



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

Supporting Family After a Child Dies

GALVESTON COUNTY CHAPTER  
September 2011

Support Meetings held on 2nd Monday  
of the Month (exception is December)

Mail:  
PO Box 568  
Texas City, TX 77592

Phone:  
(409) 996-9440  
(Calls to this number will be returned  
within 24 hours)

Website:  
[www.tcfgalvestoncounty.org](http://www.tcfgalvestoncounty.org)

Co-Chapter Leaders:  
Larry Oshel  
Bambi Oshel  
[grammy127@earthlink.net](mailto:grammy127@earthlink.net)

Treasurer:  
Dana Rogers  
[sabalo130@comcast.net](mailto:sabalo130@comcast.net)

Newsletter:  
Lori Kelly  
For email submissions:  
[sabalo130@comcast.net](mailto:sabalo130@comcast.net)  
[grammy127@earthlink.net](mailto:grammy127@earthlink.net)



*Next Meeting*  
*September 12, 2011*  
*7:00 pm*

at  
First United Methodist Church  
317 Fifth Avenue N  
Texas City, TX 77590

National Office: The Compassionate Friends  
PO Box 3696  
Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696  
(877) 969-0010  
[www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

## Special Thanks

Texas City Terminal Railway  
For all your support of the  
Galveston County Chapter  
The Compassionate Friends

Manning Masonry Co, Inc.  
For the placement of the bricks  
In the Memorial Garden

Anniversaries and birthdays are difficult for bereaved parents. In the days ahead, may we lovingly remember these children and support their families. Your child is listed here only at your request, with a signature on the response form in this newsletter. You need to submit it only once.

The Mission of the Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive.

## SEPTEMBER REMEMBRANCES

**Raymond Keith McCulloch**

September 2nd  
John W. McCulloch, father

**Jeremy Thomas Angel**

September 6th  
Johnny & Susan Angel, parents

**Sean Palmer**

September 8th  
Crystal Layer, mother

**Omar L Mora**

September 10th  
Robert & Olga Capetillo, parents

**Shea Vernon Turner**

September 14th  
Peggy Spencer, mother

**Remy LeBeau Northrup**

September 18th  
Shawn Corpus, mother

**Julio Javier Castro Jr**

September 20th  
Ines Castro, mother

**Bobby DeWayne Wierzowiecki**

September 22nd  
James & Wanita Wierzowiecki, parents

**Jerry Knight Haney**

September 24th  
Dugan & Shirley Haney,  
Great Grandparents

**Chaz LaBry**

September 26th  
Linda Massey, grandmother

**Henry Clay Billingsley**

September 28th  
Eleanor Billingsley, mother

**Norma Jean Diaz**

September 28th  
Diana Moreno, mother

**Luke Steven Hyatt Esq**

September 30th  
Keith Hyatt, father

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Shelley Kathleen Sikes**

September 2nd  
Erin Sikes, mother

**Laura Kuenstler**

September 8th  
Amanda Kuenstler, mother

**Nickolas 'Nick' Allan Hamme**

September 8th  
Kari Hamme, mother

**Randy Alan Helms**

September 16th  
Jennifer Grant, mother

**Casey Laday Sr**

September 16th  
Natha Laday, mother

**Remy LeBeau Northrup**

September 16th  
Shawn Corpus, mother

**Timothy Thomas Moye**

September 16th  
Carolee Moye, mother

**William Syril Bailey**

September 18th  
Sidney Bailey, mother

**Julio Javier Castro Jr**

September 20th  
Ines Castro, mother

**Linda Ann Muegge**

September 21st  
Lou Watts, mother

**Erik Scott Steinmetz**

September 23rd  
Margaret Williams, mother

**Sean Palmer**

September 25th  
Crystal Layer, mother

**Brian Matthew Welch**

September 30th  
Pamela Parr

## ***Special Information***

Food King in Texas City makes a donation of 1% to our chapter for all purchases we make there. Just drop your receipts off at Rust & Dust, 1519 6th St Ave N., Thursday—Sunday

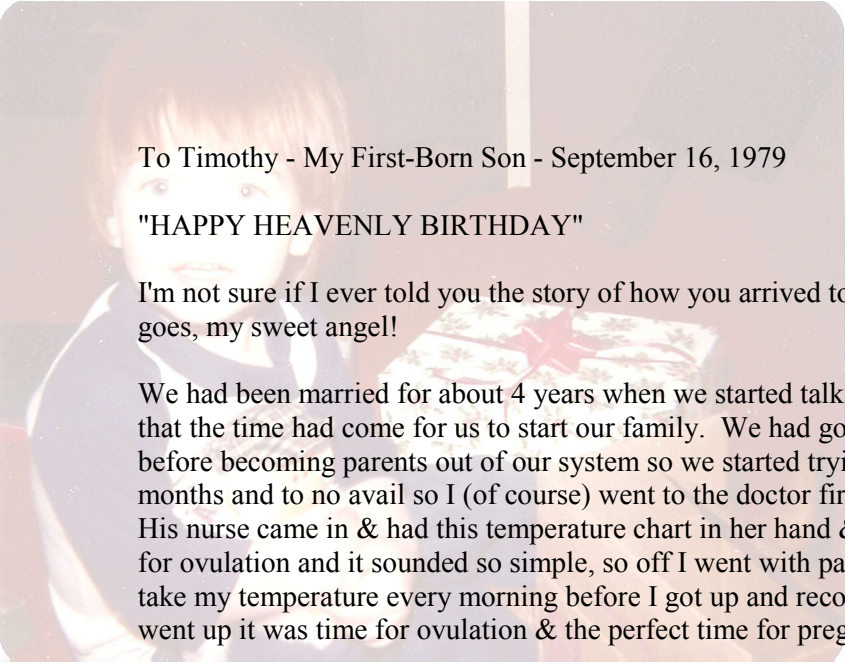
Our cookbooks, **Recipes of Times Remembered, Volume 2**, are now available. You can find them at Rust & Dust, 1519 6th St N, Texas City, Thursday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. The cookbooks are \$10 each.



### A Note from the Newsletter Editor:

When submissions are received we try extremely hard to place the submission in the newsletter exactly as submitted. However, there are times when this is not possible due to space constraints. You are always welcome to send the pictures and notes, poems, etc in without setting it up. I am always happy to lay out your page for you. Please email your submissions to [grammy127@earthlink.net](mailto:grammy127@earthlink.net) or [sabalo130@comcast.net](mailto:sabalo130@comcast.net) or snail mail it in to the po box. Submissions are welcome anytime!

Thanks,  
Lori  
Newsletter Editor



To Timothy - My First-Born Son - September 16, 1979

"HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY"

I'm not sure if I ever told you the story of how you arrived to be the son of Billy & Carolee Moye so here goes, my sweet angel!

We had been married for about 4 years when we started talking about having a baby and we both felt that the time had come for us to start our family. We had gotten all of the little things we wanted to do before becoming parents out of our system so we started trying to have a baby. We tried for about 6 or 7 months and to no avail so I (of course) went to the doctor first to see if he had any answers & he did. His nurse came in & had this temperature chart in her hand & started explaining times & temperatures for ovulation and it sounded so simple, so off I went with papers & basal thermometer in hand. I had to take my temperature every morning before I got up and record it on this graph. When the temperature went up it was time for ovulation & the perfect time for pregnancy.

It happened to be deer season somewhere in November or December of 1978 & your dad's family had a cabin in Llano, Texas for deer hunting. The whole family always went to the cabin every year & it was a lot of fun. This cabin only consisted of 1 big room where everybody slept on cots or beds of some kind & Nanny always kept all of us fed very good in that small kitchen she cooked in. This one particular morning as I took my temperature, well wouldn't you know, it was UP! So, I woke your dad & told him so we quietly crept out to our van & thank goodness we had a van. After that, I had to lay there an hour with feet up so Billy went in to get coffee as people were beginning to stir. It was so funny because everybody knew what we were up to so it wasn't quiet for very long.

When we got home it was back to work for everybody & we would see in a couple of weeks if we had made our baby. I was so excited that my temperature was staying up but if it went down we were going to be disappointed. It stayed UP! & I called Dr. Estrada & talked to him & he said if it was up for 1 more day that I was pregnant. That day drug on & on & so did the night but in the morning it was still UP so I was pregnant for sure. We were so happy & it turned out that we had just missed the right time for ovulation. The pregnancy went so good & you were due on September 19, 1979. Summertime came & went before we knew it and we had taken the La Maze classes with our pillows & we were ready for you to come. We had so much fun with you before you even were born! Your dad only wanted boys but back in '79 on the ultrasound, they could only guess about the sex of the baby. We did your room in green & white because I couldn't wait for you to be born...I wanted the nursery to be fixed all beautiful for you when you arrived.

Finally, near the middle of September Dr. Estrada said you were ready to be born, so we met him at the hospital on September 16th at 6 a.m. He induced labor & only 4 hours later we had the most beautiful little boy in our arms. It was a BOY! Your dad was totally so proud of you and so was I. He was snapping pictures right & left in the delivery room. We had our baby boy! Your name was going to be Thomas for the middle name after your dad, William Thomas but he got to pick your first name. He said he went to school with a boy named Timothy & this was the coolest guy he had known so he wanted to name you Timothy & it went perfect with Thomas and they both were in the Bible so this is where your name came from & it was perfect, just like you were -Timothy Thomas Moye. Our dreams came true - Billy got his son and I got to be a "Mother" for the very first time. Thank you, my precious son, Timmy and "Happy Heavenly Birthday." I KNOW I LOVED YOU MORE THAN ENOUGH!!!



Happy Birthday



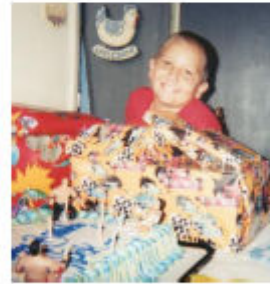
Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday  
In Heaven...  
Our Guardian Angel



Nickolas "Nick" Allan Hamme



09/08/89  
to  
06/15/09



With Love, Hugs & Kisses...  
Mommy, Daddy, Amanda & Bryanna  
Family and Friends

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF LINDA ANN MUEGGE*

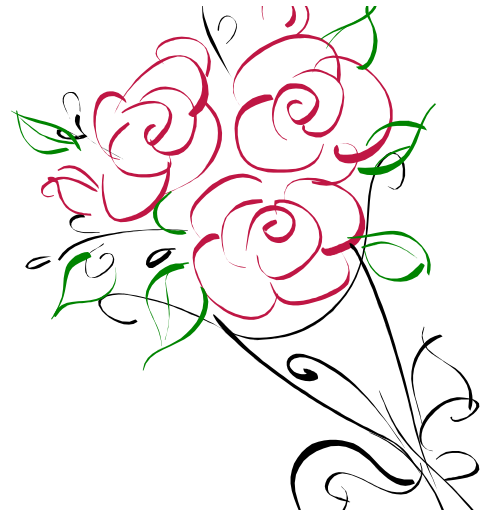
*September 21, 1951—May 14, 2007*

*From her family*

*Dear Lord, if roses grow in Heaven  
please pick a bunch for us,  
place them in our Linda's arms and  
tell her they're from us.*

*Tell her we love and miss her, and  
when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek and  
hold her for a while.*

*Because remembering her is easy,  
we do it every day.  
But there is an ache within our hearts  
that will never go away.*



“...a bear wedged in great tightness.”

“In a tape called, ‘To Touch a Grieving Heart’ there is a wonderful little reminder of the *Winnie the Pooh* story by A. A. Milne. You may recall that Winnie goes to visit Rabbit and eats too much honey. Coming out of Rabbit’s hole, he gets stuck tight – so tight he can’t even sigh. He asks his friends to stay with him, read him a story, and offer words of comfort...and thus to help ‘a bear wedged in great tightness.’

Notice that Pooh does not ask to be pulled out of the hole, he asks only for company so he is not alone. I think Grief is like being ‘a bear wedged in great tightness.’ And, while we cannot make the grief go away for each other, The Compassionate Friends starts and stops with the core idea that we will be there for each other; that ‘we need not walk alone.’ ”

*Opening remarks of the late  
Richard Edler’s keynote speech at the  
1996 TCF National Conference*

IN MEMORY OF  
CASEY LADAY SR  
9-16-1966 TO 8-29-1998

I AM WITH YOU STILL

*I give you this one thought to keep*

*I am with you still—do not weep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.*

*I am the diamond glints on snow.*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain.*

*I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,*

*I am the swift uplifting rush*

*Of quiet birds in circled flight.*

*I am the soft stars that shine at night*

*Do not think of me as gone —*

*I am with you still—in each new dawn.*

# Dwelling on Our Loss

To an outsider, the idea of meeting with a group of people for the purpose of discussing death, our personal experiences with the death of our children, the "grief process," etc., may seem grim if not altogether morbid. All of us who are involved in The Compassionate Friends have run into someone who has asked, "Why do you do this?" or "Why don't you just try to let it go?"

The idea of "dwelling on the loss" is always stated with negative connotations, yet dwelling on the death of a child is not something we can avoid. Indeed, "dwelling" is part of the healing process. It's how we come to grips with the questions "Why, what if...?" that uncontrollably pop up in our minds, and it is how we learn to accept the unacceptable.

Certainly, there is a wealth of information in books dealing with death and dying. Our faith, our pastors, priests, and rabbis have much to contribute to our healing. Psychologists, psychiatrists and therapy may be necessary.

The Compassionate Friends encourages grieving parents to utilize any or all of the above tools, but we also realize the value of learning to verbalize, openly, publicly, the grief and the loss we feel . . . not in the privacy of our doctor or minister's office, where we are very sheltered, but openly among people who know full well how hard it is to say, "My child is dead." We do not put any pressure on people attending our meeting to say anything, but the beautiful part of this group is that it enables you to see people who are "down the long road" a way further and to realize that you will be there in time.

Are we dwelling on our loss? Absolutely. But we are learning to dwell on it constructively, to dwell on it without guilt and without the isolation we have all felt. We learn how to reach out (in time) to others with a compassion that brings healing to others as well as to ourselves.

Philip Barker  
TCF, California

## JUST FOR A MOMENT

Just for a moment we held in our hands a gift so precious, so rare.  
Just for a moment we beheld with our eyes her face so lovely, so fair.  
Just for a moment her sensitive touch,  
Just for a moment her lyrical songs.  
Just for a moment she was where she belongs.  
Just for a moment we heard with our ears her laughter thrilling the air.  
The echoes are lingering still; they always will.  
Now, just for a moment, she lives in our hearts, cherished with tenderest care.  
For as long as we live, for as long as we love, she will always be there.

Philip Jones, from “A Journey Together”, the national newsletter of the Bereaved Parents of the USA

“There is a light in the world, a healing spirit, more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force, when there is so much suffering and too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who care and answer in extraordinary ways.

*Mother Teresa*



*Love Gifts*

In memory of Casey Laday, 9/16 to 8/29  
By his mother, Natha Laday

# Chapter Information

## LOVE GIFTS

A love gift is a special way to remember a child.

The Compassionate Friends charges no dues, and your voluntary donations are our only source of income. All gifts are tax deductible. TCF is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and 100% of all income is used to reach bereaved families through this newsletter, brochures, our grief materials library, and special events like our annual December Candle Lighting Remembrance and our Garden remembrance.

Checks should be made payable to  
The Compassionate Friends  
PO Box 568  
Texas City, TX 77592

## NEWSLETTER

In order to include your child's information in the newsletter written permission must be on file. If you would like to have your child's information included please send in the data sheet so that we can insure that we have the correct information.

Submissions for the newsletter are always welcome and can include short articles, poems & book reviews. Please include any authors or other sources if known.

All submissions are due for inclusion in the newsletter by the 20th of each month, some exceptions may arise but will be included as a note in the newsletter.

Submissions should be sent to either the PO Box listed under the love gifts or emailed to Bambi Oshel at [grammy127@earthlink.net](mailto:grammy127@earthlink.net) or Dana Rogers at [sabalo130@comcast.net](mailto:sabalo130@comcast.net)



***Note:** When you purchase a brick to be placed in the Memorial Garden be advised that they are placed randomly. The bricks are put in place by the generosity of Manning Masonry Co, Inc. While someone within the organization will be notified after installation of a set of bricks is completed, notification prior to the installation is not available.*

*Beautiful Memorial Garden Bricks*

***Acme Engraved Bricks @ \$50.00 each***

Please make checks payable to Compassionate Friends and mail to **P.O. Box 568 Texas City, TX 77592**. Should you have any questions regarding this order form please call **Louise Krone at (281) 534-3639** or email at [lak51757@yahoo.com](mailto:lak51757@yahoo.com)

To order an engraved brick: Fill the appropriate boxes below with desired inscription.

LINE 1														
LINE 2														
LINE 3														

LINE 1														
LINE 2														
LINE 3														
LINE 4														

Customer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: - Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting the Compassionate Friends Memorial Garden

**Love Gifts**, monetary or  
Gifts-in-kind are a beautiful expression of our deep  
And never-ending love for our children, and help us "reach out" to bereaved families.  
Our expenses include postage, printing & special programs.  
TCF is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) Organization—donations are tax deductible.  
Time is also a wonderful gift, volunteers are always needed.  
**Thank You for contributing and supporting the work of our local chapter.**