



**THE  
COMPASSIONATE  
FRIENDS  
of Green Bay**  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

A Quarterly Newsletter

by and for Bereaved Parents

April/May/June 2020

**Our  
Mission  
Statement:**

When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.



**COVID-19 and These Uncertain Times**

Usually I struggle to think of a topic for the newsletter but world events unfortunately have made it easier this time. As some folks would say, "Who would have thunk it." We are in the midst of a pandemic in this country and worldwide. None of us have never seen anything like this in our lifetime. In talking to some clients and friends, the closest to this might be the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, when we were on the brink of nuclear war but I was only 7 at the time and don't remember the gravity of the crisis. I also recall as a young child going to the Court-house in Shawano on a couple of Sundays to receive the oral polio vaccine. We received a small paper container with a sugar cube that had a pink dot in the middle of it. We took the sugar cube and it dissolved in our mouth. The last big health crisis was the 1918 flu that took millions of lives worldwide.

As things change daily with closings, health warnings, etc., I know I was a bit skeptical at first, were we overreacting to something, but lately I have changed my mind on this. Churches, schools and businesses are closing, the tax deadline has been extended in these unprecedented times. We even cancelled our March monthly meeting and I am willing to bet the April and possibly the May meetings will be cancelled. There are plenty of resources available for those needing that monthly meeting. Our website has the past 4 newsletters if you want to re-read those, plus the TCF national website has many resources along with many Facebook groups. Also know, that it is possible to contact any of us on the steering committee or the chapter cell-phone. I know Mickey and I have talked to folks who just needed someone to listen to them or be reassured that they are not alone on their journey. Also, many of you have made new friends at the meetings and I am sure you have exchanged emails or phone numbers. I am sure they won't mind if you reach out to them to chat.

One thing I do recall is that after the passing of Melissa and Emily and trying to figure out why did this happen, I thought that maybe down the road and in the future that they might be spared from some awful event, be it a terrorist attack, mass shooting, nuclear war or who knows what. Perhaps this is the event, that I was trying to think of. But know this, that our children are watching over us and know what is going on with this pandemic. If you are so inclined, pray or talk to them that they help get us through these rough times.

In Peaceful Sadness, Melissa and Emily's Mom and Dad  
Mickey and Steve

**The Green Bay Chapter of The Compassionate Friends**  
meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.  
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<b>Monthly Support Group</b>	
<b>Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6 p.m.</b>	Utilizing Internet Grief Support Resources
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6 p.m.</b>	Do Father's Grieve Differently
<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2020 6 p.m.</b>	Creating a Legacy in your Child's Memory

## *A Bear Hug for Father's Day*

By Annette Mennen Baldwin  
In memory of my son, Todd Mennen  
And my father, James M. Mennen  
TCF, Katy, TX



As Father's Day approaches, we are reminded of the significant contributions and unique love of fathers and stepfathers. Their defined role, after the death of their children, is to support their wives and surviving children. But their pain is deep.

Men, by their nature and in response to our society's expectations, do not usually grieve as openly as women. They do not talk as candidly about their loss. They generally do not reach out to others for comfort. They are, after all, the rock, the solid center of the family. Their wife's pain supersedes their pain because women are fragile. Or so we are told.

Yet, as I look into the eyes of so many bereaved fathers, I see a deep, gripping pain. The tears left unshed, the words that are never spoken, the anger, guilt and agony....all remain in the eyes of the bereaved father.

What can a father do? Talk with other bereaved fathers. Read books written by bereaved fathers. Talk with spouses, private counselors and close friends who are not as structured in their "male" societal roles. Try to attend three meetings of Compas-

sionate Friends. You don't have to talk. But you might decide to express a single thought or idea, logically presented, to the small group. You might find peace in this place, and then again, you might not. But, as my own dad often said, "Step up to the plate and see what happens." He was a pretty wise man.....a child of the depression, a football player, Greatest Generation, WW II Marine, a fighter, a provider, a protector.....a man's man. He endured much in his 78 years, and I only saw him cry a few times.

But when his friend lost a child, my tough dad was the first one to reach out with a bear hug that wouldn't let go until the tears began to flow. They both cried. They both knew that the agony of losing a child was far worse than the horrors of war. Together, they cried.

Happy Father's Day....May your bear hugs be many and your memories become sweeter with each passing year. May your child live forever in your heart so that peace embraces you always.



## *MOTHERS DAY AND GRADUATION*

Julie Short  
TCF Southeastern IL  
In Memory of my daughter, Kyra



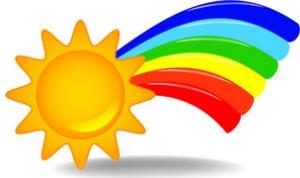
After my daughter Kyra died on November 14 of 2004, one of my first thoughts was I am no longer a mother, because Kyra was my only child. It didn't take me long to realize that that was not true; I am and always will be Kyra's mom. As I have walked my grief journey I have found myself referring to grief as labor. It then came to me that for me, losing Kyra was like giving birth in reverse. I experienced intense emotional and physical pain that I wondered if I could endure, similar to the physical pain of labor, only in grief it lasts for weeks, months and years. It took my breath away, brought me to my knees and often I found myself crying out in anguish and anger, like child birth. It has been over a year and a half since Kyra died and I have felt a break in the pain. It has started back up recently due to graduation but I know it will ease some after May. Some women experience false labor leading up to the birth of their child. I think that those intense pains that come from out of nowhere and last only a short time is something that I will forever experience. I now realize that in letting go of her death, I can

embrace and carry her spirit with me always. So, I liken grief to giving birth in reverse.

I go from Mother's day to Graduation, because Kyra would have graduated from High School at the end of May. Graduation was something I knew would be hard for me to endure without her here, alive and being part of the celebration. I thought about what Kyra graduating would mean to me and it didn't take me long to come up with, it was going to be my day to celebrate. Kyra was an intelligent child with a low attention span, a need to talk, and lower than I would have liked motivation. It was a frustration that her teachers and I shared. So, homework time was a challenge and I used motivational charts, rewards and even punishment. But, I quickly found that you can't force someone to be motivated and went back to encouraging. I knew that she would come around and become motivated and I started seeing it her Junior year the year she died. I thought that graduation would be the reward for all the long nights and constantly trying to encourage and moti-

vate. Well, it's not to be and I had to decide how will I endure graduation. I began to think about all she is missing. I believe in Heaven so I don't believe she is missing any joy or good times, because I believe she is now experiencing indescribable joy and unimaginable good times. The reality of what she is missing is, she is missing misery, pain, frustration, disappointment, a broken heart, grief, hopelessness and agony. And I am missing her incredible, joy and zest for life, her strong faith, beautiful smile and her wonderful heart.

As I close I remember when I was pregnant with Kyra, I took two helpings of food because I said I'm eating for two. Now I will try my best to live life to the fullest and be all that I can because now I'm living for two. Just as her living made me want to be a better person, her dying will make me a better person if I allow it, because I now carry her with me. I will strive to do and see life the way she would have if she could have stayed here longer.



# Milestones

Kitty Reeve  
TCF Marin and San Francisco, CA



A kaleidoscope of images will affect all of us during this month of May, when family celebrations and gathering times abound, most especially Mother's Day, Memorial Day and high school graduation. These are days that normally mark milestones and create bonds and memories within families. As so often, the focus on family and children will touch the emptiness we carry inside our beings. It is so hard to come to grips with the ongoing reality of our child's death. We take it in as we are able, over many months and years, struggling to gain the courage and strength to accept what we cannot change.

Reading about the insights and journeys of other bereaved parents continues to help me in my own healing. Recently, the words of Ann K. Finkbeiner, in *After the Death of a Child: Living with Loss through the Years*, have offered me new perspectives, understanding and wisdom. In her book, Finkbeiner, a bereaved parent and a science writer, explores the long-term, large-scale effects of a child's death through a series of interviews with bereaved parents. She concludes: "In the end, I learned two things about the long-term effects of losing a child. One is that a child's death is disorienting. The human mind is wired to find patterns and attach meanings, to associate things that are alike, to generalize from one example to another, in short, to make sense of things. Your mind could no more consciously stop doing this than your heart could consciously stop beating. But children's deaths make no sense, have no precedents, are part of no pattern; their deaths are unnatural and wrong. So parents fight their wiring, change their perspectives, and adjust to a reality that makes little sense.

The other thing I learned is that letting go of a child is impossible. One of my earliest and most persistent reactions to T.C.'s death was surprise. I had no idea whatever how much he had meant to me. All I knew was that I hadn't wanted to think about it. Our children are in our blood; the bond with them doesn't seem to break, and the parents [who were interviewed] found subtle and apparently unconscious way of preserving that bond.....None of this—that children are a central part of parents, are the link between the parent's past and future, are tied up with the parent's own self-image—is surprising....What is surprising is that it's true. We're not used to this sort of merger with another person. We're used to thinking of ourselves as separate individuals; we fall in love, we make alliances, we have obligations, but we do all this as free agents. We choose our own lives and die our own deaths. But we don't choose our love of, alliance with, or obligations to our children. Our children are much more central; they're something like our own humanness or our reasons for being on earth. If children are part of parents, they are not arms or legs but bones and breath...."

Perhaps Ann Finkbeiner's words will be helpful to you, as they are to me. Perhaps you have other readings to suggest or your own writings to share. I welcome them all for publication in the newsletter (to be published, articles and poems must include the author's name). In our attempts to make sense of what is senseless, let us continue to hold out our hands to one another in empathy and friendship and in honor of our beautiful children, forever loved and missed.

We received a Love gift from one of our bereaved moms and included in the envelope was a note that I would like to share:

**“Greetings, you ladies who write all the memory messages, are surely the “Angels of Heaven” all your time and labor, involved, blessings to each of you.”**

**Thank you**

# Remembering our Children

During the three months that each newsletter covers, we include your child's birthday and the anniversary of your child's death — if we know those dates. Based upon TCF National policy, we will not print the year of your child's birth or death.

## BIRTHDAYS

<b>Matthew Daley</b> (son of Mary Daley)	4/01	<b>Ryan Bader</b> (son of Mark & Cheryl Bader)	4/26
<b>Hannah Lynn Flauger</b> (daughter of Daniel Flauger)	4/02	<b>Catherine Strom Schmidt</b> (daughter of Pete & Karen Strom)	4/30
<b>Dana Kapla</b> (daughter of Bob Kapla)	4/02	<b>Matthew Baudhuin</b> (son of Jason Baudhuin & Dawn Baudhuin)	5/06
<b>Rick Strombach</b> (son of Donna Strombach)	4/02	<b>Steve Knaus</b> (son of Luke & Shirley Knaus)	5/07
<b>Jason Ison</b> (son of Rene Ison)	4/04	<b>Nicole Kowalkowski</b> (daughter of Roman & Sharon Kowalkowski)	5/09
<b>Scott Zwieschowski</b> (son of Linda Zwieschowski)	4/04	<b>Carson Murfield</b> (son of Matthew & Christy Murfield)	5/10
<b>Elizabeth Turek Bigley</b> (daughter of Albert & Mary Turek)	4/06	<b>Chayse Michael Wilcox</b> (grandson of Todd & Melanie Wilcox)	5/10
<b>Mylisa Klapatch</b> (daughter of Dennis Klapatch & Tamara Walker)	4/06	<b>Jacqueline Evers</b> (daughter of Joe & Alice Evers)	5/12
<b>Dean Collard</b> (son of Debbie Collard)	4/08	<b>Lance Vlies</b> (son of Wendy Vlies)	5/12
<b>Jason Vogels</b> (son of Pam Vogels)	4/08	<b>Timmy Parent</b> (son of Steve & Cindy Parent)	5/13
<b>Christopher Voght</b> (son of Tammy Viegut & Timm Gay)	4/08	<b>Luke Stempa</b> (son of Gerri & Steve Stempa)	5/13
<b>Craig Kozloski</b> (son of Bobbie & David Kozloski)	4/09	<b>Greg Lindbloom</b> (son of Ginger Lindbloom)	5/17
<b>Jason Kurey</b> (son of Deb Kurey)	4/09	<b>Kevin Betker</b> (son of Roy "Pete" & Renee Betker)	5/24
<b>Cody Green</b> (son of Dan & Gwen Green)	4/10	<b>Liana Burnett</b> (daughter of LaPorshia Luckett)	5/24
<b>Brandon Scheider</b> (son of Deb Scheider)	4/10	<b>Stephanie Corbeill</b> (daughter of Sylvia & Richard Corbeill)	5/27
<b>Kevin Kazik</b> (son of Sally Kazik & Charlie Kazik)	4/11	<b>Patrick Meyer</b> (son of Dan & Anne)	5/27
<b>Zachary Larson</b> (son of Dan & Paula Larson)	4/11	<b>Nathan Crowe</b> (son of Tom Crowe & Lisa Hanneman)	5/28
<b>Tammie Gustman</b> (daughter of Victoria Fifield & Marvin Gustman)	4/12	<b>Tyffany Stevens</b> (daughter of Lynn Pigeon)	5/28
<b>Brent Rosner</b> (son of Tina Rosner)	4/12	<b>Shannon Saldana</b> (daughter of JoAnn Koss)	6/02
<b>Rebekah Puzen</b> (daughter of Larry Puzen & Carol Schroeder-Puzen)	4/14	<b>Noah Froemming</b> (son of Butch & Sara Froemming)	6/07
<b>Blair Chapin</b> (son of Scott and Susan Chapin)	4/15	<b>Aidan Hammer Fry</b> (son of Linda Hammer & Megan Fry)	6/08
<b>Jacob Peters</b> (son of Jerry & Natalie Peters)	4/15	<b>Hunter Vincent</b> (son of Bonnie & Steve Vincent)	6/08
<b>Hailey Kreil</b> (daughter of Virginia Kreil)	4/16	<b>Sharon Ellner</b> (daughter of Laverne Heezen)	6/09
<b>Joel Bagneski</b> (son of Bill & Kelly Bagneski)	4/19	<b>Alison Johnson</b> (daughter of Lon & Carolyn Johnson)	6/10
<b>Isaiah Ebben</b> (son of Tim Ebben)	4/21	<b>Evan Meder</b> (Son of Randy & Margaret Meder)	6/13
<b>Nathan Jarosinski</b> (son of Mark & Jean Jarosinski)	4/21	<b>Jared Gehm</b> (son of Ken & Mary Gehm)	6/16
<b>Joshua Calaway</b> (son of Bonnie Calaway)	4/24	<b>Taylor Poole</b> (son of Kelly Poole)	6/16
<b>Kaitlyn Marie Schley</b> (daughter of Jon & Ann Schley)	4/24	<b>Derek Waterman</b> (son of Patricia Waterman)	6/16
<b>Justin Plate</b> (son of Mark & Grace Plate)	4/25	<b>Stephen Charneski</b> (son of James & Roberta Charneski)	6/17

<b>Ashley MacDonald</b> (daughter of Yvonne Cerkas)	6/18	<b>Justin Merriner</b> (son of Chris Merriner)	6/25
<b>Emily Schmeisser</b> (daughter of Steve & Mickey Schmeisser )	6/19	<b>Drew Hohl</b> (son of Helen Hohl )	6/26
<b>Shawnie Silas-Grode</b> (daughter of Pauline Silas)	6/19	<b>Joshua Webster</b> (son of Julie Denny)	6/26
<b>Nicole Ekberg</b> (daughter of Debbie Ekberg)	6/20	<b>Chase Lasecki</b> (son of Steven & Linda Lasecki)	6/26
<b>Andrew Sorensen</b> (son of Wendy Sorensen)	6/23	<b>Matthew Murphy</b> (son of Kathleen Murphy)	6/26
<b>Alyssa Steward</b> (daughter of Wendy Steward)	6/23	<b>Ben Delain</b> (son of Peter & Becky Delain)	6/29
<b>Ian Seymour</b> (son of Diane & Paul Seymour)	6/24	<b>Steve Price</b> (son of Jennifer & Steve Price)	6/30
<b>Maria Cambray</b> (daughter of Jack & Gerry Cambray)	6/24		

## ANNIVERSARIES

<b>Andy Bell</b> (son of Patrick & Debbie Bell)	4/02	<b>Kaitlyn Marie Schley</b> (daughter of Jon & Ann Schley)	4/19
<b>Joshua Calaway</b> (son of Bonnie Calaway)	4/02	<b>Mark Malueg</b> (son of Sue Malueg)	4/22
<b>Hailey Kreil</b> (daughter of Virginia Kreil)	4/02	<b>Marisa Nelson</b> (daughter of Amy Nelson)	4/22
<b>Makayla Lego</b> (niece of Tim & Christine Newtols)	4/02	<b>Andrew (Andy) Short</b> (son of Barbara Short)	4/22
<b>Mike Quinnette</b> (son of Jim & Carol Quinnette)	4/02	<b>Paige Franklin</b> (granddaughter of Judy & Chuck Dams)	4/23
<b>Hannah Lynn Flauger</b> (daughter of Daniel Flauger)	4/03	<b>Doug Kwiatkowski</b> (son of Dave & Theresa Kwiatkowski)	4/23
<b>Nicolas Resch</b> (son of Lynn & Steve Marcks)	4/04	<b>Mike Smith</b> (son of Dave Smith)	4/23
<b>Rick Strombach</b> (son of Donna Strombach)	4/06	<b>Dalon Calkins</b> (son of Kate Calkins)	4/26
<b>Eric Barlamant</b> (son of Jim Barlament & Penny Maraccini)	4/07	<b>Catherine Strom Schmidt</b> (daughter of Pete & Karen Strom)	4/26
<b>Austin Jirikowic</b> (son of Julie Jirikowic)	4/08	<b>Evan Van Lanen</b> (son of Dan & Peg Van Lanen)	4/26
<b>Wendy Johnson</b> (daughter of Tom & Debbie Johnson)	4/08	<b>Crystal (Falish ) Peterson</b> (daughter of Steve & Darlene Enderby)	4/30
<b>April Erickson</b> (daughter of Darla Nooyen)	4/09	<b>Jon Boettcher</b> (son of Roger & Pat Boettcher)	5/05
<b>Taylor Dale Postuak</b> (son of Kathleen Postuak)	4/10	<b>Noah Luokkala</b> (son of Carol Luokkala)	5/06
<b>Amy Laedke</b> (daughter of Debra & Fred Laedke)	4/11	<b>Nicole Ekberg</b> (daughter of Debbie Ekberg)	5/09
<b>Shannon Saldana</b> (daughter of JoAnn Koss)	4/12	<b>Amanda Rose Skar</b> (daughter of Wayne and Kim Skar)	5/09
<b>Jon Daniel Strawser</b> (son of Brenda Choat)	4/13	<b>Charlie Tinkham</b> (son of Karen Tinkham)	5/10
<b>Joseph Derge</b> (son of Randy & Ann Derge)	4/14	<b>Noah W. Froemming</b> (son of Sara & Butch Froemming)	5/11
<b>Megan Kelley</b> (daughter of Bev Kelley-Miller)	4/14	<b>Adam Federwitz</b> (son of Mary & Gary Federwitz)	5/12
<b>Brody Post</b> (son of Jake Post)	4/14	<b>Joseph Jacqujes</b> (son-in-law of Pat Wojcik)	5/12
<b>Jared Gehn</b> (son of Ken & Mary Gehm)	4/15	<b>Austin Reeck</b> (son of Ann Rieckmann)	5/12
<b>Patton Prunty</b> (son of Ed & Pat Prunty)	4/15	<b>Gabriela Jacques</b> (granddaughter of Pat Wojcik)	5/13
<b>Travis Christenson</b> (son of Cherie Oettinger)	4/18	<b>Michael Anderson</b> (son of Ron & Lori Anderson)	5/14

<b>Noah Thomas Campbell</b> (son of Kelli & Craig Campbell)	<b>5/14</b>	<b>Ken Johnson</b> (son of Kathy Johnson)	<b>6/05</b>
<b>Craig Jacobs</b> (son of John & Cathy Jacobs)	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Ashley MacDonald</b> (daughter of Yvonne Cerkas)	<b>6/05</b>
<b>Emily Schmeisser</b> (daughter of Steve & Mickey Schmeisser)	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Jenah VanGroll</b> (daughter of James & JoAnn VanGroll)	<b>6/05</b>
<b>Melissa Schmeisser</b> (daughter of Steve & Mickey Schmeisser)	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Shane Bowhousen</b> (son of Doug & Renie Bowhousen)	<b>6/06</b>
<b>David Staude</b> (son of Irv & Bev Michaud)	<b>5/15</b>	<b>Brent Rosner</b> (son of Tina Rosner)	<b>6/06</b>
<b>Kevin Keane</b> (son of Mike Keane)	<b>5/18</b>	<b>Troy Tousey</b> (son of Vicki & Tim Tousey)	<b>6/06</b>
<b>Taylor Budysz</b> (daughter of Krysta Budysz)	<b>5/20</b>	<b>Taylor Poole</b> (son of Kelly Poole)	<b>6/08</b>
<b>Matthew Baudhuin</b> (son of Jason Baudhuin)	<b>5/21</b>	<b>Chris Sauer</b> (son of Ron & Kathy Sauer)	<b>6/08</b>
<b>Blair Chapin</b> (son of Scott and Susan Chapin)	<b>5/21</b>	<b>Bruce T. Blaser Jr.</b> (son of Bruce & Paige Blaser)	<b>6/12</b>
<b>Derek Ferch</b> (son of Jody Holmes)	<b>5/22</b>	<b>Lily Boettcher</b> (daughter of Melissa Mielke)	<b>6/13</b>
<b>Chad Kerscher</b> (son of Margy Konopacki)	<b>5/22</b>	<b>Jamie Bialozynski</b> (daughter of Mike & Arlene Bailozynski)	<b>6/15</b>
<b>Evan Meder</b> (son of Randy & Margaret Meder)	<b>5/22</b>	<b>Allison Hunt Bush</b> (daughter of Nan & Terry Bush)	<b>6/16</b>
<b>Liana Burnett</b> (daughter of LaPorshia Lockett)	<b>5/24</b>	<b>Riviera Konen</b> (daughter of Jennifer & Todd Konen)	<b>6/17</b>
<b>Ryan Patrick Bergevin</b> (son of Randy Bergevin & Barbara Vandenbusch)	<b>5/25</b>	<b>Alyssa Steward</b> (daughter of Wendy Steward)	<b>6/18</b>
<b>Ross Andress</b> (son of Chelley & Brad Andress)	<b>5/27</b>	<b>Drew Hohl</b> (son of Helen Hohl)	<b>6/19</b>
<b>Craig Raether</b> (son of Larry & Patricia Raether)	<b>5/27</b>	<b>Samantha DeLong</b> (daughter of Joe & Sue DeLong)	<b>6/22</b>
<b>C. Lynn Calder</b> (Step-daughter of Phyllis Calder)	<b>5/28</b>	<b>Tara Beilke</b> (daughter of Chuck & Judy Dams)	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Kristin Lund</b> (daughter of Debbie Gossen & Bruce Lund)	<b>5/28</b>	<b>Katie Culhane</b> (daughter of Muffy & Kevin Culhane)	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Dean Collard</b> (son of Debbie Collard)	<b>5/29</b>	<b>Allison Fields</b> (daughter of Leanne Fields)	<b>6/23</b>
<b>Danielle Rogan</b> (daughter of Craig & Harriet Robbins)	<b>5/31</b>	<b>Jordan Hischke</b> (son of Danae & Alan Hischke)	<b>6/24</b>
<b>Katie Deniel</b> (daughter of Mike & Kathy Deniel)	<b>6/02</b>	<b>Heather Fuller</b> (daughter of Leslie Tagge)	<b>6/24</b>
<b>Bruce Funmake</b> (son of Cheryl Skenadore)	<b>6/02</b>	<b>Jessica Boullion</b> (daughter of Lisa & John Boullion)	<b>6/26</b>
<b>Nathan Jarosinski</b> (son of Jean & Mark Jarosinski)	<b>6/02</b>	<b>Timothy Metoxen</b> (son of Florence Petri)	<b>6/28</b>
<b>Stacie Lepp</b> (daughter of Ginny Lepp)	<b>6/03</b>	<b>Brian Kofler</b> (son of Wendy Kofler)	<b>6/30</b>
<b>Sharon Ellner</b> (daughter of Laverne Heezen)	<b>6/04</b>	<b>Anna Eleanor Mayo</b> (daughter of Craig & Missy Mayo)	<b>6/30</b>

### Love gifts were recently given by:

Michael & Mary Daley, in memory of Matthew Daley  
Ken and Mary Gehm, in memory of Jared Gehm  
Joyce Glebke, in memory of Gary & Roberta Glebke  
Mary Jo Hempel, in memory of Matthew Kiefer  
Doug and Renee LaViolette, in memory of Brian LaViolette  
Todd and Sandy Scheffen, in memory of Sam Compton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS, & MISC.

### Calendar of Events 2020:

**April 21:** Utilizing Internet Grief Support Resources

**May 19:** Do Father's Grieve Differently

**June 16:** Creating a Legacy in your Child's Memory

### Do you want to Share??

Do you want to share a picture and/or a story of your child? Would you like to write an article about how you're feeling? If you would like to submit a post for our newsletter, we would love to hear from you. We only ask that you remember copyright when submitting.

### *I Am Spring*

*By Carol Clum*

I am the beginning.  
I am budding promise.  
I spill cleansing tears of life  
from cloudy vessels  
creating muddy puddles  
where single cell creatures abide  
and splashing children play.

I am new green growth.  
I softly flow from winter's barren hand.  
On gentle breeze I fly – embracing sorrow.  
With compassion, we feather nests  
where winged voices sing winter-spring duets.  
As frozen ice transforms to playful stream  
I whisper truth – life is change.

I am spring.  
I bless long, dark wintry days.  
I crown mankind's pain  
with starry skies  
in deepest night  
lighting solitary paths from sorrow to joy  
as the wheel of life turns 'round and 'round.

(written after attending a workshop presented by John Fox, author of 'Finding What You Didn't Lose' and 'Poetic Medicine'.)

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