



Remembering Your Baby During the Holidays

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This time last year my family and I began the holiday season full of hope and the expectation of another baby on the way. On Thanksgiving we gave thanks for the tiny baby that had been growing in my womb for a few weeks and for allowing us to already view its body, which according to my pregnancy book was only the size of a BB pellet.

Before December 1, I had accomplished the majority of my Christmas shopping just so I could relax and enjoy the usually hectic month without putting undue stress on my body. The M.E.N.D. Christmas candlelight ceremony was December 4. At the ceremony I spoke about "singing a new song of praise unto the Lord after times of trouble." I shared the news of my pregnancy with those who had not yet heard and assured everyone that we were definitely singing songs of joy at the Mitchell house. I further told everyone that a friend had given me the scripture Psalm 34:3-5 to stand on during my high-risk expectancy. The passage encouraged me to glorify the Lord for hearing my prayers and delivering me from my fears.

Six days later on December 10, I went to my doctor for a routine visit. During the ultrasound I saw that my little baby's heart was no longer beating. I was immediately overcome with disbelief that I had once again lost a baby, especially after so many years of praying and waiting. The next day Byron and I went to the hospital for a "confirmation sonogram" that was performed by a technician who loudly and bluntly informed a radiologist that he had a FETAL DEMISE for him to look at! A D&C was scheduled for the next day to remove my little "shrimp baby", as I called it, from my body. The grief of the miscarriage was compounded by an infection I developed a few days later, which required me to have another emergency D&C, followed by three days of hospitalization and triple IV antibiotics.

Discharged from the hospital less than one week before Christmas, I still had a few loose ends to tie up before the big day while trying to recover from two surgeries, grieve for my loss and keep a festive atmosphere in my home for my ten-year-old. The first night back home, Byron, Little Byron, and I were snuggled on the couch watching a Christmas special on television when we heard a loud commotion outside. I opened the front door and saw a brightly lit firetruck driving slowly down the street. Christmas carols blared from its intercom and a jolly Santa Clause threw out candy for all the neighborhood kids. My husband and son went outside to join in the fun, but I could not make myself leave the house. Instantly sorrow and anger enveloped me. I desperately wanted to be happy but was consumed with thoughts of what should have been that evening: the three of us gathering with our friends and sharing in the holiday spirit at this impromptu party while excitedly making sure they were aware of our good news. Instead I was trapped in the house by my emotions of deep grief that had stolen Christmas from me like the Grinch.

I wondered how I would get through Christmas Day without ruining it for my son and creating a bad memory for him. Although the anticipation was far worse than the actual day, there was still a cloud of heaviness that hovered over Byron's and my mood. All day I imagined how different every detail of the day should have been, including my Christmas gifts. I'm sure I would have been given new maternity clothes from Byron and perhaps a little outfit or two for the new grandbaby on the way. Once again, what should have been wasn't.

We rang in the New Year, Little Byron went back to school, and I had survived the holidays! Looking back over the year, I realize the Lord's mercy is what has helped me endure another disappointment of losing a baby. Jesus said in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Indeed His grace has carried me through several sufferings in my life, and He can do the same for you. I know how dreadful and suffocating the holidays may appear to many of you. You're wondering how you are going to make it to January 1. To begin with, convince yourself that you ARE going to make it! Don't feel obligated to attend every party, celebration and family get-together. Only do the things you are up to doing. Instead of mulling through the crowded malls for Christmas shopping, purchase gifts online or buy gift certificates. Give yourself permission to let this year be different and hope that next year you will be ready to resume your holiday traditions. Most of all let the One whose birth we celebrate give you the gifts of love, compassion, hope and joy as you survive the holiday season.

Rebekah Mitchell

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Jordan's Garden

By Jan Heffly

While I was pregnant with Jordan, and before we knew anything was wrong, we bought an angel statue to put into our rock garden. Our garden had a big rose bush in it, and the angel statue was placed a few feet from the rose bush. I wondered shortly after Jordan's death if we were led to purchase that angel statue as a sign of what was to come. Several months after Jordan's death, that big rose bush that we had for many years died as well. It was a rose bush that produced an abundance of big beautiful roses. We were not alone in our view of how beautiful our roses were. Other people thought so as well, and some would even joke by asking if it was for sale. The rock garden was looking rather empty now. We had a barrel pot and a few other pots that were looking barren as well. The only thing that really stood out in the garden was our off-white angel statue. For my first birthday after Jordan's death I received a butterfly stepping stone. We placed it in front of the angel statue. For my second birthday, it was in that garden that Jordan gave me the gift of true happiness in my life once again. The flowers in the barrel had decided to bloom beautifully that year, and that was the spot I choose to take pictures of my two daughters on earth. My birthday came three months short of Jordan's second anniversary. Before then, I could laugh, but when I did one of those hard belly laughs that would produce tears, I would start to cry. My happy feeling would turn to sadness. It was as if I could not really be that deep down happy; only surface happy. On my birthday it was different. This time I was able to belly laugh with the tears without starting to cry. I could continue to laugh with happiness. What a wonderful birthday present from my little angel.

This last Christmas was our third Christmas without Jordan. I had started earlier last year referring to our rock garden as Jordan's garden. I guess I really always thought it was hers but never really verbalized it. Now I was verbally calling it her garden. I told my husband that I wanted to fix up Jordan's garden as a Christmas present to her. We went and bought lots of pretty pansy flowers and gorgeous pots to put them in. As I was planting the flowers, a butterfly came by and landed on the flowers. I felt it was Jordan's way of saying she approved of the garden. The whole time I was out there planting the flowers, we had butterfly visitors. It was very odd to see butterflies at that time of the year, and I had thought they were all gone. My oldest daughter was out with me and was upset when the first butterfly left. I told her that maybe Jordan was going to tell her friends. My daughter smiled and liked that idea. A few seconds later a different butterfly flew into the garden. I told my daughter, "Look, one of Jordan's friends came to visit and see the garden."

Along with planting the flowers in Jordan's garden, I remembered that in the garage I had a pansy birdhouse that I had bought years and years ago. After all these years of not knowing what to do with it, I knew now its purpose. I bought a double-plant hanging hook with rabbits on it. I hung the pansy birdhouse on one side and have left the other side empty for now. I added a few wind chimes, an angel holding a rose stake, and a wooden white deer to her garden as well. The deer is my son Jonathan's, and we normally only set it out at Christmas, but it now has a permanent residence in the garden. Jonathan wrote a poem right before Jordan's first birthday. In the poem, he talked about Jordan petting a deer in heaven. Also, ever since the first Christmas after Jordan's death, the Disney character Bambi makes me think of Jordan. The deer in Jordan's garden reminds me of the fun and joy I am sure she is having in Heaven.

We started our traditional three-day Christmas festivities on December 23. I went outside that day and noticed in the garden what looked like a bloom of a rose bush. There was one in front of the stump of the rose bush that had died almost two years ago and another one in front of the angel statue, which is a few feet away from the original bush. It brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. My husband noticed it on Christmas Eve Day. He had a smile on his face and asked me if I had noticed the rose bushes that were beginning to grow. At first I felt bad that I had not remembered to tell him the day before. I wondered how I could forget to mention that? I realized that Jordan probably wanted to be the one to tap her daddy on the shoulder and say, "Look! Merry Christmas from your heavenly daughter," just as she had tapped her mom on the shoulder the day before.

It was not until after Christmas that I realized just how much symbolism and parallelism Jordan's garden holds in my life. Before Jordan's death, the rock garden had such beauty. It was still growing but had some emptiness to it as well. My life was great, yet my growing as a person was yet to come. The emptiness was because there were still two children destined to come into my life and change it forever, for the better. The new bush in front of the statue symbolized Jordan's new life in heaven. She really did not die but was given a better life. The other new bush symbolized the new life of Jordan's younger sister Jillian. After Jordan's death, like the garden without the rose bushes, much of the beauty in my life had gone. The garden was mainly empty other than the statue. The statue was the centerpiece of the garden. My grief, and walking that journey, was the centerpiece in my life. As I struggled with my grief, searching for the new me, Jordan's garden seemed to grow with beauty in harmony with my transformation. I was beginning to add a little beauty back into my life, like we added a little beauty back to the garden. After my second birthday without Jordan I was able to allow more beauty in my life. Now the garden has even more color and radiance in it, as does my life. The garden today looks different and better then it has ever looked, and I, too, am a different and better person. As the beauty in my life grows, it is reflected in Jordan's garden. There is still plenty of room for more growth and beauty. The garden is transforming as I am by taking little steps at a time.

In memory of Jordan Ashley Heffley

July 5, 1999

Trisomy 13

Parents: John and Jan Heffley

Siblings: Jonathan, Jasmine, and Jillian



For Emily

by Kristin Jared

How do I begin to write anything worthy of our beautiful baby girl on her first birthday? A poem? Where are any words that befit her? Where are the right words to say how perfect she was, except, ironically, the one part the doctors could never fix? How do I do justice to the way she took my breath away with the force of this love I thought I was prepared for? I had no idea. How amazing that someone so small and pink could affect us so deeply, forever. Nothing seems enough to try to express the impact Emily has had on our lives.

So, for this first birthday, for this year of "firsts" that we are all far too familiar with, I will share something that happened to me to make me remember that this is not the end and that Emily is waiting. All our babies are waiting.

My husband Andy and I had always dreamed of going to Paris together. It was our "dream trip" that we promised each other we would make someday. After Emily left us, with the holidays approaching, we decided to leave the day after Christmas and go away. I felt like it was a consolation prize, but I was determined to do something life-affirming: survive the holiday without our girl.

Late one evening we were walking into a Metro station after a day like most of our trip: busy, bittersweet, and filled with sights and tears as each beautiful thing brought to mind our daughter and our grief. I was overcome with thoughts of our Emily and how, as beautiful as this trip was, we were here because she was gone. I didn't want to make a scene, and I was struggling. As we walked down the steps into the station we saw a beggar, one of so many in Paris, playing a violin on the landing. Knowing we had limited money and not trusting motives, we generally walked past beggars. This time, however, as I walked near the man with my thoughts of grief, a verse from the Bible popped into my head. It was as though someone else interrupted my thoughts to shout it in my head, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2). I walked back to the beggar and dropped the money I had in my coat pocket into his violin case. He was playing a folk-sounding tune and did not look at me, nor I at him, ashamed of my lack of French and for passing him by in the first place. As I joined Andy on the platform, the beggar interrupted his song and began to play "Ave Maria." We both gasped as the sweet sound filled the tunnel and we held each other close as the beautiful song from Emily's funeral wrapped around us. As the last notes faded the train arrived, and I climbed on with a tearful heart, thankful for God's loving reassurance of his angels and our sure reunion with our beloved Emily.

As we all struggle, may we be helped to remember to be still and listen. May we be mindful of our treatment of all the angels around us and the promise of their love. May we all be better angels. Our children deserve that.

*In loving memory of Emily Caitlin Jared
September 20, 2001-October 4, 2001
Cardiac arrest during labor, cause unknown
Parents: Andy and Kristin Jared
Mommy and Daddy miss you, Butterfly.
Love you forever.*

**January/February Topic**

Finding Support Online
Deadline – November 30, 2002

March/April Topic

Helping Children Deal with Loss
Deadline – January 31, 2003

Stories, poems, thoughts, and/or feelings regarding these topics are welcomed. Submissions must be received by the deadline to be considered for publication in the newsletter. Unfortunately, there is not enough room to include all submissions. Choices will be left to the discretion of the editors. Please see the back page of the newsletter for the appropriate address to send your submissions. Any submission printed in our newsletter will also be posted to our website indefinitely unless we receive notice in writing that you are only granting permission for your submission to appear in the printed version of the newsletter.

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**M.E.N.D. Support Group Meetings****Regular M.E.N.D. meetings**

are held the
2nd Thursday of every month from
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Mommies AND daddies are both
welcome at all of our meetings.**

Matters of Faith**Bible study**

meets every 3rd Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
Please contact Jana Spigener
at (817) 468-9963 or
heartblossoms@msn.com if interested.

Playgroup

*For families with children born prior to
or subsequent to a loss.*

Contact Pam Morren
at (972) 335-8202
ashtonsmom98@hotmail.com

*(Playgroups meet at various locations
around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.)*

Join us in a time of sharing experiences.

Our daddies group

meets the 2nd Thursday of

March, June, September, and December
from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

This is a special time for daddies to get together and discuss concerns unique to them as fathers. Our moms and dads meet together for introductions before dividing into two groups for discussion.

All support group meetings are held at:

**1159 Cottonwood Lane, Suite 150
Irving, Texas (Las Colinas) 75038**

(This is on the west side of MacArthur Boulevard, across the street from the Four Seasons Resort. There is a Holiday Inn Express at the entrance of Cottonwood Lane.)

For more information or directions,
call (972) 459-2396.

Subsequent pregnancy group

meets the 4th Tuesday

of each month from

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

For families who are considering becoming pregnant or are currently pregnant after a loss.

Subsequent pregnancy birth class

For families who are near their due date with their subsequent pregnancy.

This one-night childbirth refresher meets once every three months and is conducted by one of our M.E.N.D. moms, Allyson Smith, R.N. The group requires a minimum of three participants to meet. For more information contact Allyson at ssmith@dallas.net or (972) 899-0405.



Birthday Tributes to Our Special Babies

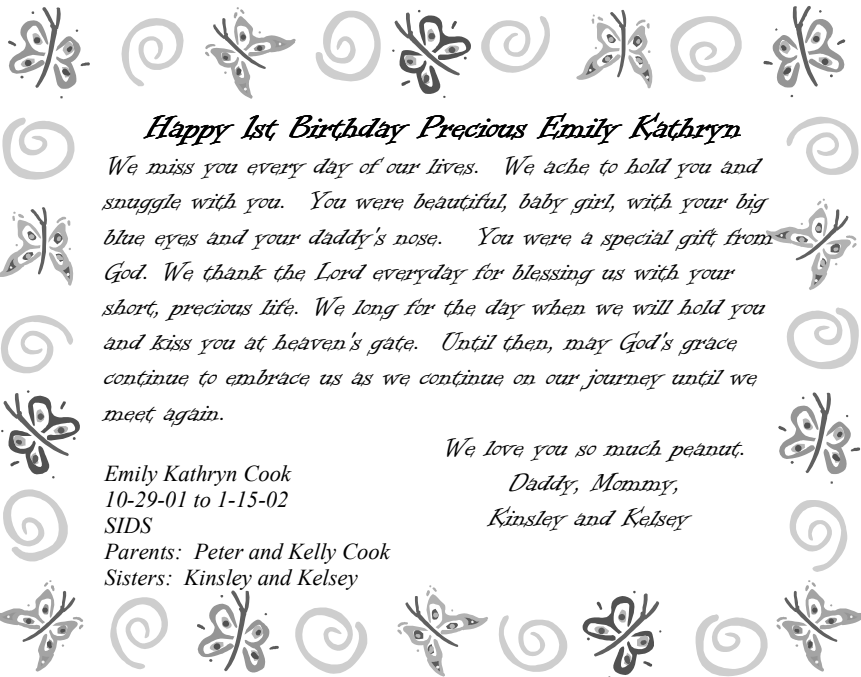
Dearest Allison,

Happy 2nd birthday to our sweet little girl! Daddy and I miss you so much. We want to thank you for making us such proud parents. Now we get to experience the joy again with your baby sister. Thank you my angel for delivering Megan to our arms safely. Please know that we honor your life, remember your gifts, and grieve for you daily. Rejoice in Heaven on your special day, for we will be celebrating too.



Eternal love,
Mommy, Daddy, and baby sis Megan

In loving memory of
Allison Paige Bausch
November 1-10, 2000
Prematurity
Brian and Tonya Bausch



Happy 1st Birthday Precious Emily Kathryn

We miss you every day of our lives. We ache to hold you and snuggle with you. You were beautiful, baby girl, with your big blue eyes and your daddy's nose. You were a special gift from God. We thank the Lord everyday for blessing us with your short, precious life. We long for the day when we will hold you and kiss you at heaven's gate. Until then, may God's grace continue to embrace us as we continue on our journey until we meet again.

Emily Kathryn Cook
10-29-01 to 1-15-02
SIDS
Parents: Peter and Kelly Cook
Sisters: Kinsley and Kelsey

We love you so much peanut.
Daddy, Mommy,
Kinsley and Kelsey

Happy First Birthday

**Christopher
Thomas Stuckey**

Stillborn September 19, 2001,
Unknown Cause
Parents: Brandon and Michelle Stuckey

Jesus says He knows
the plans He has for
your mommy
and daddy.
We trust in Jesus
while we miss you
and your big brother
Jacob.

We love you,
Christopher

Gami and Pop

My Grandson was born in Autumn time,
Tis a season for kings.
A time of multitudes;
A time of dawns starched with frosts
And of dusks, dappled with majesty.
A glorious time for birth and living;
For loving and for hope;
Yet in its midst, today
We find dismay.
Death has trounced us
With swift acquittal;
Yes, dismay – but not despair.
For time was gifted to
Embrace and share.

So with psalm and poem and prayer
We soothe the pallid blight we share.
And when one day we'll strain to smile,
And bring joy to joyless times,
And sigh, our grief revealed,
We will pause to hear as Charlie sings,
For he was born and died one day

In Autumn time
Tis a season for kings.

As read by Jim Hendrix
Grandfather of Charlie
Thanksgiving Day, 2001

In loving memory of
Charlie Donald
Stillborn November 10, 2001
Unknown cause
Parents: Mark and Amy Donald
Big sister: Jenny
We miss you, son.

We would like to extend, once again, our heartfelt thanks to Allyson Smith, our wonderful and caring labor and delivery nurse.

We will never forget you



Happy 4th Birthday Joe Gonzales III (Trey)

It has been 4 years since your birth. Seems like yesterday that we held you in our arms. We wonder what you would look like and what we would be doing together now. We miss you and think of you constantly. We will one day be together again.

Love always,
Mommy, Daddy and Ashley

Remembering Joe Gonzales III (Trey)
November 24, 1998 - February 26, 1999
Glycogen Storage Disease Type 4
Parents: Joe & Ida Gonzales
Big Sister: Ashley Nicole

Dearest Little Angel,

It is so hard to believe that it has been three years since you made your brief, yet so impactful appearance in our lives. Your little brother, Trent is a vibrant reflection of what you might have been like on this Earth!

I can't even imagine how wonderful your birthday celebration in heaven will be! Happy 3rd birthday, baby girl. We love you and know that our reunion is a part of the Lord's perfect plan!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11

All our love,
Mommy & Daddy

For Angel Connolly
Stillborn November 11, 1999
Cause: Complications of Down's Syndrome
Parents: Chuck & Katie Connolly
Little Brother: Trenton Charles 12/16/00

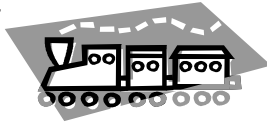


Happy 3rd Birthday, Garrett.

We celebrated your birthday with all your friends from M.E.N.D. at the walk. We love you and miss you very much.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and your baby sister Samantha

In memory of Garrett Anthony Mayer
October 12—December 18, 1999
Tetralogy of Fallot
Parents: Anthony and April Mayer
Little sister: Samantha



Happy First Birthday Catherine Mary

A year goes by.....
And I don't understand why.....
My heart constantly aches for our sweet baby girl
I dream of you with a heart that overflows
With feelings so loving and tender



We will always remember that 15th day of December
This is the day our angel was born and brought to our arms
in a white dress with a pink bow
And this is the day God took you to Heaven to be with Him
For it was on this 15th day of December that our lives changed forever

Each season that passes brings bittersweet dreams of what could have been
I see you at each stage at that age you should have been
Because we know our lives would be even sweeter because of you
You are with me everyday and in everything I do

We miss you so much our precious little child
The everyday joys I wish we could share
The keepsakes I have are a treasure to me
But most important of all you are in Mommy's and Daddy's heart and soul
A place you will always be

As this year goes by.....
Our love for you just grows and grows
The bond we share connects us throughout all time
And holding you again is the sweetest of dreams
For on that glorious day when we are all reunited,
on that day the understanding we will see.....

Love,
Mommy and Daddy

In loving memory of Catherine Mary Martin
Stillborn December 15, 2001
Due to Trisomy 18
Beloved child of Nancy and Glenn Martin



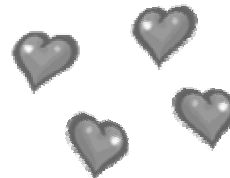
Happy Third Birthday Nicholas!

We want you to know we always think of you and your special birthday celebration. We love you deeply and miss you very much! You are always in our hearts....



Mommy, Daddy and Isabella

In loving memory of our precious
Nicholas Varea
December 16, 1999, Malpractice
Parents: Andrea and Marco Varea
Little sister: Isabella



Owen Michael, on your second birthday, know that you are so loved and deeply missed. We are so blessed to have had the time that we had with you. Although short, it will last all of us a lifetime. Mommy dreams about you all the time and wants to hold you in her arms, Daddy talks to you in his prayers, and Zachary makes up songs to sing to Baby Lauren and includes your name. We wish you were here but truly know you are in a better place. Thank you for sending butterflies from Heaven.

In loving memory of Owen Michael Timon
November 28, 2000
at 24 weeks due to prematurity
Parents: Brian and Sharon Timon
Big Brother: Zachary David
Little Sister: Lauren Elizabeth



Happy 3rd Birthday to Ashley Renee Dedear

We love you and miss you always.
Mama and Daddy

Remembering Ashley Renee Dedear
October 29-November 1, 1999
Placenta abruption, extreme prematurity
Parents: Tim and Cindy Dedear
Twin sister: Laura Elizabeth

Happy Birthday Andrew!

Mommy loves you and misses you daily!

Andrew Joseph Jack
November 11, 2000
Heart attack during labor
Mommy: Patty Jack





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Newsletter correction

On page 6 of our September/October issue, under the poem "The Number of Her Days," Sarah Elizabeth's parents are John and Susan Dykes, not David and Susan Dykes. We apologize for the error.

*Thanks to the following committee members for their
hours of hard work and dedication. Without them, this
Walk would not have been possible.*

April Mayer

remembering Garrett Anthony, 10/12 - 12/18/99

DaLana Barsanti

remembering Joshua and Jeromy, stillborn 11/21/96

Denise Gradel

remembering Aaron Philip, stillborn 6/16/90
and Angel, miscarried 5/14/93

Laurie Fantine

remembering Hallie Anne, stillborn 9/22/97 and
Baby Fantine, miscarried 3/2/01

Marilyn Brown

remembering Sydney Lynne, 5/18/00
and Ashley MacKenzie, 5/18/01

Mary Steen

remembering Chrissie Peyton, miscarried 5/3/00

Melanie Boyd

remembering Abigail Joy, miscarried 6/22/99
Hannah Elisabeth, miscarried 10/21/99
Michael Aaron, stillborn 4/23/00
Baby Christian, miscarried 12/17/00

Monica and Chris Gregory

remembering Gabriela Faith, stillborn 1/24/02

Pam Morren

remembering Schuyler Morren, 9/28 - 12/23/97

Paula Grimes

remembering Lauren Paige, stillborn 3/6/99 and
Baby Grimes, miscarried 1/25/01

Rebekah Mitchell

remembering Jonathan Daniel, stillborn 6/24/95 and
Baby Mitchell, miscarried 12/01

Samantha and Joseph Iliff

remembering Logan David, stillborn 5/5/00

Yvette Grau

remembering Erika Brianne, 7/9—8/3/97

Our 6th annual Walk To Remember was a great success! There were 400 of us remembering over 100 of our babies. Dallas had several rainy days before our big day and more rain was predicted for late afternoon, but the clouds cleared and the sun shone, which gave us an absolutely perfectly beautiful day. We deeply appreciate all the help we received from our sponsors and volunteers. Without them, this day of remembrance would not have been possible.

Keepsake Resources**For Brittany**

www.forbrittany.com

Offers beautiful mommy bracelets that come in a variety of styles, or design your own. Mention that you were referred by M.E.N.D. and a percentage of the sale will be donated to M.E.N.D.

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Denver, CO 80222
(303) 692-9668

lossremembered@cs.com

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Toll Free Phone:
877-538-6446

www.haleyscreations.com

Offers remembrance cards, journals, and keepsakes relating to infant loss.

Angel Babies in Heaven

(843) 871-3071

<http://www.galaxymall.com/children/angelbabies/>

Offers hand-painted memorial stepping stones to honor babies gone too soon.

God's Little Ones

www.homestead.com/
godslittleones/index.html

Offers life-sized models of babies at various stages of prenatal development.

Keri's Kreations

221 W. Hillview St.
Winslow, AZ 86047
(928) 289-0715

A book of remembrance for parents who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

My Heart's Missing Link

P.O. Box 0992, Allen Park, MI 48101
www.myheartsmisissinglink.com

Offers beautifully designed heart-shaped pendants with a birthstone and a "missing link" to help remember loved ones who now live in heaven and your heart.

Perinatal Loss Certificate of Life

<http://www.tearsoup.com/pl/certificate%20of%20life.htm>

Makes hand-calligraphied certificates acknowledging your baby's life.

Preemie Dolls

<http://www.macatawa.org/~eding/dolls.html>

Offers life-sized cloth dolls in babies' birth sizes.

Subsequent Births**Dawn and Andy Kancel**

of Fort Worth, Texas,
joyfully welcome
Abby Rose,
born August 16, 2002,
7 lbs., 11 oz., 19 inches long.
The Kancels lovingly remember
Landon,
stillborn April 11, 2001,
possible blood clot on the placenta,
and Baby Girl Kancel,
miscarried September 20, 2001,
Turner's Syndrome.

**Gene and Gina Dima,
along with big brother John**

of Coppell, Texas,
welcome with Joy
Christa Joy,
born July 26, 2002.
She weighed
and was
The Dimas lovingly remember
Baby Dima I,
miscarried November 20, 1995,
Vincent,
stillborn May 17, 2001
due to
and Baby Twin I,
"vanished twin" February 2002
at 13 weeks.

**Mark and Amy Allred
along with big brother Christopher**

of Garland, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Kyleigh Michelle,
born Friday, September 13, 2002,
at 12:12 a.m.,
7 lbs. even.
The Allreds lovingly remember
Chandler,
stillborn March 4, 1999,
Fetal Acrania.

**Starr and Billy Zaleski
along with big brother Will**

of Houston, Texas,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Catherine Elizabeth,
born Tuesday, September 10, 2002,
at 8:37 a.m.,
6 lbs., 4 oz., 19 inches.
The Zaleskis lovingly remember
Baby Zaleski,
miscarried July 1997,
and Mary Dawson,
August 3, 1999,
Anencephaly.

Philip and Valerie Akin

of Fayetteville, Georgia,
proudly announce the birth of their son,
Matthew Riley,
July 27, 2002,
5 lbs., 13 oz., 18 1/2 inches long.
The Akins lovingly remember
Angela Marie,
September 1, 2001,
Sacrococcygeal Teratoma.

**Larry and Paige Williams,
along with big sister Madeleine**

of Denton, Texas,
announce the arrival of
Camille Beatrice,
born Friday, September 20, 2002,
10 lbs. 5 oz.
The Williams lovingly remember
Christopher Parker,
February 14, 2002,
due to short rib polydactyl syndrome.

**Bridget and Ken Southard,
along with big sisters Bethany and Victoria**

of Winter Haven, Florida,
joyfully announce the arrival of
Alexis Kennedy,
born June 21, 2002, at 11:36 p.m.,
7 lbs., 12 oz., 21 inches.
The Southards lovingly remember
Jacob Kenneth,
January 15-17, 2001,
prematurity.

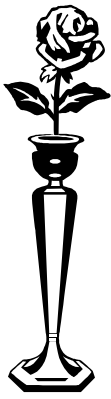
**Bryan and Sharon Timon,
together with big brother Zachary David**

of Cincinnati, Ohio,
blissfully announce the birth of
Lauren Elizabeth,
March 09, 2002, at 8:13 a.m.,
7 lbs., 13 oz., 20 inches long.
The Timons lovingly remember
Owen Michael,
November 28, 2000,
due to prematurity,
and Angel Baby Timon,
miscarried May 1997.

**Steven and Christine Hutto,
along with big brother Steven, Jr.,**

of Sacramento, California,
announce the arrival of
Patrick Henry,
born June 15, 2001.
The Huttos remember with love
Eleanore Rose,
stillborn January 15, 1999,
Obstetric Cholestasis.

In Loving Memory

**Ziggy Michie**

October 10 - 12, 2001
 Vasa Previa
 Parents, Christie and Iain Michie
 Given by cousins,
 Linda and Eric Seatvet

Ziggy Michie

October 10 - 12, 2001
 Vasa Previa
 Parents, Christie and Iain Michie
 Given by friends,
 E.J. and Ron Burns

Ziggy Michie

October 10 - 12, 2001
 Vasa Previa
 Parents, Christie and Iain Michie
 Given by Debbie and Dan Chaney

Ziggy Michie

October 10 - 12, 2001
 Vasa Previa
 Parents, Christie and Iain Michie
 Given by Wendy Curan

James Goodwin Cole

March 13, 2002
 Trisomy 13
 Parents, Mark and Susan Cole
 Given by Great Aunt Lorraine

Wilder Daniel Leisher

Given by mom, Susannah Leisher

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Thank you so much!

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Given by parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 and little sisters, Ashton and Alexa

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September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by Larry and Pauline Morren

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by Mike and Michelle Hudson

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by Tee and Nikki Glasgow

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by grandmother, Mary Lynne Riebel

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by aunt, Shelia Tate

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by Linda Lester

Timothy "Schuyler" Morren II

September 28 - December 23, 1997
 SIDS
 Parents, Tim and Pam Morren
 Little sisters, Ashton and Alexa
 Given by Hank and Kristie Shreve

Michael Joseph Böer

Stillborn July 17, 1996
 Trisomy 18
 Given by parents, Lynne and Paul Böer
 and siblings Paul, Jr., and Maggie

Garrett Anthony Mayer

October 12 - December 18, 1999
 Tetralogy of fallot
 Given by parents,
 April and Tony Mayer
 and little sister Samantha

Garrett Anthony Mayer

October 12 - December 18, 1999
 Tetralogy of fallot
 Parents, April and Tony Mayer
 Little sister, Samantha
 Given by Kenneth and Kay Burkham

Jacob Dominic Stuckey

Stillborn August 19, 2000
 Unknown Cause
 Parents, Brandon and Michelle Stuckey
 Given by grandparents,
 Schuyler and Phyllis Stuckey

Christopher Thomas Stuckey

Stillborn September 19, 2001
 Unknown Cause
 Parents, Brandon and Michelle Stuckey
 Given by grandparents,
 Schuyler and Phyllis Stuckey

Gabriela Faith Gregory

Stillborn January 24, 2002
 Anomaly of Umbilical Cord
 Parents, Chris and Monica Gregory
 Given by A. Thomas Hyslop, M.D.

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Stillborn January 24, 2002
 Anomaly of Umbilical Cord
 Given by parents, Chris and Monica Gregory

Griffin Caleb McIntosh

Stillborn June 6, 2001
 Parents, Naomi and Matthew McIntosh
 Given by Chris and Monica Gregory

Charlie Donald

Stillborn November 10, 2001
 Unknown Cause
 Given by parents, Mark and Amy Donald

Baby Padilla I

Miscarried September 19, 1996

Baby Padilla II

Miscarried April 8, 1997
 Ectopic Pregnancy
 Given by Parents,
 William and Kathryn Padilla
 and little sister LeeAnne

In Loving Memory ...*continued****Faith Elizabeth Durham***

Stillborn September 25, 1999
 Triploidy
 Given by parents,
 Leighton and Lisa Durham
 and little brother, Leighton IV

Bay William Miltenberger, Jr.

Stillborn December 9, 1998
 Preterm Labor
 Given by parents,
 Paula and Bay Miltenberger
 and little brother Bryce

Lauren Paige Grimes

Stillborn March 6, 1999
 Unknown Cause

Baby Grimes (Raleigh's twin)

Miscarried January 25, 2001
 Parents, John and Paula Grimes
 Sister, Raleigh
 Given by grandparents,
 Joe and Lanell Grimes

Jonathan Daniel Mitchell

Stillborn June 24, 1995
 Cord Accident

Baby Mitchell

Miscarried December 2001
 Parents, Rebekah and Byron Mitchell
 Big brother, Byron, Jr.
 Given by grandparents, Dennis and Sue Brewer

William Joseph Kowalski

Stillborn August 12, 1997
 Placental Abruption & Premature Labor
 due to Fibroid Tumor
 Given by Parents, Robert and Sheri Kowalski
 and siblings Robert and Ashley

Madeline Claybourn

June 11 - August 26, 2000
 Given by mom, Melanie Claybourn

Mercedes Ruth Spigener

Stillborn September 21, 1995
 Intramembranous Insertion of Umbilical Cord
Twin Blossoms
 Miscarried July and August, 1996
 Parents, Grant and Jana Spigener
 Little brothers, Wyatt, Ford, and Porter
 Given by Spigener Enterprises, Inc.

Madison Frances Norton***Nicholas Josh Norton***

August 31, 2001
 Incompetent Cervix
 Given by parents, Matt and Dena Norton

Lauren Elle Williams

Stillborn March 15, 2001
 Knots in Cord
 Given by parents, Jennifer and Todd Williams
 and little brother Kyle Todd

Lauren Elle Williams

Stillborn March 15, 2001
 Knots in Cord
 Parents, Jennifer and Todd Williams
 Little brother, Kyle Todd
 Given by Gene and Jerry Jones Family/
 Dallas Cowboy Charities

Baby Spencer I

Miscarried June, 2000

Baby Spencer II

Miscarried August, 2001

Baby Spencer III

Miscarried February 2002
 Given by parents, Aaron and Beth Spencer
 and big sister Emily

Angel Hope Brimmage

June 8, 2002
 Spina Bifida
 Given by parents,
 Ashley and Jennifer Brimmage
 and big sister Lindy

Catherine Mary Martin

Stillborn December 15, 2001
 Trisomy 18

Baby Martin I

Miscarried June 14, 2002

Baby Martin II

Miscarried September, 2002
 Blighted Ovum
 Given by parents, Nancy and Glenn Martin

Logan Wayne Fish

September 17, 2002
 Skeletal Dysplasia
 Given by parents, Brittney and David Fish
 and big brother Landry



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M.E.N.D.'s own **Jana Spigener** has released a new book. Through poetry and personal reflections, the author shares her private journey of loss, grief and healing after experiencing a full-term stillbirth, the miscarriage of twins and three successful subsequent pregnancies while reflecting on how her faith in God was challenged and later affirmed through this difficult time in her life.

To order, contact:

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 817-271-6806
heartblossoms@msn.com

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The National SIDS and Infant Death Program Support Center has released a new document aimed at helping Christian clergy minister to families who experience the death of a baby. The document can be downloaded free of charge at www.sids-id-psc.org.

The United Way often has kickoff campaigns at workplaces during this time of the year. Since M.E.N.D. is a 501(c)(3) charity, employees can donate to M.E.N.D. by pledging either one-time amounts or quarterly payroll deductions. For more information, contact your United Way campaign representative.

Support Groups**ARIZONA**♥ *Arizona SIDS Alliance*

PO Box 85001-1111, Phoenix, AZ 85001
1-800-597-7437

♥ *Mothers in Sympathy Support (M.I.S.S.)*

P.O. Box 5333, Peoria, AZ 85385, (623) 979-1000

CALIFORNIA♥ *Helping After Neonatal Death*

PO Box 341, Los Gatos, CA 95031
www.h-a-n-d.org, e-mail info@h-a-n-d.org

Alameda/Contra Costa: 1-800-963-7070

Central Valley: (209) 823-5503

Santa Clara: (408) 732-3228

♥ *Good Mourning Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support*

3389 Via Dona, Lompoc, CA 93436

(805) 733-5225, ctmontel@best1.net

Meet the 1st and 3rd Monday 7-9:00 p.m.

Pregnancy Support Center

601 East Ocean Ave Suite 6, Lompoc, CA 93436

♥ *HAND of Peninsula*

Sequoia Health and Wellness Services

702 Marshall St., Redwood City, CA

(650) 367-6993, contact: Celia Hartnett

♥ *Mothers in Sympathy Support (M.I.S.S.)** *Riverside Chapter*

Attn: Mia-Riverside Facilitator

P.O. Box 7403, Riverside, Ca 92513-7403

Phone: (909) 686-2686

Meet 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Hunt Park Community Center, 4015 Jackson St.

(Located next to ParkView Hospital --Major cross street: Magnolia Ave.)

* *Merced Chapter (Central California)*

For more information, contact Kim Lotz

kim.lotz@missfoundation.org

* *Arcadia Chapter*

Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00, Church of the Good

Shepherd, 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007

Contact: Kristin Jared, (626) 963-9120

kristin@missfoundation.org

ILLINOIS♥ *Healing Hearts of Rockford*

c/o Rockford Memorial Hospital

Dept. of Maternal - Fetal Medicine

2400 N. Rockton Ave., Rockford, IL 61103

or call Ask-A-Nurse (815) 971-3737

INDIANA♥ *Resolve Through Sharing*

Community Hospital

901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster, Indiana 46321

(219) 836-4571, Contact: Sue Armstrong

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday monthly.

♥ *Healing Hearts*

Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center

801 East LaSalle Ave., South Bend, IN 46617

Contact: Melissa Barrett: (219) 282-2147

noahsmom@mvillage.com

KANSAS♥ *F.I.S.H. (Friends In Sharing Hope)*

Contact Mary Hertach (620) 662-0355 or

Ginger Muller (620) 669-0185, gingermuller@earthlink.net

MASSACHUSETTES♥ *P.A.R.E.N.T. (Parents & Relatives*

Enduring Neonatal Tragedy)

Contact: Trish McClean: (508) 427-3028

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

at Good Samaritan Hospital, 235 N. Pearl St

Brockton, MA, in the Community Conference Room, 1st floor

NEW JERSEY♥ *MIDS (Miscarriage, Infant Death & Stillbirth Support Group, Inc.)*

16 Crescent Dr., Parsippany, NJ 07054-1605

(973) 263-6730, mids1982@yahoo.com

Contact: Janet Tischler

♥ *MISS*

502 Montgomery Ave., Somers Point, NJ 08244

(609) 653-3046

www.geocities.com/Heartland/valley/1800/miss.html

MISSofNJ@comcast.net, Contact: Kathy Evans

TENNESSEE♥ *Friends Helping One Another Through Loss*♥ *Child Loss Support*♥ *Teenagers Coping With Child Loss*

(Three different groups)

42 Kilday Lane, Greeneville, TN 37445

Angel_Mommy_1999@yahoo.com

or Chrissy_poooh_99@yahoo.com

http://www.angelfire.com/tx2/angelbecca/

Contact Person: Jean Stewart

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PO Box 1007, Coppell, TX 75019

(972) 459-2396

(888) 695-MEND (toll free)

http://www.mend.org

Rebekah@mend.org

Contact: Rebekah Mitchell

Meetings are held at 1159 Cottonwood Ln.

Irving, TX 75038

2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

♥ *Mikela's Miracles SIDS Connection*

Mike & Chrissy Lipscomb

www.mikelasmiracles.org

2601 Thistle Ln, Rowlett TX 75089

1-866-286-SIDS toll free

972-463-9243 local

Meets 1st Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m.

at Reinhardt Bible Church

2302 Northeast Pkwy, Garland, TX

Dinner is provided.

♥ *Healing Matters 1*

Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Early Infant Death

Through the First Year of Life

4th Monday of every month, 7:30pm

Plano Medical Center, Classrooms 1 & II

3901 W. 15th Street, Plano TX

Contact: Ginny Robinson: (972) 519-1588

♥ *Caring Hearts*

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month 7:00pm

Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, Fogelson Forum, ground

floor, call 214-345-2613

Contact: Brooke Arnold, brookearnold@texashealth.org

♥ *Resolve Through Sharing*

Charlton Hospital

3500 W. Wheatland, Dallas, TX 75237

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

in Main Conference Room A

♥ *Resolve Through Sharing Denton*

119 N Elm St., Denton, TX

2nd Monday of every month at 7:00p.m.

Contact: Tracy Morris: 940-566-5666

♥ *Journey of Hope Support Center*

(children ages 3-18 and their caregivers)

2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month 6:30 p.m.

(972) 578-6634

♥ *HAND (Houston's Aid in Neonatal Death)*

Meets 1st Sunday, St. Paul's United Methodist Church
20775 Kingsland Blvd., Katy, TX 77450.

2nd meeting is 2nd Sunday each month,

7800 building of Women's Hospital of Texas, Room 11.

Both meetings held 6:30—8:30 standing time, regardless of holidays.

Subsequent pregnancy group meets at Katy location every 1st Sunday.

(713) 529-4661

♥ *Bereaved Parents of North Texas, Inc.*

3rd Monday of every month 7:15p.m.

First United Methodist Church,

201 S. Locust, Denton, TX

Cole Chapel Lounge

♥ *Share of Fort Worth*

North Hills Hospital

Grapevine Hwy & Hwy 820

Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Lorin Koemel: (817) 595-0833

9077 Elbe Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76118

E-mail koemel@hotmail.com

♥ *SHARE Of The Mid-Cities*

HEB Harris Methodist, Hurst, TX

1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

phone: 972-601-1676, fax: 419-735-2368

share_rts@yahoo.com

♥ *Angels Away*

c/o CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care

Spiritual Care Department

333 N. Santa Rosa Street, San Antonio, TX

78207

(210) 704-2181

Meetings are held 3rd Thursday of every

month at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Care Dept.

♥ *North Texas SIDS Alliance*

1401 Airport Freeway, Suite 118

Bedford, Texas 76021

metro (817)267-7955

toll free in Texas (800)650-SIDS

fax (817)283-1526

http://www.northtexasids.org

e-mail: info@northtexasids.org

Contact: Sandi Wiggins, Exec. Director

Meetings are held at the SIDS office in Bed-

ford the 3rd Thursday of every month

at 7:00 p.m.

♥ *COPEs Angels*

Contact: Amanda Little, (361) 857-6533

Meetings are held on the third Monday of

each month at 7:00 p.m. Meeting place is

Driscoll Children's Hospital, 3533 S. Ala-

meda, in Corpus Christi, on the basement

floor in the private dining room of the cafe-

ria.

VIRGINIA♥ *Empty Arms Support Group*

Sentara Women's Health Source

801 Volvo Pkwy, Ste. 120,

Chesapeake, VA 23320

2nd & 4th Monday, 7—8:30

Contact: Ann Prescott: 757-545-2667

ahprnmsed@yahoo.com

AUSTRALIA♥ *Murraylands Lutheran Stillborn*

Infant Support Service

11 Ida St., Murray Bridge,

South Australia 5253

(08) 85324627 or (08) 85324897

Contact: Lynne Schulz

CANADA♥ *Morning Light Ministries*

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

11 Peter St. South

Mississauga, Ontario L5H-2G1

(905) 278-2058

morninglightministry@home.com

♥ *Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario*

205 - 6060 Hwy. 7 E.

Markham, Ontario L3P 3A9

Tel: (905) 472-1807 or 1-888-301-PBSO

www.pbso.ca



Christmas Candlelight Ceremony

Tuesday, December 3, 2002
7:00 P.M.
Calvary Temple
3000 West Airport Freeway
Irving, TX 75062

Contact Rebekah for reservations or more information.
Rebekah@mend.org



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