

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE

September
2018

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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Save the Date!
Sept 22, 2018

**National Day of
Remembrance**
Chapter Picnic
Ralph B. Clark Park

POMC®

National Headquarters

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104

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MISSION STATEMENT

POMC® makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

The Greater Orange County Chapter Of
Parents Of Murdered Children
invite you to please join us as we gather together
to pay tribute to and honor our loved ones
in recognition of

National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims

Saturday, September 22nd

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ralph B. Clark Regional Park

8800 Rosecrans Ave. Buena Park, CA 90621

Sheltered Picnic Area 3

In Memory Of Your Loved One

Please bring a standing-framed photo of your loved one for our memorial table.
(Please no larger than 8x11)

Please bring your loved ones favorite dessert to share.
(enough for at least 10 guests)

Family & Friends Picnic At The Park

Food will be served from 1:00 - 3:00pm

Memorial Ceremony will be held at 3:00pm

Small Events (table & lawn games) will be held from 12:00 - 4:00pm

Please feel free to bring your lawn chairs or blankets!
\$5 Parking Fee At Park Entrance

If you have any questions, or would like to bring a side dish to share, please contact
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Always In Our Hearts

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1971	Todd Anthony Aguilar	Son of Diana K. Presley	1991
1977	Stewart Ayon	Son of Hector Ayon	1999
1973	Andrew David Bagby	Son of David & Kate Bagby	2001
1983	Vincent G. Bejar	Nephew of Cynthia Bejar	2008
1921	Gladys L. Benson	Mother of Jane Bouffard	1996
1973	Mika C. Bissett	Daughter of Chieko Bissett	1993
1980	Aldo Noe Cabanillas	Brother of Laura Terrones	1995
1959	Steven Caldera	Brother-in-law of Angel Huerta, Jr.	2000
1959	Bret Walker Fuit	Son of Vern & Hazel Brown	1985
1957	Stephanie Lynn Glover	Daughter of Frank W. Champlin	1984
1969	Johnny F. Gollette	Son of Mary D. Gollette	1990
1961	Kimberly Gonzalez	Sister of Paulette Lozano, Yvette Mejia and Alicia Valdez	1983
		Aunt of Richard Mejia, Nevissa Partida,	
		Raymond Rivas, Francine Robles, and Magdalena Valdez	
1954	Donald Michael Gonzalez	Son of Kay Jacobs	1990
1982	Alejandra Hernandez	Daughter of Maria L. Ortiz	2011
1964	John Huffman	Brother of Eva Lutz	1994
1965	Peggy Hyten	Daughter of Oral Hyten	1997
1972	Fred James Leglar	Son of Fred & Betty Leglar	1994
1988	Carlsha Unique Renae Lewis	Daughter of Dawne Ford	2003
1984	Israel Morales Lopez	Brother of Christal Tellez	2014
1990	Michael Lucchesi	Son of Darlyne Lucchesi	2000
1976	Timothy Michael Lynch	Son of Karen Lynch	1996
		Grandson of Rex & Lelia Eutsler	
2006	Elizabeth Mariani	Granddaughter of Rebecca Bailey	2007
		Niece of Stephen Deguzman	
		Niece of Jessica Keller	
1990	Robbie Martin	Son of Darren Martin	2011
		Stepson of Danielle Bitar	
1969	Derek Lee Mattingly	Son of Deborah Charnock	1998
1962	Richard D. Mc Gann	Son of Evelyn Mc Gann	1984
1951	Vincent Paul McKinney	Son of Virginia McKinney	1992
1974	Nathan Moreau	Grandson of Majorie Bush	1994
1981	Robert Richard Padilla	Son of George Elizondo	2000
		Nephew of Lisa Mendibles	
		Son of Monica Padilla	

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1981	Michael Palencia	Son and Grandson of Liz Palencia & Lupe Thaxton	1999
1977	Janelle Peralta	Daughter of Maria Peralta	2007
1969	James "Jimmy" Plaza, Jr.	Son of David Plaza Jr.	1992
1981	Michael Palencia	Son and Grandson of Liz Palencia & Lupe Thaxton	1999
1991	Janessa Joclyn Smith	Daughter of JoAnna Smith	2017
1971	Robert P. Smith	Son of Colleen & Phil Smith	1995
1972	Ronnie Squillante	Son of Ronald Squillante	1985
1968	Audrey Smith Stoeckle	Daughter of Joyce Smith Sister of Richard Smith	1994
1962	Todd Michael Strickland	Son of Delores Jayne Strickland	1993
1966	Brenda Emery Summers	Daughter of Priscilla Morales	1995
1978	Jerald Eugene Svec	Son of Terry & Lila Svec	2004
1942	Monte Tewksbury	Husband of Sharon Tewksbury	1983
1985	Jazmin A. Toledo	Daughter of Lourdes Toledo	2004
1977	Steven Andrew Wells	Son of Alona Pentecost	1999
1964	Jockla Faye Whitmore	Daughter of Ollie Faye Whitmore	1985
1953	Rebecca Jan Wilenius	Mother of Corinne McIntire	1978
2003	Ian Williams	Grandson of Jan Williams	2007
1967	David William Witmer	Son of Diane Witmer	2013

*This hole in my heart is in the shape of you and no-one else can fill it.
Why would I want them to?*

Forever Remembered



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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1971	Todd Anthony Aguilar	Son of Diana K. Presley	1991
1958	Rick Anderson	Ex-husband of Robin Lancaster	2015
1972	Chris Barta	Boyfriend of Shane Greenberg	2004
1983	Vincent G. Bejar	Nephew of Cynthia Bejar	2008
1973	Johnny Blunt	Remembered by Ayesha Erin	1991
1988	Arthur "Billy" Boucher	Son of Kimberly Gracier	2016
		Brother of Karissa Derhovanisian	
1953	Richard "Rick" Deene Brandt	Son of Ada Brandt	1988
1981	Mollie Carrico	Daughter of Deborah S. Carrico	2000
1968	John Patrick Caulfield	Son of Judy Sparanese	1998
1986	James Cordero	Nephew of June Perez	2007
		Best-friend of Anna Duron	
1979	Benjamin Doyle	Nephew of Melinda Lamb	2001
1973	Demetrius Fears, Jr.	Son of Theola Baugh	1997
1958	Robert "Bob" Fiebrantz	Son of Charli Stephens	1986
1978	Lisa Anne Frost	Daughter of Tom & Melanie Frost	2001
1962	Dean J. Gamboa	Brother of Cheryl A. Hoyt	2002
		Friend of Pauline Keeble	
1980	Shaun Gustavo Gomez	Son of Gustavo & Vidalina Gomez	2000
1982	Armando Hernandez	Son of Raquel Hernandez Huerta	2006
1968	James Casanova Heron	Son of Linda Exum	1994
1984	Richard Jurado Jr.	Son of Darlinda Brownell	2002
1976	John Anthony Lara III	Son of John Lara	1996
1976	Daniel Leplat	Grandson of Marcella Leplat	1996
1969	Robert Jay Liken	Husband of Staci Liken	2012
1967	Judy Elizabeth Lloyd	Daughter of Bruce H. Lloyd	1992
1995	Gabriela Lopez	Daughter of Ramona Maravilla	1996
1985	Shanta Lucero	Daughter of Sherri Cummings	2008
1970	Blake Donald Lundquist	Son of Skipi Lundquist Smoot, PhD	1994
1931	William Duane Mansfield	Husband of Ramona Mansfield	1990
~	Michael Martin	Nephew of Robin Lancaster	2015
1981	Joe Martinez	Nephew of Albert Martinez	2002
1971	Damian McKenna	Son of Carol Miller	1991
1974	Nathan Moreau	Grandson of Marjorie Bush	1994
1953	Bob Nava	Fiance of Linda Brown	2001
1960	Albert L. Nuanez	Son of Mary Lou Berolatti	2008
2001	Richie O. Omondi	Son of Hellen Mwangi	2006
1988	Amanda Kristine Ortiz	Daughter of Manuel Ortiz	1989

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1954	Shane Patterson	Brother of Toby Patterson	1986
1974	Lisa Lee Pruett	Daughter of Gary & Lynette Pruett	1990
1948	Ronald R. Robertson	Husband of Suzanne Robertson	1999
2000	Alyssa Rodriguez	Daughter of Ronnie & Yvette Rodriguez	2004
		Granddaughter of Rosa Estrada	
1970	Gary Silva	Son of Benny & Gloria Silva	1995
1959	Harvey William Skinner	Son of Ruth S. Skinner	1993
1965	Kenneth Lanell Turner	Half-brother of Dwayne Beverly	1999
1976	Danielle Faith Voisine	Daughter of Raymond J. Voisine	1996
1961	Wendy Weiker-Gordon	Daughter of John & Marilyn Weiker	1992
1923	Evelyn M. Whitfield	Mother of Jim & Joan Whitfield	2002
1919	John D. Whitfield	Father of Jim & Joan Whitfield	2002
1996	Jeremy Kenneth Wilder	Son of Rebecca Wilder	2012

Every effort is made to honor all our chapter loved ones on their anniversary and birth dates. If you do not see them in this newsletter, **PLEASE CONTACT US (714) 402-3171** or email: gocpomc@yahoo.com
 As survivors ourselves, we do not want to leave out nor offend anyone, so please help us be accurate.

Speak Their Name

***Someone I love has gone away and life is not the same.
 The greatest gift that you can give is just to speak their name.***

***I need to hear the stories and the tales of days gone past;
 I need for you to understand these memories must last.***

***We cannot make more memories since they're no longer here
 So when you speak of them to me its music to my ear.***

From Out of the Ashes

Dates to Remember

September 12, 2018 - Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Special Guest Speaker HOWARD GUNDY

**Supervisor Branch Operations for the
Orange County District Attorney's Office**

Chapter Monthly Support Meeting

Zion Lutheran Church, Anaheim

Please Join Us!

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PICNIC IN THE PARK with family and friends

In Loving Memory of all of our loved ones.

Ralph B. Clark Regional Park, Buena Park

Grief Retreat in Pine, Arizona

October 19-21, 2018

This retreat is held at a 9 bedroom cabin owned by Roger and Carol Fornoff whose 13-year-old daughter Christy was murdered in 1985 and they founded the cabin specifically for retreats. The cost of the weekend includes board and home style cooked meals. Scholarships are available. **For lots more**

information and a flyer regarding this retreat, please call Beckie Miller

(602) 254-8818 or e-mail beckierose@aol.com

"Grief is a passage, not a place to stay"

**thank
you** for supporting our Chapter with your time, effort,
talents and of course, thank you for your monetary contributions.

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARDS KEEPING OUR CHAPTER RUNNING

WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN OUR CURRENT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES.

~ ~ Our first fundraiser is reaching out to others for donations.

Please print copies and use the attached letter (last page of this newsletter) when seeking donations from extended family, friends, community businesses and stores that you frequent and service providers that you use in your local area.

****You might want to prepare for questions like, "What is it that your group does?" As the letter says, we offer emotional support and information about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder. Violent death is a kind of loss, like no other and survivors have a long journey in reconstructing their lives and returning to "normalcy". We provide contact with similarly bereaved persons. We share feelings and insights; we each have personal experiences about the processes of grieving and the criminal justice system as it pertains to survivors of a homicide victim. We communicate with professionals in the support fields about the problems experienced by survivors of a homicide victim and we work together to increase society's awareness of these problems.**

~ ~ For our second fundraiser we're going to be holding an opportunity drawing at our monthly meetings.

Please consider donating gift cards to the Chapter at the coming meetings (for any amount to any place of their choice). Gift cards will be collected at the beginning of each meeting. Perhaps you have a left over gift card(s) that you have not yet used; perfect for us, for our raffle. The specific card to be raffled will be announced; raffle tickets will be on sale at the beginning/during the meeting, and the drawing will be near the end of the meeting. Please, you must be at the meeting to participate in the raffle. Sounds like fun, come join us, we look forward to your participation.



THANK YOU to Claudine Sanchez-Parrott for your monthly sponsorship support of our website In Loving Memory of your son Stephen Sanchez.

THANK YOU Chris Pearsall (In Loving Memory of your son Henry Clay Mabry) and THANK YOU Anita Sanchez (In Loving Memory of your son Steve Sanchez) for the beautiful cards and letters that you send to us recognizing the Anniversary and Birthday of our loved ones who will never be forgotten. We will likewise remember you both on those difficult days with loving cards to you from us. Hugs.

THANK YOU Shirley Tapia for generously and faithfully checking the chapter message phone and making call-backs (In Loving Memory of your sons, Richie Tapia and Michael Tapia).

THANK YOU Nancy Aguilar (In Loving Memory of your son Jesse Aguilar) for once again helping our chapter with necessary copying needs.

THANK YOU also to Carolyn McCoy (In Loving Memory of your daughter Cathy Tameny) for arranging for your prosecutor, Howard Gundy with the Orange County District Attorney's Office to come to our September 12 Chapter meeting as Guest Speaker.



THANK YOU Tayde Alvarez (In Loving Memory of your son Joe Jessie Alvarez) for the beautiful POMC logo plaque that you presented to the chapter in June. It is gorgeous!

And THANK YOU always to our faithful and hardworking volunteer Board: Chapter Leader, Debra Dizon-Hernandez (son Jonathan), Chapter Co-Leader, Marina Alvarado-Bowman (sister Lanette), Secretary, Faye Jenkins (daughter and son-in law, Quiana and Sgt. Jan Pietrzak), Treasurer, Carolyn McCoy (daughter Cathy Tameny), Co-Treasurer, Glen Williams (niece and her husband, Quiana and Jan Pietrzak), Board Member, Ashley Hill (daughter Angela), Board Member, Anita Lewis (sister Mary and Grandpa Lester), Board Member, John Maldonado (son Matthew).

CHAPTER NOTES:

*** We were saddened to learn of the passing of Brad Stetson's father in July. He was 83 years young and amazingly, he and Brad's mother had been married for 62 and ½ years. Brad says mom is doing OK and will continue to live in Santa Barbara for now. We welcome Brad back to our meetings; you and your mother will be in our thoughts.**

***Ellen Foster was hospitalized but we understand she is doing better, now at home. Best Wishes for a speedy recuperation. We miss you and David at the meetings. You have been volunteer "marvels" for virtually every event and occasion for years, (In loving memory of your son Davey).**

***Our Chapter is pleased to have donated key chains (the same style as we received at our 2018 Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony on April 15, 2018) to all participants at the POMC National Conference in Arlington, VA in August. We understand that they were a big hit.**

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Speaking of the National Conference, our very own Faye and Roy Jenkins and Glen Williams were each presented with the Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award at the conference. We are proud to have these individuals represent The Greater Orange County Chapter of POMC and we congratulate them on this very special acknowledgement of their dedication and commitment.



*In Loving Memory of their daughter/niece
Quiana Faye Jenkins-Pietrzak and their
son-in-law Sgt. Jan Pietrzak*

The Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award

This award was first established in 1990 and has been awarded each year.

It is presented to an outstanding individual(s) for their exemplary contributions to all survivors and for their dedication in supporting full rights for victims/survivors.

A bit of history:

POMC was founded by Robert and Charlotte Hullinger in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1978 after their 19 year old daughter, Lisa was murdered by her boyfriend while they were studying in Germany. Lisa was cruelly and viciously bludgeoned and died 13 days later in a hospital far from home.

The boyfriend served 16 months in jail (in Germany) and returned to the U.S. with NO criminal record.

He went on to live his life and obtained several college degrees, he married and he settled in New York.

Just 3 months after Lisa's death in 1978, the Hullingers sought out help and were put in contact with 3 other parents (of murdered children) who were going through bereavement counseling with clergy. The 5 grieving parents then began meeting at the Hullinger's home and quickly realized that "we don't have any idea of what it's like to have a child murdered"; it was obvious though, that the overwhelming grief and frustrations must be shared. So, with the determination to survive and to help others in similar devastating and heart breaking circumstances, the (eventual) national organization was born and has grown from this tiny seed in 1978 into what it is today, Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.

As a follow-up:

In 1997 the Hullingers learned that the murderer/boyfriend had relocated to Florida and in 1997 had again murdered a woman who was breaking up with him.

This time, he was found guilty of murder and on 7-26-2002 he was sentenced to death.

Chapter Monthly Support Meeting

Held every **2nd Wednesday** of each month

Wednesday September 12

Special Guest Speaker, Howard Gundy

Supervisor Branch Operations for the Orange County District Attorney Office

We officially begin at 7:30PM

We understand, first-hand, the overwhelming struggles of dealing with the loss of loved ones due to violence and the unimaginable grief it leaves. We are a comfortable group to be with, we share information and experiences and we benefit from each other's strengths. Everyone has something to offer, when the time is right. Our monthly meetings are meant to provide much needed emotional support. Our journey to a "new normalcy" is long and difficult, but we are survivors and we will travel that road together.

Let's meet at: **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**
222 N. East Street
Anaheim, CA 92805

We appreciate and thank Zion Lutheran Church for graciously giving us the use of a room for our meetings.

Directions

From the North: Take the 57 Fwy, 55 Fwy or State College Blvd. SOUTH
Go RIGHT on Lincoln Ave. and RIGHT again on East St.
From the South: Take the 57 Fwy, 55 Fwy or State College Blvd. NORTH
Go LEFT on Lincoln Ave. and then RIGHT on East St.
From the East or West: Take the 91 Fwy, Exit on to East Street, Go SOUTH



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Dear Community Member:

As a member of the Greater Orange County Chapter of POMC, I am respectfully inquiring if you or your company might like to make a donation to our organization.

Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) is a national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information to families and friends who have lost a loved one due to violence. Sadly, the need for a group such as ours is ongoing. This is why I'm asking for your assistance to help offset the costs of the work we do.

This local chapter has been in Orange County since 1992 and has always been run entirely by volunteers – no paid staff. We have grown over the years to expand our support to families in counties beyond Orange County, and thankfully we've always been able to meet our objectives.

Our goals and needs include a few recurring monthly expenses in addition to the growing costs of providing materials, resources, and memorial events to our members. You can see more detailed information about who we are and what we do by visiting our website www.gocpomc.org.

Only through the kindness and generosity of individuals, and businesses such as yours, along with fundraising activities, can we continue to reach out with compassion and understanding to families and friends of murder victims.

Any amount you can give would be greatly appreciated and your contribution is completely tax deductible.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

Respectfully,