

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

May  
2018

## GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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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.

## **Our Loved Ones Will Never Be Forgotten**

*It was a beautiful Sunday evening, April 15, and it was also my daughter Kim's birthday. Kim is Savannah's mother, her son Nick is Savannah's brother and Caralyn, my other daughter, is Savannah's and Nick's Aunt. The weather was great, the Memory Garden site was pretty and the turn-out was heart-warming. So many families and friends gathered to remember all of our loved ones; each one gone now and stolen from this life and from us, by violence.*

*What a contradiction it seemed to be; together but missing Savannah, together feeling our grief but in separate ways and together at a celebration but not like really partying. How can our lives be in such conflict? As we talked with others, viewed the photos and displays, listened to the awesome speakers and beautiful vocals, we found yet another conflict. None of us wanted to be there because we'd lost Savannah to murder, but we are forever grateful and comforted that we are part of and have been joined with, this special group on this day. Your warmth, understanding and support are a blessing.*

*We recognize now that this is what it must be. This craziness that should never have happened is ours to conquer. We get that our lives have been changed forever and life has to be different now, but it will go on. We are, as all of you are, SURVIVORS.*

*Thank you for this beautiful dedication ceremony and for your strength and friendships.*

*Charlene*

## Always In Our Hearts

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1952	Sandra K. Albiani	Daughter of Leonard & Catherine Coppini	1997
1970	Tracy Marie Allen	Daughter of Caroline Allen	1995
1983	Arthur "Billy" Boucher	Son of Kimberly Gracier	2016
		Brother of Karissa DerHavanisian	
1983	Heather Broadus	Daughter of Nancy Smith	2010
		Sister of Justina Broadus	
1960	Faye Lavonne Butler	Sister of Dawn Bittler	1981
1980	Alicia M. Chagolla	Remembered by Tommy Hughes	1998
2001	Nina Chamorro	Niece of Eulalia Sanchez	2001
1927	Rose Marie Christian	Mother of Laura Criss	1963
1980	Pellus Colvin	Husband of Laura Smith-Colvin	2004
1973	Eric Lamont Coston	Son of Phyliss Coston	2004
1972	Sabrina Lynette Crisp	Daughter of Muriel Ann Crisp	2002
1983	Mitchell James Curran	Son of Julie Ann Curran	2001
1987	Ryan William Dasalla	Son of Steve & Maria Dasalla	2005
1988	Salvador De Avila, Jr.	Son of Salvador & Bertha De Avila	2007
1974	Michael Lee Decker-Keil	Son of Keith & Lydia Keil	2003
1977	Pete J. Delano	Fiance of Valerie Brenner	2008
1984	Samuel R. Desrosiers	Son of Alana Y. Ramsteinfirst	2007
1971	April Michelle Doherty	Niece of Mari Reilly	1991
1963	Sharon Duncan	Daughter of Colleen Duncan	1983
1983	Richard Flores, Jr.	Son of Sylvia Flores	2000
1995	Ramon Franco IV	Son of Jennifer Gear	1996
1974	Terence Unity Frietas	Son of Julie Freitas	1999
1972	Christopher Bret Fuit	Grandson of Hazel & Vern Brown	1985
1971	Henry Garcia	Son of Dolores Garcia	1999
1975	Steven M. Garcia	Son of Rachel Torres	1996
1982	Jacob Govia	Son of Jeanne Govia	1995
1967	Michael Grimm	Son of Gail Rossen	2000
1975	Brandon Hanson	Son of Yolanda Alepe	2010
1952	John Earl Haymer	Son of Louise Nash	1999
1965	Corteny Hoag	Friend of Eddie D. Draffton	2006
1994	Kristopher Hubbard	Son of Kelly Hubbard	1997
1988	Heidi Hubrecht	Son of Melissa Hubrecht	2012
1971	Angelo "Eio" Huerta	Brother of Angel Huerta Jr.	2000
1978	Robert Jin	Son of S.C. Jin	1995
1958	Cheryl Lynn Joyner	Daughter & Step-Daughter of	2001
		Marvin & Sharon Joyner	
1978	Hollie Karr	Granddaughter of Dotty Karr	1993
1966	Angela M. King	Daughter of Sophia King	2000
1980	Philip Lawrence	Son of Anita Lawrence	1997

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS CON'T

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1942	Douglas M. Lightfoot	Husband of Diane Harrison	1984
1969	Melvin Liufau	Best friend of Lory Villavicencio	2005
1970	Blake Donald Lundquist	Son of Skipi Lundquist Smoot, PhD	1994
1965	Lisa Marie Madrid	Daughter of Mary Garlinger	2017
1958	Richard F. Madrid	Brother of Bella Madrid Cedillo	2006
1995	Joshua Troy Massengill	Son of Jenise Massengill	1997
1956	Michael E. Meteer	Son of Olga M. Meteer	1985
1969	Franchot Mitchell	Son of Mary Mitchell	1994
1981	Manuel Joseph Moreno	Son of Charlie & Evelyn Moreno	2007
		Brother of Matthew Moreno	
1967	Lynel Murray	Friend of Sheri Pearson	1986
1974	Troy Michael Nash	Son of Victoria & Neil Nash	1998
1968	Officer Mike Osornio	Fiance of Chartina Skipper	1994
1941	Jan Overton	Mother of Eric Overton	1988
1966	Earnest Pickett, Jr.	Son of Lee Bertha Pickett-Allen	1984
1992	Andrew Powell	Son of Mydes Powell	2013
1974	Lisa Lee Pruett	Daughter of Lynette & Gary Pruett	1990
1950	Eva Diaz Rondon	Sister of Dan & Diann Bauer	1991
		Remembered by Juanita Diaz	
1979	Victor P. Rosa III	Son of Pearl Rosa	1997
1965	Marcia Schafer	Daughter of Richard & Geneva Schafer	1986
1965	Tracy Lee Stratton	Daughter of Tracy Gloria J. Stratton	1981
1965	Kenneth Lanell Turner	Brother of Dwayne Beverly	1999
1965	Nikki Ann Tweedt	Daughter of Carol & Wayne Tweedt	1991
1990	Alex Weber	Son of Dianne Weber	2003
		Son of Jean-Marc Weber	
1961	Wendy Weiker-Gordon	Daughter of Marilyn & Josh Weiker	1992
1974	Ivan Williams	Son of Marlene Awan	2004
		Son of Joe Awan	
		Brother of Sarina Awan-Gallon	
		Brother of Sameena Lopez	
1980	Neal Williams	Son of Jan Williams	2007
1992	Narissa K. Williams	Niece of Sara Grangroth	2007
1992	Nikita D. Williams	Niece of Sara Grangroth	2007
1966	Scott H. Wilson	Brother of Kirk Wilson	1996

*May love be what you remember the most.*

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy on these pages. Please notify us immediately with any corrections/omissions so that our database stays up to date. As survivors ourselves, we do not want to leave out nor offend anyone.  
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# Forever Remembered

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1965	Ron Acker	Son of Ursula G. Spey-Acker	1995
1978	Kristopher P. Alofaituli	Son of Mark & Ann Eckels	2016
1989	Jeffrey Alvarado	Son of Guadalupe Alvarado	2008
1971	Steven F. Ambriz	Brother of Angela Ambriz	2006
1958	Denise Leanne Barker	Daughter of Bobbie Barker	1987
1999	Andrew Burk	Son of Staci Griffin-Burk	2000
1984	Guillermo Carbajal	Son of Lidia Diaz	2001
1959	Melissa Carlson	Mother of Cassandra Call	2009
2001	Nina Chamorro	Niece of Eulalia Sanchez	2001
1981	Carl Dan Claes	Son of Danella George	1995
1979	Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody	Son of Carol Barcelata	1996
		Brother of Heather & Emmanuel Ortega	
1985	Maxim Dudinov	Son of Maya Dudinova	2004
	Maxim Dudinov	Stepson of James Edwards	
1977	Brett Engermann	Son of Fara Engermann	1998
1992	Anyssia K. Escamilla	Daughter of Priscilla Escamilla	2010
1986	Mark Richard Fernandez, Jr.	Son of Leticia Fernandez	2004
1964	Joseph Finzel	Husband of Lynn Finzel	1993
1964	Christie Fleming	Sister of Rhonda Davis	1989
1981	Mark Abdul Franklin	Son of Selene Franklin	2002
1970	Justin King French	Son of Luci Medler	1992
1972	Christopher Bret Fuit	Grandson of Hazel & Vern Brown	1985
1957	Stephanie Lynn Glover	Daughter of Frank W. Champlin	1984
1983	James Michael Guajardo	Son of Armida Guajardo	2006
1974	Christopher Hamilton	Son of June Montero	2008.
1975	Brandon Hanson	Son of Yolanda Alepe	2010
1974	Harold	Brother of Bridgette Powers	2002
1994	Kristopher Hubbard	Son of Kelly Hubbard	1997
1995	Robert Jin	Son of S.C. Jin	1995
1988	Antwann Donte Jones	Son of Mary Jones	2014
1958	Cheryl Lynn Joyner	Daughter & Stepdaughter of	
		Marvin & Sharon Joyner	2001
1965	Bridgett L. Lamon	Daughter of Kaye Vecente	1985
1988	Carlesha Unique Renae Lewis	Daughter of Dawne Ford	2003
1972	Jessica Heather Martin	Daughter of Nancy Martin	2002
1962	Richard D. McGann	Son of Evelyn McGann	1984
1956	Ross Arnopp Munday	Son of Iris Arnopp Munday	2001
		Brother of Ms. Duane	
1949	Ken Paquette	Brother of Cathy Aronson	1993
1959	Susanmarie "Bunny" Pascale	Daughter of Jean Pascale	1985
1939	Johanna T. Piccirelli	Daughter of Mae F. Marisa	1996

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1984	James Vernon Potter	Son of Antoinette Yneges	<b>2004</b>
1989	Dominic T. Redd	Son of Lisa Allen	<b>2005</b>
1987	Manuel Michael Rodriguez, Jr.	Son of Rosalinda M. Moreno	<b>2006</b>
1996	Jose J. Sanchez	Son of Norma Sanchez	<b>2000</b>
1962	Kevin Shook	Son of Donna Shook	<b>1991</b>
1970	Shannon Dale Stevens	Son of Joyce M. Stevens	<b>1993</b>
1971	Michael Tapia	Son of Richard & Shirley Tapia	<b>2001</b>
1988	Antonio Torres	Son of Caroline Torres	<b>2008</b>
		Grandson of Mary Torres	
~	Everett Thomas Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	<b>1983</b>
~	Mary Elizabeth Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	<b>1983</b>
1951	Steven Lance Tull	Remembered by Judith M. Tull	<b>1983</b>
1975	Armando Eduardo Villagomez	Son & Stepson of Jose & Mary Villagomez	<b>1997</b>
1963	Chuck Weeks	Son of Sue Ellen & Michael Volpe	<b>2001</b>
1971	Kevin Mitchel Wheel	Son of Teresa Wheel	<b>1991</b>
1995	Brandon Cody Wiener	Son of Pamela Weinstein	<b>1999</b>
1967	David William Witmer	Son of Diane Witmer	<b>2013</b>

*“If their song is to continue, then we must do the singing.”*

*We have to find that special way that will allow us  
to sing our loved one's song loud and clear...  
Knowing you are doing something to keep your loved one's  
memory alive keeps you passionately busy, allows you to tell  
your sacred story, adds joy to your heart,  
brings an array of beautiful, loving people into your life, and  
rewards you with a meaningful life again.  
Your loud voice will echo in many hearts  
making sure your loved one is never erased from memory.*

-Elaine Stillwell, in  
“Singing Their Song,” Grief Digest Vol2, Issue #4

## GRIEF REFLECTIONS

*She walks,  
She talks,  
She cooks,  
She cleans,*



*She IS but  
She is NOT*

*All at once  
She is here  
But a part of her is  
elsewhere for eternity.*

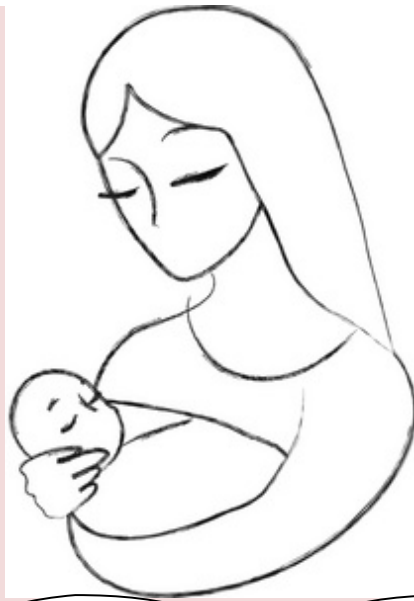
*Anon*

The strongest person in the world is a  
grieving mother who wakes up and keeps  
going every morning.



*Tara Wilkins Anderson*

***Today I missed you like crazy and  
suddenly I remembered that  
In truth I will hold you again .....  
I just have to wait.***



*No one can know how much I  
love you because you are the only  
one who knows what my heart  
sounds like from the inside.*



*Heaven and earth may  
separate us today  
But nothing will ever  
change the fact that  
You made me a MOM.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Chapter Monthly Support Meeting**  
**Wednesday – May 9, 2018 at 7:30pm**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
222 N. East Street, Anaheim CA 92805

Map on last page of this newsletter

## SAVE THE DATE

**August 2-5, 2018 –**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National POMC Conference**

**“Find Strength in Unity, Love in Fond Memories,  
and Hope in the Future”**

To be held in Arlington, Virginia and the  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel/Washington DC.  
Room rates are \$109 and the closest airport to  
fly into is Reagan National Airport. Free shuttle  
service to the hotel. The  
registration form is on the POMC  
website now [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)



## Our GOC-POMC Chapter Board

Debra Dizon-Hernandez (**Jonathan**),  
Chapter Leader  
Marina Alvarado-Bowman (**Lanette**),  
Chapter Co-Leader  
Faye Jenkins (**Quiana and Jan Pietrzak**)  
Secretary  
Carolyn McCoy (**Cathy**) Treasurer  
Glen Williams (**Quiana and Sgt. Jan  
Pietrzak**) Co-Treasurer  
Anita Lewis (**Mary & Lester**), Ashley Hill  
(**Angela**) and John Maldonado (**Matthew**)  
active and devoted Board Members

**In Loving Memory of Their Precious Loved  
Ones, all of these individuals are  
dedicated to our Chapter and their  
passionate commitment keeps it going.**

## Special Thank You To:

Shirley Tapia (**Sons Richie and Michael**) -  
Shirley faithfully checks Chapter phone  
messages and makes call-backs as  
needed. Thank you too, for your poem  
“...Waiting for Never”. So beautiful.

**Do you remember the courage it took to  
reach out for help, wanting to find support  
and looking for people who understand?  
We thank you Shirley, for your dedication  
and for being that special person at the  
POMC message phone in welcoming,  
assisting and caring.**

Chris Pearsal (son **Henry Clay Mabry**) -  
Chris sends beautiful anniversary letters out  
each month in remembrance of those  
now gone.

Anita Sanchez (son **Steve Sanchez**) - Anita  
sends lovely birthday cards each month to  
those missing loved ones on their  
birthdates.

**Perhaps as time passes after the murder of  
our loved one, it may seem that others  
have begun to forget. These Anniversary  
and Birthday letters and cards let us know  
that our loved ones will never be forgotten  
as long as POMC is here. Thank you Anita  
and Chris for your dedication.**

Marie Belmontez (**Stephen Sanchez**,  
nephew)

David and Ellen Foster (son **Davey**)

Mary Belzar (Nephew **Davey**)

Arturo & Frances Sepulveda (**Jonathan  
Dizon**) Dearest friends always.

*Mothers  
hold their  
children's hands  
for a while,  
but their hearts  
forever.*



**100% OF YOUR DONATION  
GOES TOWARDS KEEPING  
OUR CHAPTER RUNNING?  
No amount is too \$mall**

**We do NOT get Grant money nor do  
we receive any money from any  
outside entity.**

**We rely solely on donations and**

**fundraisers.**



**Would you like to “sponsor” one of  
our expenses?**

**Or even just a portion? Please go to  
our Chapter Website:**

**[www.gocpomc.com](http://www.gocpomc.com) and click on the**

**“Donate” Button.**



**You can use your credit card  
or PayPal for a  
one-time donation  
or PayPal for Recurring Donation.**

**Here are just a few of our  
“regular” expenses:**

- ~ **STORAGE UNIT - \$193.90 per month**  
(Holds all items for our Vigil, our monthly meeting, and all other events)
- ~ **WEBSITE - \$20.99 per month**
- ~ **PHONE LINE - \$200.00 per year**  
(Our hotline that new members call to get help and information about our chapter)
- ~ **PRINTING, POSTAGE, NOTECARDS,  
ETC - \$Varies**  
(for Vigil invitations, newsletters, notices, programs, etc)

***Expenses for events like the  
Candlelight Vigil and Names  
Dedication ceremony are  
“additional” expenses.***

**SHOPPING ON AMAZON ?**

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Greater Orange County  
Chapter.**

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**Thanks!**



# 2018 CANDLELIGHT VIGIL THANK YOUS

*We would like to acknowledge and thank our members, our friends in the community and the businesses who generously contributed in many ways to make certain of the success of this program.*

Brea Police Department –Traffic	Memory Garden Memorial Park
Chaplain Brad Stetson – Always a Friend	- Eric Sword & Staff
Create-A-Party	Thrivent Action Team (Nancy Aguilar)
CSP Victim Assistance Program	Pip Printing, Santa Fe Springs
Director, Lita Mercado	Costco
All Victim Advocates	An’Nisa Mansour – Names Reading
M’s Flowers	Larry & Jennifer Lundy – Sound and Audio
Veronica Herrera and	
Cal State Fullerton Students	

*We are also so very fortunate and grateful for a wonderful group of friends and family members who unselfishly step up to help and volunteer behind the scenes wherever there is a need.*

***Our heartfelt appreciation to you for Donating*** In Loving Memory Of:

Jesse Aguilar	Lanette Alvarado	Jonathan Dizon
David G. Foster	Angela Hill	Mary Lewis
Lester Lewis	Matthew Maldonado	
Sgt. Jan & Quiana Pietrzak		Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs
Stephen M. Sanchez	Cathy Tameny	
Richie II & Michael Tapia	Savannah Walker	All Of Our Loved Ones

In past years, a committee has been formed annually, especially for this event. In asking about this year’s committee, I found that it, very simply, was our Board. Along with their other Chapter responsibilities, our Board handled everything this year themselves; from the planning and organizing, getting speakers and guests and the vocalist, flowers, sound and audio, refreshments, the beautiful doves and just the logistics of getting chairs canopies, booths and displays set-up and taken down. Our Board was “the committee” right down to the candles and take-a-way bags, the red and black bows we all wore and the day after thank you notes to special participants. As you can see, a great deal of hard work, commitment and care (and gifted monies) went into this very special remembrance event for us! Please let me encourage all members to consider your own talents, your own available time and by all means, your own energy for next year’s event. Let’s make every effort to JOIN THE COMMITTEE for the 2019 Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony. Of course each of us can only do what is within our capabilities but I sincerely hope that we can each participate in Chapter fundraisers and projects to ensure the next new families to dedicate their loved one’s names can feel the same love, hope and support that we derive from our POMC Chapter.



**Our Monthly Support Meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM  
at Zion Lutheran Church, 222 N. East Street, Anaheim, CA 92805**

**From the North:**

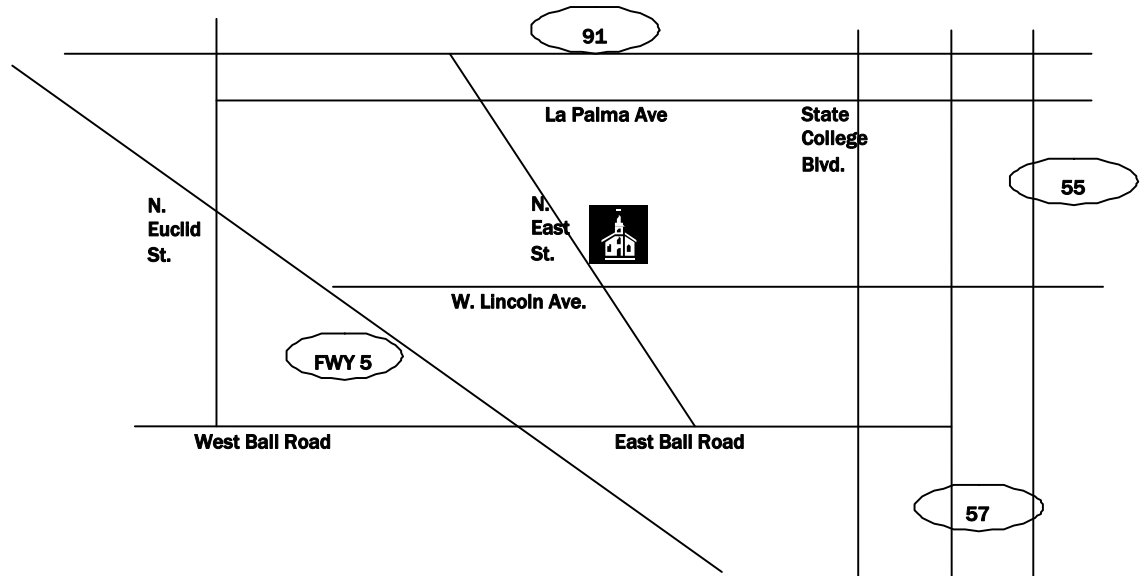
57 FWY, 55 FWY,  
or St. College Bl. South,  
Right on Lincoln Ave.  
Right on East St.

**From the South:**

57 FWY, 55 FWY,  
or St. College Bl., North  
Left on Lincoln Ave.  
Right on East St.

**From the East or West:**

91 FWY  
Exit East St., south



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