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Real Meaning of Mothers Day

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"... let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead..."

*~Julia Ward Howe,
Boston, 1870*

Mothers Day certainly stinks if your child is dead. In fact all holidays usually stink, but especially Mothers and Fathers Days which seem to be just made-up, hallmark-driven, commercial entities - those especially stink. I never had the energy to delve further than hallmark to learn about Mothers Day, never knew where it came from, nor why it is still celebrated with no sense of the tradition being mentioned.

Well, this year, to my surprise, I got a history lesson. A group of women on our small island decided that they didn't want to celebrate and contribute to the capitalistic hallmark economy this year. They wanted to protest against violence. They wanted to express their maternal feelings for



ALL children of any race, nationality, religion, gender, alive or dead. And they wanted to honor the power of that expression. So here in our little piece (peace) of earth, there was a parade, a small festival-atmosphere gathering at Ober Park lawn and playground. And they were spreading the ORIGINAL MEANING OF MOTHERS DAY AS JULIA WARD HOWE WROTE ABOUT IT AND ORIGINALLY VISIONED IT!!!!!!

What????? When they told me about this endeavor, I was so intrigued that Mothers Day had a real and

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"Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another's pain, life is not in vain."

~ Helen Keller

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meaningful history. I still was not able to bring myself to march with them and celebrate with all their beautiful, living children playing while I was smarting at the heart, grieving my dead son and my motherhood lost. BUT I had a much greater appreciation for Mothers Day, for history, for taking a stand against violence and war to save the world's children. And here's why:

In 1870, Julia Ward Howe wrote and published a protest against the carnage and violence of the Civil War -- this was a protest led by WOMEN WHO HAD LOST THEIR SONS!!!! It was bereaved mothers who started this!!!! Hallmark is WAY OFF the mark with the way this holiday is commercialized and propagated now, BUT in the beginning, this was a day of protest, an expression of horrified grief from bereaved mothers who were parted from their sons!! Wow. Okay. That's a different spin.

So what did Julia have to say back in 1870? You read and see for yourself:

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."

Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

*~Julia Ward Howe
Boston, 1870*

HELLO!!!!????????? Mothers Day came as an answer to Julia's proclamation. It started as a ceremony of bereavement and then as a movement for peace and action to stop the senseless deaths of children everywhere. Our society can commercialize all they want. Because in my heart of hearts I know the real

meaning of this day came from pain, loss, and grief -- the same things I feel on any given Mothers Day. And from now on, when people urge me to celebrate the day, I will tell them this:

I'll celebrate with you as long as you will first mourn with me. It is the combination of the two that lends itself to the true meaning of Mothers Day!



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Traumatic Experiences and Resiliency Study

T.E.A.R. Study Launch Phase II!

Call for open participants bereaved parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and friends who have experienced the death of a child family member!

A team of researchers from Arizona State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Austin College are exploring the experiences of those aged 18 and older who have experienced the death of a child. The second wave of the study will explore the experiences of those who have experienced the deaths of other significant people such as partners, parents, siblings, grandchildren, and others.

The purpose of this study is to determine the individual, familial, and societal effects of significant loss and to improve standards of care to the bereaved and a model of compassionate caregiving and intervention that fosters resiliency at every level.

You can now participate in the T.E.A.R. Study by visiting: tearstudy.org

If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Joanne Cacciatore at 602-574-1000 or email at Joanne.Cacciatore@asu.edu.

The research team would like to acknowledge volunteer forum moderators with the MISS Foundation, bereaved parents, who provided invaluable feedback and aid in the development of the research tool for this study.



Infinity Blossoming

by Tammy Renee Gresham

Love rises to face the expiration of time
Mesmerize itself by the sun rising in his eyes.
As the delicate flower rest upon her chest, she gently caresses the
five lines of each petal.
Within those lines she knows -
When it is time to hold on to the fingertip of the future
And how to lean on the strength of letting her son go
She let him slip softly back to the lines between the petals
As a loving memory,
The journey that strengthened her heart and restored her spirit
As a will guide for all of her tomorrows.
The weight of their love goes beyond
Out-of-body experiences re-entering to where the soul resides -
Their love exists in a place where time doesn't live by time.

*In Loving Memory of my beloved son, Elijah Scotlee Grant.
"He entered this world with the beauty of a dove on 10/4/2002 and made
his heavenly transition with the strength of a tiger on 12/6/2002."*



A Mother's Worst Nightmare

By Cheryl Pelligrini
Amel's Mommy

Call me ruthless,
call me mean
I've been through things
you've never seen

My son's lifeless body
on the floor, Paramedics
knocking at my door

I begged them to fix him,
To tell me he's not dead
So many thoughts running
through my head

Please, God,
NO don't let this be
Bring my baby back to me

Miss Foundation's
Sacred Hearts Logo Pendant



A beautiful gift representing the eternal love between Mother and Child. This exclusive pendant is custom made of sterling silver and hangs on your choice of a 20" or 24" chain. Now available with or without a birthstone. Orders for the Sacred Hearts Pendant can be placed on-line in our store at www.missfoundation.org. Be sure to indicate your options (i.e. birthstone month, chain size).

Pricing: Pendant w/20" chain \$60
Add birthstone add \$12
With 24" chain add \$5

Our Angel Katelyn Elias Barrow, Born March 10, 2011



I was blessed to have such a blissful, text-book pregnancy. I carried a healthy baby girl for nine wonderful months. Katelyn was always active. She always responded to my hand when I would place it on my belly. We had a great emotional connection; I knew her likes and dislikes, favorite music and stories. She didn't care for peanut butter or pasta, but loved all things sweet and Cheerios (strawberry yogurt covered). She loved the book "Goodnight Moon," and anything musical.

On the night of March 9, 2011, two days before my scheduled c-section, and two days after a routine doctors appointment, and at 39 weeks pregnant, I knew something was just not right. Katelyn was her happy, active self all day, all things typical. That night at 8:30 was the last time I felt Katelyn move. Before I would go to sleep every night, I would lay my hand on my belly, and she would give me a good jab, but not this particular night. I tried everything, drinking milk, eating girl scout cookies, etc., and nothing would arouse her. Three hours later, I decided to go to the hospital. I went alone, as Jay was at home with Maddie and Hailey.

I arrived at the hospital at 1:00 am, and everything started off routine. I got in the bed, and they placed the fetal monitor on my belly. The monitor wasn't picking up Katelyn's heartbeat. I began feeling very anxious at this moment. The nurse asked me, "where do they typically pick up her heartbeat." All I could say was, "oh no." Her face was full of concern, and she called in three other nurses and the doctor. The doctor came in with the ultra sound machine, and I remember the doctor telling me, "we have to wait for it to load." It finally "loaded," and she began the ultra sound; my worst nightmare was about to become my reality. There was Katelyn, but no heartbeat. I couldn't cry, I just laid there, and all could say was, "I don't understand." I repeated that over and over. I was surrounded by strangers and thought I was in the middle of a horrific nightmare.

The nurse volunteered to call my husband, and I told her no, I needed to call him. Telling Jay that our daughter had passed away over the phone was the worst thing I have ever had to do. He arrived at the hospital shortly after, and I refused to have my c-section and IVs. I just wanted to be left alone. I was confused. I requested drugs; I wanted to be knocked out. They granted my request. My OB arrived around 7:30, and he was in just as much shock as we were. He said, "I will know more when I get inside." I had my

c-section about an hour or so later, and I delivered the most beautiful 6 lb. 1 oz. baby girl. She was indeed an Angel.

Our minister was waiting for us when we arrived back in our room. He baptized Katelyn, while she was laying in my arms, and I felt so proud. I knew Katelyn's spirit was gone, but having her body fill my arms was a great feeling, but feel so empty now. I was blessed to have her in my arms for over 24 hours. I did not put her down. I was proud to be her mother, and I knew that God had chosen me to be her mother for a reason. I carried an angel for nine months, what a blessing.

I'm sad and angry, all the emotions you can imagine. I wonder "why?" I know God is in control and I continue to give Him the glory. I thank him for Katelyn, and for allowing us to be so emotionally in tuned with each other.

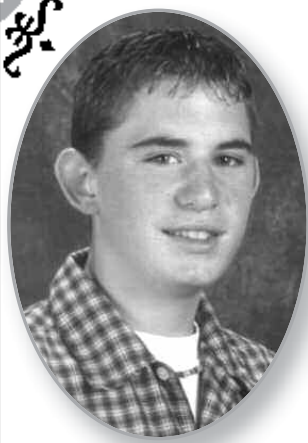
I thank Him for giving me such a wonderful nine months with her, though I would give anything to have one more moment of my pregnancy. I pray often for God to help me find acceptance; to help me put Katelyn in a special place in my heart. I know I will get there, but I'm human, I'm a mother, I have to grieve right now, but I will get there. I know that Katelyn and I will be together again one day, and at that time, I will understand "why." I am blessed because

I will have an angel baby for eternity.

My daughter died of an umbilical cord accident. Her umbilical cord lacked the Wharton's Jelly that protects cords from compression. It appears that she either laid on her cord or squeezed it; therefore, creating a blood clot at the point of compression, which cut off her blood and oxygen supply. I had never heard of Wharton's Jelly, or gave much thought if any to the umbilical cord. Cord accidents happen, though it's rare. Because hospitals, in most states are not required to issue death certificates or birth certificates for that matter on stillborns, we really don't know for sure how often this occurs. These changes are important because those changes can make a difference in standard prenatal care practices, with the hope of reducing the number of babies born still.

I pray for all Angel Mom's and their families. This is a rough and tough journey, in time, I have to believe, we will all be "ok," and will be able to find acceptance.





Branden Braddock

*February 28, 1987 –
April 27, 2002*

Our Journey

Branden, my dear son, you are missed everyday. Nine years from where we started to where we are today. Tears and sadness often mixed with plenty of laughter and joy.

This journey has not always been easy. I was determined not to be stalled in self-pity. But instead, hoping to make you proud. Giving your life meaning is one of my priorities.

I know this journey has an ending and that it will lead me to you. I don't stand at your grave looking for you. Nor do I ever wonder where you are. You are waiting just on the other side of this grief path. Hanging out in my heart.

Today I can say, I am content, comfortable, safe, happy and loved; as I move closer to seeing you. You and I are the same what we were for each other we still are. Death can never take that away.

This is our journey where you will be remembered as a young man who touched others. As we work together to help quiet sad burdened hearts. Sadly, so many parents just starting out on their grief journey. We can only pray that we provide them with hope.

As life moves on, I move on with it. Learning that my successes or failures are just a stepping stone to being with you again. I'm not in a hurry there is so much love here; Bethany and Caleb, Breanne and Valerie, family and special friends. But until then hoping with a little stroke of luck I can be blessed to meet you some nights in a dream.

Loving you and missing you always,

**Mom-Michele Newton,
Sisters**

**Bethany Braddock and Breanne Bergman,
Niece and Nephew**

**Valerie Bergman and Caleb Wilderman,
Grandparents Barb and Woody Woodworth,**

**And all the family and friends who miss
your loving and humorous spirit**

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SEERSUCKER SUIT

by Deborah Digges

In memory of Dr. Richard Spielman

To the curator of the museum, to the exhibition of fathers, to the next room from this closet of trousers and trousers, full sail the walnut hangers of shirts, O the great ghost ships of his shoes.

Through the racks and the riggings, belt buckles ringing and coins in coat pockets and moths that fly up from the black woolen remnants, his smell like a kiss blown through hallways of cedar, the shape of him locked in his burial clothes, his voice tucked deep in his name, his keys and the bells to his heart, I am passing his light blue seersucker suit with one grass-stained knee, and a white shirt, clean boxers, clean socks, a handkerchief.

Save the Date!



***The 2012 MISS Foundation Conference
has been scheduled:***

October 4th, 5th & 6th, 2012

***The 2012 conference will be held at the
Fiesta Resort in Tempe, Arizona. A \$99
per night room rate is available for MISS
attendees.***

***Please check the MISS website for
more updated information as it becomes
available.***

***We look forward to seeing you at the 2012
Conference!***

Dear MISS Foundation,

I'm writing this message in the hopes that it somehow gets to Joanne Cacciatore. My name is Gina and I lost my 5 1/2 month old son, James, my first born, due to heart failure. He was born last August 18, 2010 as a perfectly healthy baby. Two months later, on the way to a doctor's appointment, he was crying terribly hard, getting warm and then went white, lips turning blue. To make a long story short, after 3 separate visits to Children's Hospital Los Angeles over a course of 3 1/2 months, he passed away in my arms at the hospital on February 1, 2011. I will always remain grateful for and cherish the special time we had together. He's left me so many precious gifts. But, I miss him with an indescribable longing every day. We, the doctors, everyone did everything they could to try and save him. We had to make horrible decisions in the name of saving him and the guilt of me, as a mother, not being able to save my son, is overwhelming and at times, can be all consuming.

The doctors were never able to diagnose what happened. A genetics team at CHLA is still working on this and we have an appointment to discuss results in a few days. I'm terrified.

About 2 months ago, my husband and I met another couple (through the help of our Social Worker) who went through something similar (their daughter passed away at 8 days) and have gone on to have other children. She gave me a packet of information about the MISS foundation and I immediately read 'Dear Cheyenne.' I haven't attended a group support session yet, but I want you to know something.

Reading 'Dear Cheyenne' and most recently, reading Dr. Cacciatore's 'Grief Lessons from my Walkabout' have helped me tremendously. I've always learned so much from reading, quotes, and metaphors (my Dad taught me a lot that way) and I think it's so important what you've done for so many others like us out there and for me.

Thank goodness for the MISS Foundation!

Every single thing on your website I've read so far has been so helpful. I just can't imagine if your understanding, help, and resources weren't out there. I have so much to read on your MISS foundation website. I've ordered Kindness Project cards and intend on using them immediately once I receive them. I recently ordered A Tree Full of Angels from our local bookstore. The quote that you referenced from that book is something I've quoted for a very long time. I never thought I'd have to use it to help me get through something as horrific as losing my child.

I'm just so thankful for all the pieces of the puzzle that are helping me through my grief, a big part of which is you and all you've done. I tell people (strangers, family, friends) now how much what they do means to us and to our family. I know you've touched and helped so many other families grieving hearts, but it was important to me that you know you can add

one other person to that list - just a woman in Southern California who misses, longs, and grieves for her son.

I don't know if it's Easter coming up tomorrow and the symbolism of life, death and renewal that is somehow starting to give me some peace, or if it's your help, or if it's a combination of things that I'm starting now to get a glimpse of how I can be happy again and have that not take away from the endless love, longing, and pain I feel for my son. From the 'Grief Lessons' journal, even more specifically, one passage stood out to me - the one where beauty and pain can be side by side. I couldn't grasp about 48 hours ago how I could be happy without my James. How was that even going to be possible - I don't have my beautiful, special James in this world? I now have a glimpse and I have you to thank for it. I noticed your picture on your blog and I'm not sure what it is, but I think it's a Phoenix. I've always like the stories of the phoenix, but again, I never thought I'd apply it to something like this.

Listening to Stravinsky's 'The Firebird' helps me as I believe it is also a representation of the Phoenix. I'm sure you've heard it before but just wanted to try and help too.

I've always considered myself a spiritual person and I'm thankful that my spirituality has grown and not soured. I truly believe that my Sweet Baby James is waiting for me in Heaven, and is happy, safe, and healthy with all of the other babies and children that this shouldn't happen to, and that I will one day see him and hold him again and not let him go. We will soar together as you will with Cheyenne.

So, with all this said, please accept my Thank You from the bottom of my heart. It's important for you to know you have directly affected my life without even knowing me. I'm grateful for you and I just hope that Cheyenne and James and all other children in heaven are playing and enjoying happiness in another time and place, able to visit us when they can.

I wish I could meet you and give you a hug and say Thank You in person. I hope this genuine gesture of thankfulness gets conveyed in this message.

All of my thanks always,
Gina M.
Mother of beloved James

If you have a story to share, we would love to hear from you. MISS is a non-denominational organization and we invite people of all belief systems to share their stories, notes of thanks, events in your area and poetry for consideration for inclusion in an upcoming MISSing Angels issues. Please note, however, that we do not automatically publish everything that is submitted to us.

*Please email your submission for consideration to:
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The Wholeness of Grief

By Karla Helbert, MS, LPC

When he was three months old, my firstborn child was diagnosed with a choroid plexus carcinoma, a rare, aggressive brain tumor that grows on the structure inside the brain that makes cerebral spinal fluid. Two weeks after the initial resection of the tumor, and two more subsequent surgeries to drain fluid from his brain, he endured his first chemotherapy treatment. Three days following the administration of the chemo, a CT scan revealed that his brain was completely destroyed. The scan showed no healthy tissue. Doctors called it “total neurological devastation.”

If somehow, after 70 weeks of chemotherapy, more surgery and radiation treatment, he were to defy all odds and survive the tumor, the neurological devastation would ensure that my son would have very little, if any, independent functioning. The likelihood of survival was minimal. We didn't want him to endure any more suffering caused by chemotherapy or excessive surgeries. We chose to discontinue treatment of the tumor and bring him home to love him, take care of him and make him as comfortable as possible. Exactly six months after the diagnosis, my beautiful baby boy died at home with his father and me, our arms enfolding him.

During those months and after, we endured grief upon grief. We experienced intense pain, sadness, and fear, but there were also beautiful moments spent with him, peaceful and sacred times. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been granted those months with him, to have experienced the joy and wonder of his arrival in this world and to have had the deep honor of being there with him as he left. The pain and sadness are still with me. Along with all the rest of who I am, I will always be a bereaved mother. I have learned, though, that one can travel from the dark depths of grief into a place of warmth and light, where it is possible not only to survive the pain, but to thrive.

During times of great grief, we look for anything that can bring any small comfort. Among other things, I am also a student of yoga, which was been a source of peace to me in some very dark times. One of my favorite yoga practices is that of chant—the repetition of a mantra—words repeated over and over, to calm the mind and lift the spirit. One of

my most beloved chants is a verse from the Upanishads, sacred texts written thousands of years ago in the Sanskrit language. Some revered teachers have said that if all other verses from all sacred texts were lost, they could all be re-born and re-written from this one verse, known as the purnamidah. These are the words:

OM, purnamadahpurnamidampurnaapurnamudachyate
purnasyapurnaamadayapurnamevavashishyate
Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

The verse is translated to mean:

This is whole and complete, that is whole and complete. This and that are whole and complete. From wholeness comes wholeness. When a portion of wholeness is removed, that which remains continues to be whole and complete.



Peace, Peace, Peace.

The message of the purnamidah is that wholeness, fullness and completeness enfolds us all. All beings, souls, things, objects, planets, trees, stars, rocks, animals, all energy and all matter are part of the wholeness. Nothing can be separated from that wholeness or completeness. In this belief, there is no death, no separation. The notion of separateness is false. All is One. A little bit of what is whole

and complete cannot be broken or taken away from that essential wholeness.

I chanted the purnamidah, which I learned in a yoga workshop years before, to my pregnant belly. I sung it as a lullaby to my son after his birth, during his illness, and also after he died. I knew the translation of the chant, but had never really given it much deep thought. One night, about a month after his funeral, deep in grief, I was soaking in the tub, which I often did. Hot tears mixing with hot water, the big, deep cradle of the Victorian tub was one place I felt a small bit of relief. As I soaked that night, I began to sing the purnamidah. As I cried and sang, I could feel the words, the sound vibrations, ancient and comforting, begin to take on a new significance, a depth of meaning and substance I had not fully experienced until that moment. In an instant, a pause, a space between sound and breath, I had a direct experience with the immense truth of those words. I

understood it on several levels at once. It was as if multiple layers of knowing fell one on top of the other into my brain and into my spirit. Suddenly, the literal interpretation of the words, as they applied to me, led me to comprehend the immense truth of the words on many different levels. I understood it literally, spiritually, existentially. When my child was inside my body, he was part of the whole that was me, and when, through his birth, he was removed from me, he was, on his own, a whole and complete being. I also remained whole and complete. I was whole and he was whole, yet we were still connected on a physical level through DNA and physical molecules. The food I ate, the air I breathed had become part of him. We were also connected on a soul level to each other, mother to child, person to person, soul to soul. Those connections could never be broken, he would always be a part of me.

After his death, that is still true. I no longer experience his physical form coexisting here with the physical form that is me, but the connection between us remains. Even in death, he cannot be removed from me. When I understood truly that he was not separate from me, even in death, I also suddenly understood the concept on a Universal level. I understood that as this was true of my child and me, and it was also true of us all. We are all connected. We are all made of the same matter, from the same source. We are connected to each other and to that source from which we can never be removed. Whether it is understood as a physical matter, that we are all made of the same ancient stardust, or on a more spiritual level, we are all pieces of the same. No matter where we go or what we do, we are always connected to that wholeness, and cannot be removed from it and through that we are also connected to each other, and to all of creation. The threads of connection are ever-present, in our daily lives, with those we love, on our shared planet with its interconnected ecosystems, in our place in the Universe, on physical, spiritual and energetic levels. We are part of the same whole.

Each person's journey through grief and loss is highly individual, yet all grieving people are connected by the shared experience of the pain, the aloneness, the chaos, the knowledge of what it is to be shaken to your core. Regardless of a person's spiritual or religious beliefs, grief is always a crisis of the spirit. My spiritual self was deeply shaken by the death of my child. I am still re-building that part of me. I was fortunate in that moment in my bathtub to have had the experience of knowing that I was held, even in my deep pain, in wholeness, connected to my child, and also to something bigger than myself or my grief. Mother Teresa once said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Peace can easily be forgotten in the midst of grief. In that moment, I remembered (and re-remembered) that peace. My moment of remembering that we belong to each other, that we are all part of the same wholeness, was a gift. My grief is still present, but I try to remember the gift of that moment. Even when I don't feel connected to anything at all, I

can remember the truth of that experience and know that simply because I cannot feel it in the now, does not mean that my connection to that wholeness does not exist. I don't always have to feel it to know it is true. That is what is meant by faith.

In the midst of grief and pain, it can feel next to impossible for any of us to believe that we are connected to anything at all, much less to something whole and perfect. Many days, weeks or months may pass without our feeling part of something whole. If you are grieving and bereaved, sometimes, holding on to even the thinnest thread of hope is all that you can do. If it is the hope that you can get through the day, or even through the next moment, hope is never a small thing. The act can feel very difficult, but reaching out to those from whom you gain support, with whom you feel connected, will help you to feel less alone, will help you grow the hope you need to sustain yourself and bolster you on your way towards healing.

If you are a person who knows or loves someone who is grieving, reach out to that person. Be there to listen, to offer support. You don't have to know the right thing to say or do. There is no right thing. Each instance of caring, each phone call, every card, every visit, each moment of sitting with, being with, talking, not talking, holding hands, being there—offers a tangible thread of connection. Each act represents a thread of hope for wholeness. When someone is alone, confused, angry, desolate, desperate, broken, bereft—one thread of hope can be a lifeline.

All of us are part of the ultimate connection of wholeness, even when we don't feel it, or when we have forgotten that truth. There are so many grieving people and families in need of a reminder that we are all infinitely connected. That connection can be strengthened by family, community, friends, support groups. If you are grieving, finding a friend or family member who can be there for you, or attending a support group where others are experiencing similar things, can be incredibly helpful. Individual therapy with a grief specialist can also be very useful in finding your way back to wholeness. If you are grieving, reach out for help and support. If you love someone who is grieving, reach out to that person. Now is when they need you the most.

Every person's grief is different, every person's path toward healing is different. Finding, reconnecting, and remembering your way to wholeness is part of the process. It is important to know that you are not alone and that there is help. Taking the first step to finding your own path is an accomplishment. Perhaps simply reading this article is your first step to reconnecting to wholeness. Remember to be gentle with yourself during the process and take the time you need to find your way. You are not alone. We are all connected.

Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti. Om Peace, Peace, Peace.

Remembering our May & June Children...



May

Aaliyah Amari Parker
 Aaron Lee Farrier
 Aaron Michael Burley
 Abigail Elizabeth Waden
 Adam Edward Kostial
 Adam Gabriel Houk
 Aiyanna S. M. Daniels
 Alexa Leigh Bautzman
 Alexander Williamson
 Allison Grace Powell
 Allyson Sabrina Karpus
 Amanda N. Lujan-Alvarado
 Amara Roselani Collins
 Angel Baby Anguiano
 Angel Lena Tecce Hally
 Angela Quanterra Bullard
 Angela Rose Villemez
 Anthony Robert Torres
 Apollo Talaria Lamb
 Arin Alatraste
 Ashley Ann Bolton
 Audrey DuRee
 Austin Dillon Alan Graham
 Autumn Lake
 Ava Gioconda Barquist
 Ava Marie Shaw
 Ava Nicole Buck
 Bella Adeline Williams
 Bohde James Ethington
 Brandon A. Urias-Salazar
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 Brandon Boddy
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 Brandon James Baker
 Brandon Scarry
 Brayden Thomas Wood
 Brock Eller
 Brona Sahala
 Brooke Marie Estfon
 Cadence Ruth Derby
 Caitlyn Jayne Hunter
 Caitlyn McGurney
 Caleb James Adamson
 Caleb William Lewis
 Callum Patterson
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 Catherine Harper
 Catherine White
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Chantel Hawkins
 Charis Wainwright
 Charles Samuel Caskey
 Christian Tyler Nicholson
 Christopher Lardin-Alefeld
 Coby William Dick
 Cody Andrew Martin
 Cody Russ Foote
 Cole Hartford Stevenson
 Cole James Wardell
 Collin James Alden
 Connor Michael Morgan
 Conway Clark Sauka
 Creay Peter Lloyd Jackson
 Cynthia Doreen Alborn
 Damian Michael Miller
 Daniel Jordan
 Daniel Lawrence Gallagher
 Deegan Chase Paynter
 Devin Brian Shaw
 Devin Oscar Craghead
 Dexter Wood Luke
 Diego John Van Huizen
 Dominic Nolan Nabozny
 Dominik Joseph Fairchild
 Dylan Politte
 Elizabeth Adams
 Elizabeth Margaret Simon
 Elizabeth Stewart
 Eric James Williams
 Eric Luke Winchell
 Erica Cohen
 Erik Villela-Simone
 Ethan Allen Ralston
 Evan Ray Salois
 Faith Marie Klabunde
 Frances Marie Rubio
 Gabriel Kaye Fullerton
 Gabrielle Elizabeth Poulin
 Gareth Phillip Udall
 Garrett Christopher Pike
 Garrett R. Paul Weber
 Gerid W. N. Bradford
 Graham Ross Templeton
 Grant Dolecek
 Haley Grace Marr
 Hannah Joy Glenn
 Harley Michael D'Argenio
 Hattie Ann Lear
 Hayden T. Vanderbloemen
 Hazel Rose Sell
 Heidi Bevin Betts
 Hope Gale
 Hunter James Martins
 Ian Joseph Moise
 Ian Lee Lewis
 Isaac Lee Gipson
 Isiah Daniel Young
 Jack Harris Crawshaw
 Jack Shane Buchman
 Jackson Keith Embrey
 Jackson Matthew Lyman
 Jackson Ross Brewer
 Jacob Hunter Smathers

Jacob Dane Hvizdos
 Jacob James Wesley
 Jaden Harper
 Jayden Tucker
 Jaymi Crystin Rinck
 Jennifer Sanders
 Jeremiah Allan Weinland
 Jeremiah Levi Albers
 Jeremiah Scout Visnovske
 Jeremy Evan Jones
 Jess Asher Grayson
 Jessie Beth Limbaugh
 Jhalia Kay Mayberry
 Jocelyn Rodriguez-Lopez
 Joey Douglas Gunn
 John Ayon-Ochoa
 Jonah Eugene Means
 Jones Dunton Day
 Jordan Earl Blatche
 Jordan Isaac Nelson
 Jordyn Kale'a Dolbin
 Joseph Coleman Creel
 Joseph Philip LaRose V
 Josephine Faith Navarro
 Josephine Mary Jay
 Joshua Darcy
 Joshua David Oliva
 Joshua Nathan Johnson
 Julia Eick
 Kaiden Johnson
 Kaitlyn Nicole Moore
 Kaitlynn Joy Bentz
 Kambrie Grace Dunn
 Katherine E. Logullo
 Kayla Michelle Blanton
 Kelly Dluhos
 Kelsey Rose Gnrke
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 Xavier Carter
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 Zuri Adriel Stephens

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Aaron James Teeters
 Addison Barbara Gardner
 Aidan Raez Kelley
 Albert F. Preston III
 Alex Michael Anderson
 Alexa Faith Febres
 Alexander Thompson
 Alexandra Grace Callahan
 Alia Harris
 Allison Hope Simpson
 Allison Nicole Eden
 Allison Shutt
 Amanda Davis
 Amber Dawn Dailey
 Amy Nycole Darland
 Andrew Isaac Burk
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 Angel K. M. Morgan
 Angelique Jolie Price

Anne Norgard
 Anthony James Garecht
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 Baby Vatne
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 Benjamin Goedderz
 Blake Andrew Nicholls
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 Brady Ryan Adam
 Brandon Ackerman
 Brandon Keoni
 Brandon Lee Dalton
 Brendan N. Maruyama
 Brielle Mae Downing
 Brionna Baxter
 Bryant Michael Porter
 Bryce G. Yammarino
 Caitlin Walker
 Caleb Angelo Ales
 Cameron C. Sidener
 Carlos Meneses
 Caroline M. C.De La Cerda
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 Hailey Anne Giagnacovo
 Hailey Faith Haimovitz
 Harold Hirsch
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 Hope Marie Sorrelman
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 Isaac Walter Snovel
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*You can also make your donation
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Question asked on Facebook: “Pondering... how is social media changing the face of grieving?”

Beth Brown:

I feel like I can say things that I wouldn't have said before, OUT LOUD. I can tell family and friends, without rehashing it over and over. They can choose to support me, or ignore me. Face to face, that becomes more difficult. I love sharing my daughter, Amberlee, and it is almost always positive through social media.

Debora Rivard Keathley:

I have connected with a lot of people from the MISS Foundation through Facebook and have joined a lot of pages that are dedicated to the loss of the child. It has been very reassuring to see that I am not alone in the way I feel. Sometimes you are the one who needs comfort and sometimes you can be the one who gives comfort. Since we moved to Wichita Falls TX we are really missing our support group, but we are able to keep in touch and feel like we are still apart of the MISS Foundation thanks to Facebook.

Dee Motto:

Although I have not specifically shared my grief journey on Facebook I did occasionally blog about it on My Space when I had an account there. Through Facebook I have connected with others whom I met through online groups and forums, which have been my main outlets for sharing about the loss of my grandson. I have joined some bereavement groups/pages on Facebook.

Patty Jackson Hoagland:

I NEVER feel alone in my grief now . . . One of my sisters is only a message away.

Monica Muller:

For me, it was a lifeline and continues to be a beacon of hope on those very down days. I couldn't bring myself to join the in real life groups around me as it was too overwhelming to be in a room full of grieving people.... Coming online to the MISS website provided me the support and knowledge that I wasn't alone. I could come on whenever I needed to, and leave/shut the computer off when I was too overcome. Three years down the road, and I still look at MISS as a lifeline...it's provided me with new friendships that know and understand the daily triumphs and struggles that we deal with as mothers of children that watch over us.

Brenda Fitzpatrick:

More people are being enlightened about the emotional roller coaster that grieving parents are constantly dealing with. I don't hesitate to

voice my feelings on Facebook and usually get many replies of understanding and support. It really gives people an up close and personal look into the face of grief. Hopefully, it will help as they deal with others facing loss in their lives.

Lindsay Shenk Oberman:

Social media is a double edged sword. On April 16th (nearly 1 year ago). I posted on my Facebook page that my son Caden was born and that he and I were doing fine. At the time, that was the truth. Congratulations came pouring in. A short 18 hours later my previously seemingly healthy son passed away of a sudden cardiac arrest. To this day we don't know exactly what happened. I had to then post something to tell everyone so that the congratulations posts would stop. Although it certainly provides a community, perhaps the ability to share news the second it happens sometimes has negative consequences.

Kristi Oates:

I find it extremely difficult to share openly and honestly on Facebook. With MISS, it's a closed forum, only bereaved parents are members, no outside members. I feel that on an open forum like Facebook, the uninitiated folks, either, don't understand, think it's taking too long, or worse yet, judge or otherwise avoid the subject. I find it extremely difficult to take the mask off in a public setting. MISS is anonymous to folks outside the group, which makes it an incredibly safe place to be open and honest about our grief. That honesty is where my true healing has come from (and you ladies know who you are). Facebook is made up of many people, mostly friends whom we hide the depth of our grief from.

MISS Foundation:

Connecting like others... in a world filled with a compulsive denial of individual suffering, social media allows people across many regions and from many ethnic groups to come together to share in the acknowledgement of that suffering, service to others through that suffering, and rituals to honor that suffering. Thank you MISS Foundation! ~Dr. Jo

Joey Kendrick Johnson:

I think social media has done wonders for awareness and support! After Jack died 4.5 years ago, I was lost as to what I was supposed to do. How could I possible live life without our only child? Just a few days after we got home from the hospital, I couldn't sleep and started searching online for help and I found The MISS Foundation website and forums, even though I had obviously joined "the club", I still felt so isolated and alone. I posted here and there but never felt the personal connection I was

looking for. I did eventually find a few other forums that really helped me through hard nights but eventually those weren't doing it either. I tried to go to the support groups, but couldn't ever get out of my car. Long story short, 4 years later I finally got out of the car and found my sanctuary in the support groups! Now with Facebook and Twitter, it seems people are finding help immediately after a loss. (I wish I could have saved myself those 4 years of suffering alone) Sharing our day to day pain and experiences on Facebook, where our friends and family can see, I think helps them understand just a little bit better how painful losing a child really is. It's helped me to speak out more, support others and educate the ignorant. We went from having one friend since we moved to AZ to this HUGE new family who unconditionally love and support us, and Facebook strengthened those relationships!

Holly Haas:

Social media has allowed me to connect with many resources and other mothers that I would never have been able to connect with otherwise. I've found out I'm not alone in my grief and I am able to share and cry with others openly who get it. When I started my blog after I learned my daughter wasn't going to live I had no idea the world I was stepping into. I'm so glad there is a baby-loss community out there and that I am a part of it.

Charlotte Sigmann:

Social Networking and the internet in general has made the grieving process in that I know I'm not losing my mind for continuing to grieve after 7 years. I just read the article where the young man said that people...who haven't experienced the loss of a child just expect you to "get over it". The people I've met on line know that that's is easier said than done and they understand. It's a lonely process, but the folks I've met online make me know I'm not alone.

Jeanne Scully Jordan:

I found MISS through an internet search. Many of the MISSiers that I met in the MISS forums, I have gotten to "know" on a whole new level by becoming friends on Facebook. Social media has helped me not feel alone in my grief, and has helped me reach out to others in similar situations, without even knowing it. If anything that I can share, a quote, a video - will help someone from NOT suffering in their grief alone, then I think that is a good thing. I have had people tell me that FB is not the forum for such topics as stillbirth and grief, but I disagree - it is one of the most powerful forms of community - in absence of having all of us together in one room (with the exception of the MISS Conference) physically. (((hugs))) to you all - MISSing our children, always.

Remembering...



Aaron Farrier



Allison Shutt



Alexandra Callahan



Amber Elise Pullin



Austin Kade Hunsaker



Caleb Lewis



Carina Loren Kurtz



Chase Smith Christensen



Claire Patricia Nibali



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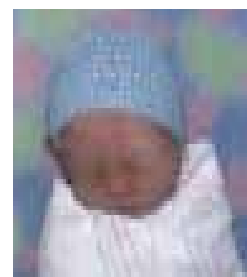
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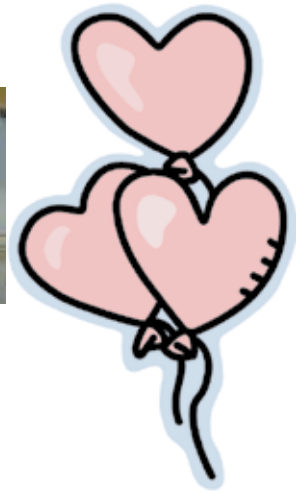


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...Our Children's Birthdays



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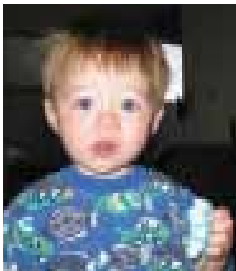
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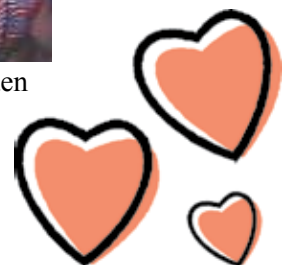
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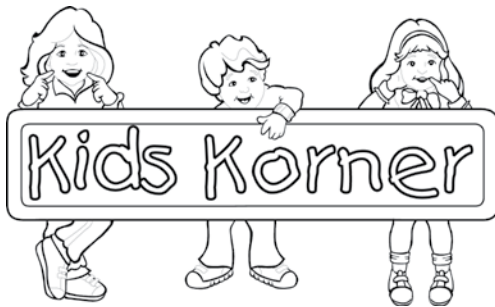


Teresa Matteson



Trey Brayden Roper





"The most honest, truth-telling in this world is done by children."

Oliver Wendall Holmes

To Kaycee Williams
from
Your Brother Spencer

Sissy my heart is broken and I love you so I know that you know that I love you so I really love you!!!! I miss you so much sissy and I want you home. If I had one wish I would wish you back! I will do anything to get you back. I love you so I want you back plus I am doing good in school. I love you and miss you!

*To the families of these children,
our sympathies for your recent loss...*

*Destiny Rita Rosas
Seth Benjamin Mitchell
Jacob Baudek
Will Olson
Kayla Batton
William Christian Olsen
Wesley Owens Dobric
Katelyn Barrow*

Announcements!

Have you noticed the Forum Changes?

Many thanks to all of you who were so patient during the recent upgrade of the MISS Foundation Forums.

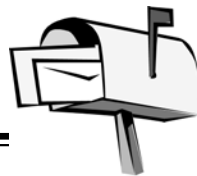
We are still working our way through some changes in interface and features, but for the most part the upgrade went smoothly and without loss of data. You will find some features, like your profile and PM's, will have a bit of a different face to them. If you have difficulty figuring something particular out along the way, feel free to PM one of the moderators. We will eventually compile a Q&A to post as an Announcement at the top of the Forums.

We are happy to report that in the weeks since the upgrade we've had less than a handful of spammers or bogus registrations even try to get into the Forums. While our Moderators always stop them before they see anything of our Forums, it was to the point where they were stopping hundreds of attempts each day! So reducing the spam down to a handful has been incredibly helpful for processing the registrations that are real.

One note about real registrations: there is now a two-step process which can/will take 24 to 48 hours for new users before they will be able to fully access the Forums. They will have to validate whatever email address they used to register. And then an Administrative Moderator will have to validate their entire account. So be patient with process.

As Chat features and other options come back online, we'll have more to report!

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Hello,

My name is Mrs. Dalya Belk and I just recently became aware of your newsletter. My daughter Destiny Yolanda Mason who is named in your July/August 2010 issue was a shock to me. My daughter passed away back in 2001 and today when I saw her name in your news letter it brought back a mixture of emotions. My mother has a subscription to your newsletter and that's how my Destiny's name was given.

I just want to say thank you! You could never know what it's like to lose a child unless you have first hand knowledge. Although it's been nine years i never forget about her and I'm glad to know that you guys haven't either. My mother tells me that she gets your newsletters often. I just want to say Thank you for remembering my baby, It means a lot to me.

Thank you,
Mrs. Belk

Dear MISS,
Thank you for all you do! I just received my Birth Certificate for my baby that was stillborn in December of 2005!! It was such an awesome feeling to be holding that paper in my hand.

Sincerely,
Elisha McCracken Conway

Dear MISS Foundation,
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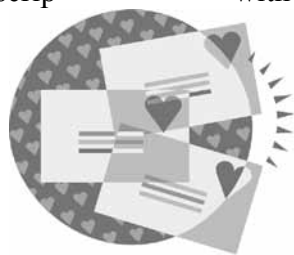
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In my teaching presentation I have a picture of the MISS conference , to show them how special my attending the conference was.

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Sincerely,

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