Parents of Murdered Children and Other Victims of Homicide Survivors—Monthly meeting for the greater Portland POMC Chapter. Meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at the Peace House, 2116 NE 18th Ave., Portland. (See map below) Meeting begins at 7:30 pm but is open at 7:00 for informal time to sign-in, check out books, and socialize.

Compassionate Friends—Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Sunnyside Seventh Day Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market, Portland. Please call 503-248-0102 for more information.

Crime Victims United—CVU is a group dedicated to changing the way the law relates to survivors of crime. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at the Wilsonville Denny’s Restaurant, located off I-5’s Wilsonville Road exit (#283). Contact the Vaughn’s at (503) 646-0171 or visit www.crimevictimsunited.org.

Survivors of Murder and Vehicular Homicide—Meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at the Port of Woodland, 141 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, WA at 6:30 pm. For more information and location, please contact Delores Cook at (360) 425-8658 or (360) 751-8658 (cell).

ROCK—Remember our Children and Kinship, a Compassionate Friends group led by Valerie Smith. Group meets the last Wednesday of each month and is held at 912 East Main Street, Battle Ground, Wa 98604 in the community center. Call Valerie at 360-904-2827 for more information.

Unitingsiblings.com Amanda Harris, a member of our Chapter and the Valley of the Sun Chapter, has formed an online Sibling Support venue, also via phone or email. Amanda lost her brother Joshua to murder and understands the sibling grief in a way only siblings can. Contact her at either Amanda@advancedtx.com or 623-866-3189.

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Our Loved Ones Remembered...

GREG
Lived 4/29/65 - 3/7/86
Son of Kathy Hagen

PATRICIA JEAN CARR
Lived 5/9/39 - 4/10/93
Sister of Nancy Ann Carruthers

SHAUNA CATHERINE MAY
Lived 4/29/57 - 11/28/80
Daughter of Zoe Ann Cooley

SHARON SCHLOSSER
Lived 4/16/43 - 10/92
Mother of Angie Gorham Burger, Daughter of Agnes Mahoney, Sister of Ellen Re

JOHN B CAPPS
Lived 4/29/65 - 3/7/86
Son of Kathy Hagen

TODD A. RUDIGER
Lived 4/29/63 - 7/17/92
Son of Vickie Johnson

ROBERT A LINDSTROM
Lived 4/22/30 - 1/7/87
Father of Diana Lindstrom

BRENDA KAYE WILLIE
Sister of Judy Oaks

JODY
DOD - 4/23/93
Sister of Diane Tofollo

DENNIS GENE CEARLEY
Lived 4/14/58 - 1/27/90
Son of Darlene Vitkocy

SEVER LEE ELEFSON
Lived 10/9/79 - 4/13/95
Son of Deanna C. Kluting

GREGORY WALKER
Lived 4/7/64 - 3/2/86
Loved One of Aloha Nesbitt

LEAH LAVIS HENAGAIN
Lived 4/9/77 - 11/8/91
Daughter of Debi L. Henagain

JACKIE BEARD
Lived 4/16/87 - 7/8/96
Daughter of Jeannie Meyer

JAMIE E. WEISS
Lived 4/23/78 - 8/7/96
Daughter of Debra Nelson

MARVIN W. ROWE, JR.
Lived 9/21/62 - 4/25/92
Son of Marvin & Bunne Rowe

GEORGE MICHAEL BROWN
Lived 4/10/66 - 9/29/97
Son of Shirley L. Arton

DONALD JAMES BROWN
Lived 4/16/67 - 2/4/07
Son of Pat Kuiper
Brother of Darce Heeselaessen

ERIC MICHAEL TRAYER
Lived 4/22/64 - 5/30/02
Son of Linda Robinson

VALERIE J. MARTIN
Lived 4/11/72 - 3/3/97
Daughter of Rich & Janet Martin
Friend of Mary Sheaffer

BLAKE MORGAN
Lived 4/27/64 - 4/10/96
Son of Betty Bloxham

TIMOTHY T. MCCARTHY
Lived 4/16/54 - 10/3/93
Son of Richard & Maryann McCarthy
Brother of Kathy & Karyn

DANIEL C. JORDAN
Lived 4/7/82 - 10/12/98
Son of Bob & Pam Peacock

SARAH JAYNE WEBSTER
Lived 4/12/90 - 7/31/94
Daughter of Gary & Pamela Webster

DANIEL ALLEN DUNCAN
10/9/65 - 4/21/99
Son of Frank & Pat Graber, Brother of Gary & Michelle, Uncle of Shelby

ERIN TONNA REYNOLDS
Lived 4/7/73 - 2/21/90
Sister of Beth Greear

TOYD ANTHONY McGUIRE
Lived 4/15/65 - 1/23/00
Son of Jerry & Julie McGuire

KEENAN O’MAILIA
Lived 1/17/93 - 4/17/99
Son of Nina O’Mailia
Grandson of Merrie Miller

HENRY MICHAEL AHERNS
Lived 9/21/64 - 4/21/00
Son of Hank & Helen Aherens

JULIE LYNNE STEVENS
Lived 9/26/63 - 4/30/00
Daughter of Bob Stevens

LANNY GENE McCUBBIN
Lived 2/28/42 - 4/22/99
Father of Danielle Thomas

DAWN BROWNING
Lived 4/5/97 - 7/29/02
Niece of Carol Hansen

JEFFERY McCALM CROSS
Lived 4/17/85 - 11/7/02
Son of Cathy Peterson

LAUREN A. McILVIRA
Lived 4/3/1929 - 5/22/02
Mother of Ellen Bailey
Friend of Izzy Wooden

GABRIEL MORRIS
Lived 4/28/06 - 10/27/08
Daughter of Krystal Morris
Granddaughter of Rebecca Jones

CRAIG STUMP
Lived 5/13/45 - 4/7/06
Father of Amanda Niles

CURTIS PAUL DUNN
Lived 7/7/84 - 4/13/09
Son of Valerie Smith
Grandson of Susie Delany

JOSEPH PANKONIN
Lived 7/13/76 - 4/17/07
Loved one of Gina Balfour

KRISTIE LEE KOBS
Lived 4/21/77 - 5/16/98
Daughter of Mike & Kathy Kuhlmann

RAYMOND H. POEDELL
Lived 8/7/41 - 4/30/86
Brother of Marilyn Lipson

EMILY FRANCES EGAN
Lived 4/2/89 - 8/28/07
Daughter of Terry Egan

SHANE ERIC CLEMENTS
Lived 4/8/78 - 12/24/03
Son of Kim Clements

ERINE STROUD
1/24/63 - 4/13/00
Son of Martha DeShield

DANIEL PATRICK CARROLL
Lived 4/30/80 - 4/1/99
Son of Patti Zimmerman
Grandson of Darlene Schaffer

MATHEW WAYNE PEACH
Lived 9/5/83 - 4/15/04
Son of Stephen and Margaret Peach

LARRY RICHARD ROCKENBRANT
Lived 7/5/63 - 4/14/88
Son of Darlene Wolf and Doug Wolf
Brother of Lisa, Misty and Chris Rockenbrant
Uncle of Ashley and Stephanie Rockenbrant
and Tyler Witherspan

DEREK B. REW
Lived 12/9/81 - 4/25/04
Son of Michelle R. Cox

PATTI HONG
Lived 4/20/62 - 2/25/09
Loved one of Kent Hong and Brian Hong

CHRISTIAN THOMSON
Dave of Birth: 4/6/1984
Son of Julie Thomson
Loved one of Mark Zimel

GARY NEUMAN HANBERG
Lived 9/21/62 - 4/25/92
Son of Marvin & Bunne Rowe

MICHAELLA POWERS
Lived 8/23/75 - 4/1/95
Daughter of Katrina Kensey

BRIAN DANIEL HOOD
Lived 4/25/75 - 9/18/98
Son of Bruce & Anne Pratt, and Mike & Phyl Hood, Friend of Terri Waddell
APRIL MESSAGE FROM MARY:  
NATIONAL CRIME VIGHTS WEEK  
30 YEARS RESTORING THE BALANCE OF JUSTICE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that as a POMC Chapter we celebrate the “2014 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week”. It was developed by the Office for Victims of Crime in partnership with the National Center for Victims of Crime and will be celebrated this year during the week of April 8 – 12. This year marks 30 years fighting for victims of crime after passage of the Victims of Crimes Act in 1984. The theme this year is properly titled, “30 years: Restoring the Balance of Justice”.  

Before this historic legislation was enacted, there was great need for support, counseling, and even shelter for victims of crime, their families, and the community as a whole. The criminal justice system did not appreciate the importance of victim cooperation and inclusion in the judicial process. Crime victim compensation programs were not consistently available and had no source of federal support. The Crimes Victims Fund, established by VOCA, is now funded with fines and penalties paid by criminal offenders in the federal justice system — not taxpayers’ dollars.  

Delivering these services to victims has improved, allowing access to the programs offered throughout the various stages of the criminal justice process.  

In the last 30 years, we have made great strides toward helping victims of crime. We cannot rest. It is imperative that we continue to work to secure a balanced system. Unfortunately, POMC members are all too familiar with the tragedies of the criminal justice process. It will take all of us working together to restore the balance and soften the pain of enduring the criminal justice process and prosecution of offenders.  

The success of our mission begins with becoming educated on crime victimization, and as POMC members, specifically homicides. The following statistics are from 2011 however are the most recent available for homicide data:  

- In 2011, there were 14,612 homicides in the US; 4.7 homicides per 100,000 people.  
- 78 percent of murder victims were male and 22 percent were female.  
- Of the known sex of the offender, 89 percent of offenders were male.  
- Minorities are disproportionately affected by homicide. Although only 13 percent of the US population is black, about 1/2 of homicide victims are black.  
- In 2011, 46 percent of homicide victims were white and 50 percent were black.  
- Homicide is higher among younger people and, by and large, perpetrated by someone known to the victim.  
- In 2011, 44.1 percent of homicides had an unknown victim-offender relationship, 21.3 percent of homicide victims were killed by an acquaintance, 11.7 percent were killed by a stranger, 10.2 percent were killed by an inti-

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mate partner, 8.6 percent were killed by a family member, 3.0 percent by a friend, and 1.0 percent by someone else (neighbor, employer, or employee).

- Mass shootings or Active Shooter Events garner a lot of media attention.
- In 2011, for homicides in which the type of weapon was known, 67.7 percent were committed with firearms.
- Nearly six percent of murder victims in 2011 were robbed in conjunction with being killed.
- In 2011, an estimated 1,570 children died due to child abuse or neglect.
- Law enforcement cleared 64.8 percent of the murders that occurred nationwide in 2011.
- In 2001, 72 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty; 69 were male and 3 female.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that people killed by drunk driving crashes dropped by 2.5 percent in 2011. In 2011, 9,878 people were murdered by drunk drivers.

As a chapter, POMC is grateful to all of the agencies that work to help us move on to a “new normal”. It takes all of us working together to make changes. We are grateful for our “new victims’ rights” and we will continue to be there for others as others were for us.

Always, Mary Elledge

AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS
COLD CASE GETS SOLVED

The Greater Portland Area Chapter would like to thank Stephanie Schendel for sharing the story she wrote for “The Chronicle” on the brutal murder of Ed and Minnie Maurin in 1985. This was a cold case that was kept alive by their devoted son, Denny Hadaller, other family members, and a determined Lewis County Detective, Bruce Kimsey. Though it was a cold case, everyone involved devoted years of their lives to seeing it solved. Delores Cook, founder of Survivors of Murder and Vehicular Homicide and POMC Co-Leader, attended the trial whenever possible. It was a case of “pure determination and love”.

We are so honored to have Ed and Minnie’s name on our Memorial Wall. Like all of our loved ones, they will never be forgotten. Justice was finally served.

Long-Awaited Justice

By Stephanie Schendel, Reporter for The (Centralia) Chronicle

On Dec. 19, 1985, Ed and Minnie Maurin were preparing for the Christmas party they hosted every year at their house when the unimaginable happened: They were abducted from their Ethel, Wash. home, forced to withdraw $8,500 from the bank then drive out to a rural logging road where they were then shot execution-style in their backs. The bodies of the 81-year-old man and 83-year-old woman were then dumped like garbage on the side of the road.

At the approximate time of their deaths, their friends had begun arriving at their house for the party and found it empty. Within a few hours, the couple’s family called police who launched a missing persons’ investigation. By the next morning, however, authorities located the Maurins’ 1969 Chrysler Newport in a store parking lot and the missing persons’ investigation had turned into a homicide.

The car’s battery was dead, the keys were in the ignition and the front seat was soaked in blood.

For the next few days, family, friends and police searched the rural county for the elderly couple, expecting the worst, but hoping for the best. Four days after their abduction, on Christmas Eve, a passing logger found the elderly couple’s bodies on the side of the road.

From that point on, the holidays became a dark time of year for the Maurin family. For Dennis Hadaller, one of Minnie’s sons and Ed’s stepsons, that time year was often so difficult that he said he would leave the Lewis County area, where he’s lived his whole life.

Even though the Lewis County Sheriff’s Office received thousands of tips following the heinous slayings, it was not until the early ‘90s when they learned that Rick and John Riffe, two small-time drug dealers with dangerous reputations, might have been involved.

The Riffe brothers were known around east Lewis County for their heavy involvement in the drug world. Prosecutors later allege the Riffe brothers, who did not know the Maurins, targeted the elderly couple because of their wealthy family and used the $8,500 they made the couple
As detectives continued their investigation into the murders and the Riffe brothers and further became convinced of their involvement, investigators ran into difficulties while pursuing the case. While investigators suspected the Riffe brothers since the early ’90s, prosecutors did not feel the case was strong enough to withstand a trial — police can always make an arrest, but it doesn’t guarantee prosecutors will file charges.

As a result, the case grew cold, and passed from detective to detective as the years went by. Even as the years passed, Hadaller, and the rest of the Maurin family, however, never gave up hope. Hadaller hired private investigators in the early 2000s to pursue the investigation alongside the sheriff’s office, and throughout years multiple rewards were offered to anyone with information about the slayings.

In 2005, 30-year-old Lewis County Detective Bruce Kimsey was assigned the cold case. He spent the next eight years reviewing and re-interviewing witnesses and putting together a case prosecutors felt was strong enough to file charges.

In 2012, Lewis County prosecutors agreed to take the case to trial and detectives traveled up to King Salmon, Alaska, a small, rural fishing village where the Riffe brothers had moved to in the early ’90s, and arrested Rick Riffe for the murder, kidnapping, burglary and robbery for Ed and Minnie Maurin — nearly 27 years after the slayings took place. His brother, John, had died two weeks prior.

Rick Riffe was extradited to Washington, and prosecutors began preparing for trial.

For the six-week trial, which took place in October 2013, I attended it everyday to cover it for the local newspaper, The Chronicle. On most days, I sat in the courtroom pews with the family directly behind the prosecutor’s table.

As the weeks went on, the two attorneys and lead detective looked more and more exhausted. Several family members, who had waited decades for justice and closure, came to court almost every day to hear the testimony. Without any physical evidence, like DNA, that linked the suspected to the crime, investigators had to rely on eyewitness testimony and decades-old memory.

In the weeks leading up to the trial, as well as during the six weeks of testimony, the two attorneys prosecuting the case were in the office seven days a week, often for more than 10 hours a day.

For Will Halstead, the lead prosecutor on the case, he said during trial he often fell asleep at midnight only to wake up two hours later in order to be in the office by 3 a.m. to prepare for that day’s testimony.

The jurors sat through nearly six full weeks of testimony from nearly 100 witnesses. About 1,000 pieces of evidence were entered into the exhibits.

When the jury returned the verdicts at the end of the month and half, the courtroom was full of dozens of people including family, friends, attorneys and police. I sat a few rows behind the family, and in the minutes leading up to the reading of the verdicts, I was nervous and anxious about the result. After sitting through every day of testimony and listening to the testimony, I understood that the hard work, dedication and perseverance of all the investigators and family all came down to the moment the verdicts revealed.

As the judge read guilty verdict after guilty verdict finding Riffe responsible for the robbery, kidnapping, burglary and murders of the Maurins, the 6-foot-4, 290-pound detective began to cry, while the elected prosecutor, Jonathan Meyer, looked down at the table in an attempt to keep himself from crying.

For the two attorneys, it was months of endless preparation, little sleep, and time away from their families. For the lead detective, it was nearly eight years of relentless investigation. For the Maurin family, it was 28 years of waiting and wondering if justice would ever be served.

Even though I had no personal connection to the case, it was one of the most powerful moments I’ve witnessed as a reporter. Later, after speaking with the family and investigators involved in the case, they also said something similar — it was as if God was in the courtroom.

When the judge finished reading the verdicts, the men turned and hugged the victim’s family. The guilty verdicts brought closure to an unsolved crime that haunted the family, the sheriff’s office and the small, rural community of Lewis County for nearly three decades.

It was a case that took nearly 28 years to close and the collaboration of hundreds of people, and on Detective Kimsey’s 38th birthday, a few weeks after the guilty verdicts, Riffe was sentenced to 103 years in prison.
The following names are set to be engraved and will be added to our existing “Oregon and Washington POMC Memorial Wall”:

**ADDITIONS**

- Officer Robert Libke
- David Shane Polin
- Lucia Chavez Barela
- Nathan Chales Hogue
- Dustin M. Finney
- Samantha Effingham
- David Michael Grubbs
- Robert Harrington
- Paul Michael Wilde
- Ronald James Overstreet
- Laurie Linda Venable
- Larry Wayne Clark
- Chris J. Hamm
- Christopher Chandler
- Tamara Smith
- Dylan Berreth Day
- Ryan Mameny

- John A. Nordstrum
- Kristen Brydurm
- Max Chamberlin
- Walter Ackerson Jr.
- Jeffer B. Walter
- Angela A. Walker
- Lynn Leeann Ring
- Joseph Ryan Pankonin
- Alla Bogdanov
- Carol Lynne Keightl
- Judyth Cox
- Dylan Barreth Day
- Dennis Dean Scharf
- Michelle Walker
- Rian Eugene Momeny
- Maria Louise Radtke
- Jimmy Zho

- Mia Lynn Clayton
- Eddie Ben Barela
- Kurt Lydell Levias Jr.
- Erin Tonna Reynolds
- Bobby Maes
- Angela Jean Burke
- Joann M. Horstman
- David Anthony West
- Candace Straub
- Cynthia Diane DeVore
- Ryanne Elizabeth Mace
- Carolyn Welker
- Maria Louise Radtke
- Joshua Smith
- Samatha Effingham
- Lavell Michael Anthony Matthews
- Chris Hamm

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The murder of a loved one is the most horrific thing a person can experience. The only thing that can make it worse is a substandard initial investigation or not seeing justice in your case. Timely collection of evidence followed by an arrest and conviction would provide a degree of comfort, but what happens to co-victims when a thorough investigation is not done, and there is no arrest? Many of the victims' friends and acquaintances will gradually let go of their grief over time, but the closest of friends and family will remain in a state of sorrow, haunted by the injustice of investigators that may not have conformed to rules or standard operating procedures during their initial investigation. Not only is there no relief, but the agony of the event changes their lives forever, and becomes part of their very being. Co-victims' everyday battle becomes their effort to get a thorough investigation.

Helplessness is a gut-wrenching emotion which plagues co-victims who are not allowed to assist with the investigation and are longing for justice. We don't want to let our loved one down; we are compelled to fight for justice no matter how long it takes. As the process drags on, frustration grows. Many times, due to confidentiality, important conversations between co-victims and law enforcement are avoided, and this lack of communication can cause co-victims to feel neglected and disrespected, which often manifests itself in frustration, anger, and a loss of confidence in the investigators. Regular contact and truthfulness are two of the most important things survivors need from law enforcement. We need investigators to focus on routine communication of as much information as possible with sensitivity and without being misleading. Survivors' perception that information is not being shared with them can result in them feeling they have been secondarily victimized. As the years pass, co-victims start wondering if their unsolved homicide could be reviewed by a fresh set of eyes, and they often look into getting their case to a cold case unit, only to find out that some jurisdictions don't even have a cold case unit. If there is a cold case unit in their jurisdiction, cases are evaluated and chosen according to a set of criteria. Co-victims whose cases seem to be continuously passed over for review become dismayed and even angry toward law enforcement. Anger can mobilize psychological resources for corrective action, but uncontrolled anger can negatively affect personal or social well-being.

Co-victims who put forth the effort to examine and understand the cold case process and various factors which must be dealt with during cold case investigations are able to put the process into perspective. They must understand that cold cases are among the most difficult and frustrating cases for both co-victims and law enforcement, and not every case is chosen to be investigated. It helps to review the following criteria checklist used by the National Sheriff's Association, Justice Solutions and POMC:

- Review cold cases in the record/archive files.
- Seek information on cases from investigators previously assigned to the homicide unit.
- Seek information on cases from officers in other departments of the agency.
- Review investigators’ information requests of family members and acquaintances of the victims.
- Seek information from other law enforcement agencies that had some connection with the cases or the parties in the cases.

Complete an application for cold case review. This application includes detailed information regarding agency reports, victimology, suspects/persons of interest, timeline, coroner, lab reports, investigation documents, weapon descriptions and media releases.

Co-victims should also be aware that closing rates can be more successful if investigators work only one or two cases at a time. At this point, if we find out that our case doesn’t qualify for review by a cold case unit, our only hope is that a thorough re-investigation will be done by homicide investigators.

If you have comments or questions about this article, please email: pat.kuiper@yahoo.com or call Pat Kuiper at 702-809-8654 to get your loved ones' name listed in our newsletter. Feel free to contact Pat if you would like to share your story.

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