



PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

Wichita, KS Chapter

For the families and friends of those
who have died by violence

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Aug. 8, 2017.
Sept. 12, 2017
Oct. 10, 2017

Second Tuesday of the month

MEETINGS HELD MONTHLY

Every 2nd Tuesday
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Meeting Location

Woodland United Methodist Church
1100 W. 15th St. N.
Wichita, KS 67203

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DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR THE

SEPT. N/L is

Aug. 23, 2017.

We invite all members to share
their thoughts, ideas and writings.
If there is something you'd like
to share please submit to the office.

AUGUST POMC MEETING

Our August meeting will be a time for us to share
pictures of our loved ones. Please bring a picture
and any other memento that you would like to
share.

SEPTEMBER POMC MEETING

This will be a time to share. Do you have a topic
you would like to discuss? Please feel free to
lend us an idea for the topic.

**Support group meeting parking on the North
side of the Church, enter through North door.**

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter Leader - Corinne Radke
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IMPORTANT: If your case has been solved, and the defendant is in prison, BE SURE TO KEEP THE DEPT. OF
CORRECTIONS INFORMED OF YOUR CURRENT NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER so that when a
Parole Hearing or other information comes up, you can be notified!!!

SPECIAL DAYS IN AUGUST

Anniversary of Death

Janie Allen & Kimberly Lidyard Aug. 1st
Beloved mother & sister of Michelle Smith

Michelle Rawls Aug. 4th
Beloved daughter of Ruthanne Christie
Mother of Randy & other siblings
Sister of James Rawls
Friend of Mark Pendray

Jennifer Forgie Aug. 6th
Beloved daughter of Vonnie Forgie
Sister of Jason Forgie
Granddaughter of Jeanne Hawkins

Nicole Marie Williamson Aug. 7th
Beloved daughter of Gary & Carmen Williamson

Derek Dean Pritchett Aug. 8th
Beloved son of James & Loyeen Pritchett
Brother of Sonya Lowry
Brother of Stephanie Pritchett-Alexander

Dana Anderson Aug. 10th
Beloved mother of Cody Anderson
Beloved daughter of Dave Anderson & Linda O'Dea
Granddaughter of Mary Niemann
Sister of Brandon Howard & Angela Grady

James Callahan, Jr. Aug. 15th
Beloved son & step-son of Pearlie & Theodor Mitchell
Beloved son & step-son of James & Carolyn Callahan, Sr.

Marilyn Arreola Aug. 15th
Beloved daughter of Mary Lou Estrada
Beloved mother of Monica, Sonya &
Francisco Perez Jr.
Sister of Sheryl Estrada & Gloria Rosales

Tom Eugene Kelley Aug. 18th
Beloved son of Corinne Radke
Beloved son of John Kelley
Brother of Susan Leiker

Shelbree Wilson Aug. 19th
Beloved daughter of Deborah Smith

Anniversary of Death Continued

Raymond Messerschmidt Aug. 25th
Brother of Ann Betzen
Brother & brother-in-law of Henry & Anita
Messerschmidt

Keith W. "Fritter" Peters Jr. Aug. 26th
Beloved son & step-son of Keith & Clarice Peters
Beloved son of Edith Peters
Brother of LaSheilla Brown, Monique Peters,
Keisha Taylor, Raymond Pruitt, Keontare,
Myron, Dominique & Dezmond Peters

Birthdays Remembered

Tony Wohlford Aug. 5th
Beloved son of Jane Loux

Lisa Sears Aug. 6th
Beloved daughter of Anne Sears
Sister of Michele Sears-Marquardt

Dana R. Hupher Aug. 6th
Beloved daughter of Reenea Bryant
Beloved mother of Casey, Lacey & Devin Hupher

Nicholas "Nick" Hendrickson Aug. 7th
Beloved son of Harold & Nedra Hendrickson
Brother of Harold Lane & Andrew
Hendrickson

Jeffrey D. Wirths Aug. 9th
Beloved son of Keith & Susan Wirths

Lindsay Nicole Meyers Aug. 14th
Beloved daughter of Dianne Meyers

Randall Bolay Aug. 19th
Beloved son of Clinton & Elga Bolay
Brother & brother-in-law of Rodney & Joyce Bolay
Brother & brother-in-law of Becky & Jack Neal

Thomas Dinkel Aug. 20th
Beloved brother of Mary Dinkel
Best friend of Larry Myers

Phil Fager Aug. 29th
Beloved son of Melvin Fager
Husband of Mary Fager-Anderson
Brother & brother-in-law of Mike & Mary Fager

Please note- These names & dates have been
changed to a different format. PLEASE CONTACT
Corinne @ 316-722-2907 OR email me at
whelpomc@sbcglobal.net if there needs to be
additions of corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Bingo Volunteers

*Alicia Drydale

Deana & Jessica King in memory of *Ava King*,

*John Phillips, Cessna

Corinne Radke in memory of *Tom Kelley*,

Marti Skelton in memory of *Chance Pratt*,

Henry "Chip" Voyles & Pat Voyles & in memory of *Julie Voyles*

**De-notes non-survivor*

BINGO every Thursday & Saturday night with Minis starting at 6:00 PM

Located at B & B Bingo, 41st & South Seneca, Wichita, KS

(Notice new address)

PLEASE NOTE -

We are asking for more volunteers to come forward. As you can see from the list of Bingo volunteers, we have a number of non-survivors helping us. We need more help! PLEASE come forward and help so that we can continue to help others!!

Picture Wall

It's never too late to send in a wallet size photograph of your loved one to be placed on the wall that will be taken to Memorial Services for viewing. There is no cost to post your loved one's picture and there are plenty of spaces available.

POMC MONUMENT

Located at 10th & Bitting in North Riverside Park

We will need 8-10 names before we can add names to the Monument next time.

We have three names right now and will need at least five more to add names. If you need to set up a payment plan to add a name please call Corinne and I will take care of that. If we get those we will be adding them in September. THE CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 31, 2017.

NOTICE: The victim MUST have a "Kansas Connection".

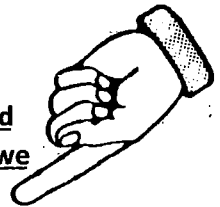
If your loved one was killed in another state and you live in Kansas, that is considered a "Kansas Connection".

Our Monument was unveiled and dedicated on April 23, 1995.

It was re-dedicated September 25, 2005 after the move to the present location.

NOTE: We will be having our Annual National Day of Remembrance Memorial Service on September 24, 2017. We will be sending out more information around that time.

There has been several markings put on the Monument. It is illegal to deface any Monument. It will cost us a lot of money to have this removed and we don't have funds to pay for it. RESPECT YOUR LOVED ONES - DON'T DEFACE ANY MONUMENT.



Letters from Carlene



By Carlene Vester Eneroth
Spokane, Washington

The Final Address

This time of year, I am especially thinking of cemeteries because my husband, Greg, died in August. Sitting here this year with my mind retracing the many trips to Riverside Memorial Gardens, I thought of something new.

We are all quite privileged when we have what I call a "final address" for our specially loved person. (I don't mean we're lucky they died!) But we are fortunate when we have a place where we can go to take flowers, flags or balloons – or choose to not go and still feel okay. We have those options.

I hadn't really thought of it before, but some people don't have that choice. Veterans who served our country and gave their lives were sometimes left in a nameless grave. Or their deaths were marked in a foreign country where the family can't go and sit and think, or maybe share what is happening in their lives. Others are in that awful category of "Missing in Action," and no cemetery figures into that picture.

Others of you may never have had a body that was found or because of an accident at sea, an airline crash, etc., your loved one doesn't have a final address where you can go. Please believe that I am really sorry, but I also want to mention an idea that was recently shared with me. Did you know that you can purchase a plot at the cemetery (minus the cost of the vault, etc.) and put a stone there – with or without a

body? That idea had never crossed my mind, but it is possible for a family to create their own final address.

When I get a little discouraged that none of Greg's family has ever come to his grave, I try to remember those that long to *have* an established final resting place. Wow, that stops my whining in a hurry! I consider myself lucky to get to pick out pretty flowers or drive from store to store in search of the perfect Mylar balloons every August 25th to leave with Greg. Though I can't cook him any more special brownies or drive the boat for him water skiing or secretly save up extra money to surprise him with a vacation, I can dig out the weeds that encroach on his stone, wipe off the blades of grass and leave some pretty color on a hot summer day.

Often when I am there, I notice what other families have left behind. What imaginative, creative people survivors are! I have seen a size-twelve Nike® sneaker near a young man's final address; soft, stuffed toys at a baby's; American flags at a veteran's; "Happy Father's Day" balloons for a missing daddy; and handwritten cards that are too sacred and personal to disturb. I have seen focused Moms in their determined work of cleaning off that stone with the car's dry vac and fathers who made beautiful crosses with flowers stapled on to last through whatever the weather brings.

These families would give anything to NOT be at the cemetery, missing someone more than it's possible to say, but these are the cards they were dealt, and they have chosen to make the final address a uniquely individual place. As one mother said, "I can't tuck him in anymore. The least I can do is keep the leaves off his stone and have people see he's still alive in our hearts."

So, if you are going out to the cemetery soon, in the midst of your anguished memories and the finality of that name cut in stone, take just a moment to be thankful we get to take care of a final address. I'm going to work on doing that, too.

Carlene

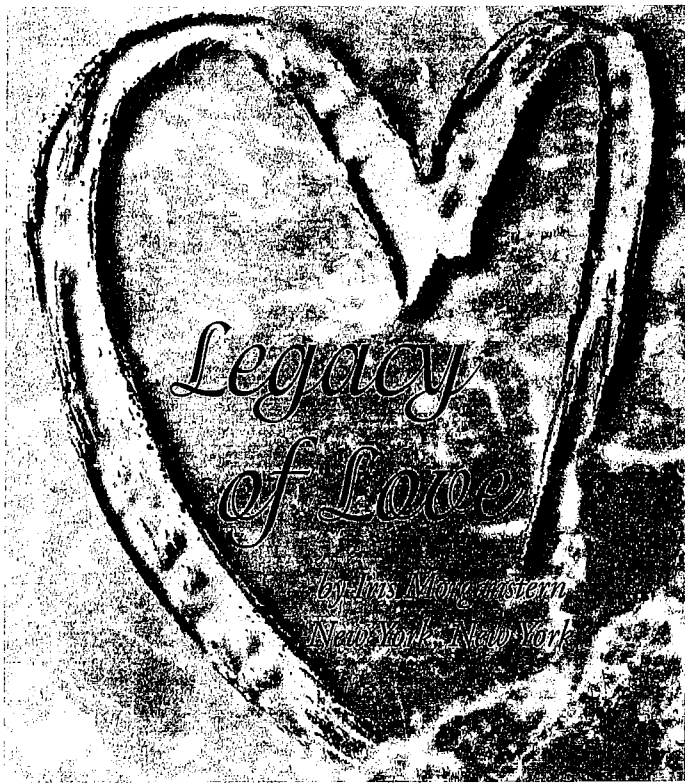


"Letters from Carlene" are letters to you straight from the compassionate heart of a real lady named, Carlene, who was widowed when she was in her late twenties.

In each issue of Bereavement magazine, she writes a short, from-the-heart letter of encouragement, hope and cheer that is directed primarily to the newly bereaved, but is appropriate for any griever.

We hope you will want to respond to Carlene's letters by writing to her or e-mailing her in care of the magazine.

carlene@bereavementmag.com



Life is finite...

*As fragile as the zephyr wind,
Or the fleeting rainbow.*

*My heart is wrapped in granite,
Trapped in time.*

Nothing seems to matter,

*Yet, I am gladdened by the thought
That you will go on.*

*For love is all that matters.
It is the touchstone of our existence.*

I will see your face...

*I will call your name
As I carry on
Your legacy of love.*



My Guardian Angels

*by Mary Jo Prater
Morehead, Kentucky*



*As we go along life's winding road,
We face many dangers and trials,
But we have someone who is with us
To lighten our load.*

*Three times I was told I was to be a mother,
But God had another plan for my little ones.
He knew I needed someone to watch over me like no other,
So He chose my daughters and sons.*

*Sometimes I feel sad that my children aren't in view,
But then I get a warm, fuzzy feeling inside me.
That's when I realize they really are with me
Warming my body with love, hands grasped around my knee.*

*I know they need love as would any child
But I'm not worried because
They're with family who live up above.
They give children more hugs and kisses so mild
Than grandmas, 'cause they're made of love.*

*I know I'm fortunate my guardian angels are a part of me,
And I will be rewarded after living a Christian life,
For my children I'll one day see
After going through my earthly strife.*



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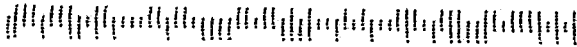
Justice will only be achieved when those who are not injured by crime feels as indignant as those who are.

Soloman (635-577 B.C.)

POMC Parents Of murdered Children, Inc. For the families and friends of those who have died by violence, is a self-help support organization made up of persons whose loved ones have been murdered.

Why We Are Here

1. To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover.
2. To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self-help groups that meet regularly.
3. To provide information about the greiving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide victim.
4. To communicate with professionals in the helping fields about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide victim.
5. To increase society's awareness of these problems.



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