieve deeply when such a tragedy occurs, they grieve differently. Fathers are expected to be strong for their partners, to be the “rock” in the family. All too often fathers are considered to be the ones who should attend to the practical but not the emotional aspects surrounding the death; they are expected to be the ones who should not let emotions show or tears fall outwardly, the ones who will not and should not fall apart. Men are often asked how their wives are doing, but not asked how they are doing.

Such expectations place an unmanageable burden on men and deprive them of their rightful and urgent need to grieve. This need will surface eventually if it is not expressed. It is not unusual for grieving fathers to feel overwhelmed, ignored, isolated, and abandoned, but many say that such strong emotions are very difficult to contain after their child’s death.

A father’s grief needs to be verbalized and understood by his partner, other family members, professionals, coworkers and friends, and by anyone who will listen. Fathers repeatedly say that for their own peace of mind, they (and those who care about them) need to move away from this mindset and allow themselves to grieve, as they need to.
To Be A Man In Grief

To be a man in grief,
Since “men don’t cry” and “men are strong”,
No tears can bring relief.

It must be very difficult to stand up to the test
and field calls and visitors so she can get some rest.

They always ask if she’s all right and what she’s going through,
But seldom take his hand and ask, “My friend, but how are you?”

He hears her crying in the night and thinks his heart will break.
He dries her tears and comforts her, but “stays strong” for her sake.

It must be very difficult to start each day anew
And try to be so very brave. He lost his child too.

To My Beautiful Dakota Catherine Boudreau

By HOPE Member, Christine Boudreau

My beautiful baby girl, you will always be in my heart and mind.
Mommy will love you until the end of time.
My heart has an empty space
Because I can’t see your beautiful face
Your dark brown hair was soft and fine
When I looked at you, there was no denying you were mine
I know you would have loved to dance
If only we would have had the chance
Every day I look for a sign that you are around
Like the soft whisper of a butterfly circling round
The other day I saw a rainbow in the sky
Maybe it was your way of saying Hi
Every day I shed a tear
Wishing that you were here
Until we meet in Heaven above.
Just know I am sending you my love.

My sweet Dakota you were truly “To Beautiful for Earth”
I love you to the moon and back
Love, Mom

Surviving the Holidays

Author Unknown

The holidays are among the most difficult times for bereaved families grieving the death of a child. Below are some helpful suggestions that may aid you in surviving the holidays.

Call a family meeting and discuss your plans for the holiday season, understanding that it would be unusual for you not to feel emotionally, physically, and psychologically drained. Don’t set your expectations too high or
you may find yourself disappointed.

Well-intending friends and family may want to include you in their plans, believing it best for you to “get away” from grieving your loss. They do not understand that you cannot escape the grief that you feel. There is no obligation to say “yes.” Only participate if you truly want to.

Try to take care of your health. It’s important that you eat and drink properly, exercise, and get plenty of rest.

Take time to do the things you as a person want to do. You may want time alone to reflect or to write your thoughts.

Consider eliminating such things as the festive decorations, cooking, and baking that you may normally enjoy. People will understand if you’re not in a merry or joyous mood or simply don’t have the energy. You may try placing an electric candle in your window in memory of your child. Don’t feel obligated to send out holiday cards.

If it is necessary for you to buy gifts, consider ordering them over the Internet or by phone. Most who are bereaved find it draining to go out and fight through crowded stores bustling with holiday cheer.

Many families that are in mourning may use the money they would have spent on gifts for their child to buy gifts for a child who would not be able to celebrate the holidays otherwise.

It is not unusual for you to want to include your child during the season. You may want to do something like: Ask friends and relatives who knew your child to send you a story about your child that you may not have known; Ask friends and relatives to create an ornament or remembrance of some type that reminds them of your child so that you can place it around the house or on a holiday tree. If it was your tradition, include placing a stocking with those of other children in your house, even if you do not fill it like the others—this is a symbolic gesture in memory of your child.

If you have other children who normally celebrate the holidays, you may consider continuing to do so to create some sense of normalcy in the house and so they will not feel forgotten.

Consider attending a support group meeting or a memorial event. Most families find some comfort by being with others who have experienced a similar loss.

Remember that the anticipation of a holiday is often worse than the holiday itself.

Be kind to yourself.

It is okay to cry.
A Mother’s Dream
Author Unknown

I carried you so lovingly, within my gentle womb
And little did I realize, your life would end to soon.
I never got the chance to say “I love you, little one”
Before I held you in my arms, to lose a child this way
All the many hopes and dreams just vanished on that day.
I know I’ll see the sun shine bright upon my baby’s face
When I finally go to heaven, all my pain will be erased.
We'll soar the skies together, as angels two by two
We'll have sweet reunion, This mother’s dream comes true.

A Letter to my Son on His Fourth Birthday
“For everything flowers from within, of self-blessing”
from Saint Francis and the Sow by Galway Kinnell
Submitted by HOPE Member, Christina Dennis in memory of her son, Brayden

It is autumn again. That time of year when Nature gives one last vibrant push for the love and light that her beauty brings before its death, the barren cold. I sit here, with my cup of peppermint tea and think of you.

Four long, strange, harsh, joyous years ago I sipped this tea; my body full with the life of you. My mind and my heart full of expectation and love for you. I always loved you.

I sit at the kitchen table, in the chair that faces the yard and the trees. I watch the leaves drift and fall. They are silent in their death but beautiful still; just like you. I have thought of you often from the vantage point of this chair, this window. I have searched, and ached; I have roared, and whimpered; I have shuddered, and steeled myself from the vantage point of this chair, this window.

You are a beautiful blessing that, held so close, thrived, grew, blossomed. Then, so late or early, my body let you go.

A leaf. A petal. A thing so beautiful, and delicate, and sad.

My baby. Our baby.

A treasure held so close and tight it strains its bounds to the point of nearly bursting.

If my soul could break free and hold you once more as my womb did for so long – so short a time; I would feel safe knowing you still exist as you always existed; in my heart, in my body, in my arms.

My baby, my treasure, my gift.

You are a light that always shines, Brayden; a love that knows no bounds.

Angel Moms

We have shared our tears and our sorrow,
We have given encouragement to each other,
Given hope for a brighter tomorrow,
We share the title of grieving mother.

Some of us lost older daughters or sons,
Who we watched grow over days and weeks
Some have lost their babies before their lives begun,
But no matter the age, we cry the same tears.

We understand each other's pain,
The bond we share is very strong,
With each other there is no need to explain,
The path we walk is hard and long.

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.

So take my hand my friend,
We may stumble and fall along the way,
But we'll get up and try again,
Because together we can make it day by day.

We can give each other hope
We'll create a place where we belong,
Together we will find ways to cope
Because we are angel moms, and together we are strong.

FINN
By HOPE Member, Eileen Colleran

In the spring of 2014, I was pregnant with my third child. I was so excited. I even quit my job teaching to take care of my three young children. Everything was going perfectly in this pregnancy. No morning sickness, no problems at all. I always describe it as the perfect pregnancy (unlike my twin pregnancy before). On June 30, my husband and I went in for my 18-week anatomy scan – we thought we were just finding out the gender that day. We went into my doctor’s office but based on high levels in my AFP blood test, he sent me to the hospital to Maternal Fetal Medicine for the ultrasound. He said my baby had a 1 in 4 chance of having spina bifida. I started to panic and Google. I calmed down and thought, “it’s okay, I can handle this. Baby is still okay.” I went into the ultrasound room. It was very quiet. The ultrasound tech looked at the baby for about 5 minutes and excused herself to get the doctor. I knew something was wrong. It was the longest wait of my life. When the doctor returned, she very coldly said, “Your baby has anencephaly. It is a fatal condition. It is not compatible with life.” I just couldn’t believe it. I asked what it was. She explained that anencephaly is a rare neural tube defect that happens within the first few weeks of pregnancy but isn’t detected until later. The top of the spine never fuses with skull; therefore baby has no skull and no brain (because it is damaged with the amniotic fluid). She then showed me on the ultrasound that the baby had no skull from basically right above his eyebrows to top of neck. I had never heard of this condition before, but now of course it is a part of my everyday vocabulary. We found out that the baby was a boy. That day was basically a blur of emotions. I have never felt so much pain in my life. The heartache of never knowing my third son, being robbed of a life with him. The pain is unbearable.

We named our son Finn- he left this earth and gained his wings on July 3, 2014. Nothing is more heartbreaking than saying goodbye to your child. I talk about Finn everyday. He is my third son and I refer to him as such. I don’t do it to make people uncomfortable, but he is my son and I love him just like I love my living children. Pregnancy and Infant loss has a stigma attached to it and many believe it is something that should not be discussed. However, it is a very important subject that SHOULD be talked about because families should not suffer in silence. Families should not have to forget about their child they lost.
One of the things I did to heal my heart was to talk about him. The best place to talk about him is at HOPE Group, with other grieving parents who “get” it. I encourage anyone who has suffered a loss to find some sort of group to talk to. It has helped me in so many ways. I am also lucky enough to have such supportive friends and family to lean on as well.

Even though I am pretty comfortable with discussing my loss, putting it to words has been difficult. Writing this article was difficult for me. But if it helps even one person, it will be worth it.

Merry Christmas from Heaven
Author Unknown

I still hear the songs, I still see the lights, I still feel your love, On cold wintry nights.
I still share your hopes, And all of your cares, I’ll even remind you, To please say your prayers.
I just want to tell you, You still make me proud, You stand head and shoulders, Above all the crowd.
Keep trying each moment, To stay in His grace, I came here before you, To help set your place.
You don’t have to be, Perfect all of the time, He forgives you the slip, If you continue the climb.
To my family and friends, Please be thankful today, I’m still close beside you, In a new special way.
I love you all dearly, Now don’t shed a tear, Because I’m spending Christmas, With Jesus this year.

I Am Learning How To Live
by Jamey Wysocki

I am learning how to live
In a new way
Since that day
You were taken away.
I am learning how to live
With the things left unsaid
Knowing I got to say them
With every tear that I shed.
I am learning how to live
By embracing the pain
Knowing that you live on
Through the memories that remain.
I am learning how to live
Knowing I will never again see your face
And I have peace knowing
You’re in a better place.
I am learning how to live
Knowing you’re in God’s care
It gives me the strength to move on
And makes the pain much easier to bear.

I Loved You
By Zoe Clark Coates

I loved you from the moment I knew you were there
And
You will be loved until the day I die.
Allow Yourself to Mourn
Your child has died. You are now faced with the difficult, but important, need to mourn. Mourning is the open expression of your thoughts and feelings regarding the death of your child. It is an essential part of healing. With the death of your child, your hopes, dreams, and plans for the future are turned upside down. You are beginning a journey that is often frightening, painful, and overwhelming. The death of a child results in the most profound bereavement. In fact, sometimes your feelings of grief may be so intense that you do not understand what is happening.

Realize Your Grief is Unique
Your grief is unique. The unique child you loved and cared for so deeply has died. No one, including your spouse, will grieve in exactly the same way you do. Your grief journey will be influenced not only by the relationship you had with your child, but also by the circumstances surrounding the death, your emotional support system, and your cultural and religious background. As a result, you will grieve in your own unique way. Don't try to compare your experience with that of others or adopt assumptions about just how long your grief should last. Consider taking a "one-day-at-a-time" approach that allows you to grieve at your own pace.

Allow Yourself to Feel Numb
Feeling dazed or numb when your child dies may well be a part of your early grief experience. You may feel as if the world has suddenly come to a halt. This numbness serves a valuable purpose: it gives your emotions time to catch up with what your mind has told you. You may feel you are in a dream-like state and that you will wake up and none of this will be true. These feelings of numbness and disbelief help insulate you from the reality of the death until you are more able to tolerate what you don't want to believe.

This Death is Out of Order
Because the more natural order is for parents to precede their children in death, you must readapt to a new and seemingly illogical reality. This shocking reality says that even though you are older and have been the protector and provider, you have survived while your child has not. This can be so difficult to comprehend. Not only has the death of your child violated nature's way, where the young grow up and replace the old, but your personal identity was tied to your child. You may feel impotent and wonder why you couldn't have protected your child from death.

Expect to Feel a Multitude of Emotions
The death of your child can result in a variety of emotions. Confusion, disorganization, fear, guilt, anger, and relief are just a few of the emotions you may feel. Sometimes, these emotions follow each other within a short period of time. Or they may occur simultaneously. As strange as some of these emotions may seem, they are normal and healthy. Allow yourself to learn from these feelings. And don’t be surprised if out of nowhere you suddenly experience surges of grief, even at the most unexpected times.

Be Tolerant of Your Physical and Emotional Limits
Your feelings of loss and sadness will probably leave you fatigued. Your ability to think clearly and make decisions may be impaired. And your low energy level may naturally slow you down. Don't expect yourself to be as available to your spouse, surviving children, and friends as you might otherwise be. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. Nurture yourself. Get daily rest. Eat balanced meals. Lighten your schedule as much as possible. Caring for yourself doesn’t mean feeling sorry for yourself; it means you are using survival skills.

Talk About Your Grief
Express your grief openly. When you share your grief outside yourself, healing occurs. Ignoring your grief won’t make it go away; talking about it often makes you feel better. Allow yourself to speak from your heart, not just your head. Doing so doesn’t mean you are losing control or going “crazy.” It is a normal part of your grief journey.
**Watch Out for Cliches**
Cliches - trite comments some people make in attempts to diminish your loss - can be extremely painful for you to hear. Comments like, "You are holding up so well", "Time heals all wounds", "Think of what you have to be thankful for" or "You have to be strong for others" are not constructive. While these comments may be well-intended, you do not have to accept them. You have every right to express your grief. No one has the right to take it away.

**Develop a Support System**
Reaching out to others and accepting support is often difficult, particularly when you hurt so much. But the most compassionate self-action you can do at this difficult time is to find a support system of caring friends and relatives who will provide the understanding you need. Seek out those people who encourage you to be yourself and acknowledge your feelings – both happy and sad. A support group may be one of the best ways to help yourself. In a group, you can connect with other parents who have experienced the death of a child. You will be allowed and gently encouraged to talk about your child as much, and as often, as you like. Sharing the pain won’t make it disappear, but it can ease any thoughts that what you are experiencing is crazy, or somehow bad. Support comes in different forms for different people – find out what combinations work best for you and try to make use of them.

**Embrace Your Treasure of Memories**
Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of your child. You will always remember. Instead of ignoring these memories, share them with your family and friends. Keep in mind that memories can be tinged with both happiness and sadness. If your memories bring laughter, smile. If your memories bring sadness, then it’s all right to cry. Memories that were made in love – no one can take them away from you.

**Gather Important Keepsakes**
You may want to collect some important keepsakes that help you treasure your memories. You may want to create a memory book, which is a collection of photos that represent your child’s life. Some people create memory boxes to keep special memories. Then, whenever you want, you can open up your memory box and embrace these special memories. The reality that your child has died does not diminish your need to have these objects. They are a tangible, lasting part of the special relationship you had with your child.

**Embrace Your Spirituality**
If faith is part of your life, express it in ways that seem appropriate to you. Allow yourself to be around people who understand and support your religious beliefs. If you are angry at God because of the death of your child, realize this feeling as a normal part of your grief work. Find someone to talk with who won’t be critical of whatever thought and feelings you need to explore. You may hear someone say, "With faith, you don’t need to grieve". Don’t believe it. Having your personal faith does not insulate you from needing to talk out and explore your thoughts and feelings. To deny your grief is to invite problems that build up inside you. Express your faith, but express your grief as well.

**Move Toward Your Grief and Heal**
To restore your capacity to love you must grieve when your child dies. You can’t heal unless you openly express your grief. Denying your grief will only make it become more confusing and overwhelming. Embrace your grief and heal. Reconciling your grief will not happen quickly. Remember, grief is a process, not an event. Be patient and tolerant with yourself. Never forget that the death of child changes your life forever. "The experience of grief is powerful. So, too is your ability to help yourself heal. In doing the work of grieving, you are moving toward a renewed sense of meaning and purpose in your life".

**HOPE Donations**
- Ann Powers in memory of her daughter, Susan Powers
- Maureen and Kevin Kelly in memory of their daughter Kaitlyn Kelly
- Ann Powers in memory of Rindy Huebner
- Cheryl and Jack Blaisdell in memory of their grandsons, Luke and Jack Garagliano
• UCC Church of Burlington in memory of their friend, Rindy Huebner
• Susan and Jim Kanak in memory of their nephew, Mark E. Huebner
• The A.C.D.K. HOPE Foundation in memory of their children, Anthony Caterino, Chase Richardson, Dakota Boudreau, and Kenley Richardson

Announcements

• NEW meeting location for those who haven’t come to meetings lately: 200 Unicorn Park Drive, First Floor Conference Room, Woburn, MA. Directions from the North: Take Rte. 93 S to Exit 36 for Montvale Avenue, Stoneham/Woburn. Keep left and take the ramp towards Stoneham. Turn left onto Montvale Avenue and then turn left again onto Maple Street (Mobil is on the right). Maple Street becomes Unicorn Park Drive, #200 is the second building on left. Directions from the South: Take Rte. 93 N to Exit 36 for Montvale Avenue, Stoneham/Woburn. Turn right onto Montvale Avenue. Take the 1st left onto Maple Street (Mobil is on the corner). Maple Street becomes Unicorn Park Drive, #200 is on the left. As always, the meetings begin at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

• A tremendous THANK YOU to HOPE member, Michelle Kingdon! She has been organizing and writing the OBR cards each month. You touch the hearts of our members with your words of remembrance, warmth, and love. Rindy would be so proud!

• We’d also like to thank HOPE member, Christine Boudreau. THANK YOU so very much for helping with the newsletter this month. You’ve chosen a few articles worth reading! Thanks for bringing peace and comfort to our members.

• And last but not least a HUGE thank you goes to our local printer, R.W. Traynham Printing in Billerica, MA for donating their printing services for the newsletter and memorial service program. You touch the hearts of many with your generosity.

Parent to Parent Hotline

Please contact us with any questions/concerns or if you are just having a bad day. We are here to help.

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Local Area Support Groups

• 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

• 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.

• 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.

New Arrivals

• Wilhelmina Anna Selman arrived safely on this earth on May 27, 2015 to HOPE members, Sonya Sheats and Ben Shelman.

• Ainsley Hope arrived safely on this earth on June 7, 2015 to HOPE member, Tracy McLaughlin.

• Reid Joseph arrived safely on this earth on June 9, 2015 to Rindy & Dennis’ daughter Karen, and her husband Joe Calandrelli.
To be added to the following list of Our Babies Remembered and to receive a remembrance card on your baby’s anniversary, please complete this form and return it to Donna McDonnell, c/o the HOPE Group, 14 Blossom Drive, Billerica, MA 01821. 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 HOPE?_________________________________________________________
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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
10/02/14 Nathan-Celeste, son of Daphne Jochnick; Stillborn
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
10/05/10 Elliott Mae, daughter of Ken and Jenny Leonard; Stillborn
10/05/02 Griffin, son of Derilyn and Tim Byrne
10/07/01 Baby Kingdon, baby of Michelle and Ken Kingdon; Miscarriage
10/08/14 Maria Sandra, daughter of Nadia and Kevin Purfory; 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
10/13/13 Baby Boy Higgins, son of Danielle Sheehan; Miscarriage
10/15/95 Sabrina Marie, daughter of Fernando and Marie Franco; Stillborn
10/15/08 Baby Rose, child of Barbara Rose; Miscarriage
10/16/08 Baby Boy, son of Corinne and Joe Rogers; Miscarriage
10/16/13 Isaac Anthony, son of Amy and Steve Pardo; Miscarriage
10/20/12 Baby Higgins, son of Danielle Sheehan; 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
10/26/11 Brayden, son of Todd and Christina Dennis; Stillborn
10/27/89 Abagail, 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 Batholomew, 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 Dennis 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 Daniel and 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
11/21/93  Isabel Marie, daughter of Daniel and Dyan Sierra; Heart Defect
11/22/93  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 the late 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
12/04/93  Caroline Anne, daughter of Caitlin and John O’Brien; Stillborn
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; Stillborn
12/09/95  Ann Margaret, daughter of Evie and Paul McDermott; Stillborn
12/09/95  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  Alexia Victoria, 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, 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
01/02/09  Charles Alan, son of Lindsay Perrin; Stillborn
01/04/95  Rachel Nicole and Danielle Julia, twin daughters of Susan and Ed Valent; Premature Birth, twin to twin transfusion.
01/05/89  Eric Michael, son of Mark and Barbara Hussey; Potter’s Syndrome
01/07/93  Benjamin Layn, son of Ann and Bill Saulnier; Premature Birth
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, daughter of Bailey and J.P. Magazzu; Premature birth/Due Date 05/30/02
01/10/04  John Kevin, son of Nadia and Kevin Purifory; Stillborn
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
01/23/10  Jamison John, son of Jamie and John Paul Riggio; Infant death 03/06/10
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
01/25/92  Stephen Daniel, son of Laura and Jeff Paranay
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
02/03/11  Mason Rose (Meggie), daughter of Priscilla and Lin Goodwin; Died 01/14/92, Group B Strep, Neonatal Pneumonia and Sepsis
02/18/93  Daniel Robert, son of Len and Gloria Carlson; Polycystic Kidney Disease (Potter’s Syndrome)
02/20/14  Babies Antczak, twin babies of Amy and Christophe Antczak; Miscarriage
02/22/98  Angel, daughter of Joe-Ann and Tommy Palermo, Incompetent cervix
02/23/94  Lemiel Gonzales-Ortiz, son of Amara Ortiz-Gonzales
02/24/15  Cameron Jacob, son of Vanessa and Tony Ramos; Stillborn
02/24/11  Max Reth, son of Jennifer and Sunday Reth; Stillborn
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
02/26/13  Rindy Huebner, beloved friend and founder of the HOPE Group
02/27/94  Scott Davis, son of Marie and Chris Williams; Stillborn
02/27/13  Kaylee Goncalves, daughter of Ivan and Neusa Timas; Stillborn

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