

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

August
2019

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**National Day of
Remembrance for
Murder Victims**

**Chapter Picnic
Coming Up**

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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.

*Whether they are the result of joy or sorrow,
tears are a response to emotions
for which we can find no words.
They reveal our most vulnerable self.
When we cry we are releasing the pain of the loss,
not the memory of the one we cherish.
The most dramatic rainbows
seem to follow the most severe storms.
Now when my eyes overflow,
I use a guided imagery technique
to visualize my tears washing away
the pain that I carry inside my heart and soul.
And when they finally stop, I look for the
brilliant rainbow of love and hope.*



-- Nina Bennett in *Forgotten Tears: A Grandmother's Journey Through Grief*

Always In Our Hearts



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

YEAR OF BIRTH	Loved One . . . and those missing them		YEAR OF DEATH
1989	Jeffery Alvarado	Son of Guadalupe Alvarado	2008
1951	Terri Lee Beare	Daughter of Willard Ledbetter	1991
		Sister of Judy Wedemeyer	
1972	Matthew C. Blek	Son of Charles & Mary Leigh Blek	1994
1956	David Michael Buerer	Son of Bernadine Burdo	1993
1955	Pedro "Pete" Cabrera Jr.	Brother of Jun & Josie C. Reyes	2013
1976	Robert D. Carranza	Son of Deborah Ann Carranza	2015
		Brother of Deborah B. Sanchez	
		Brother of Amanda Cuellar	
1946	Lynn W. Carter Jr.	Ex-husband of Sharon Carter	1997
1931	Emilia Casas	Mother of Emma Lozano	2004
		Mother of Elva Morin	
1958	Victor Anthony Curiel	Son of Alice G. Contreres	1991
		Remembered by Stella Curiel	
		Remembered by Richard Pantoja Jr.	
1966	David Robert Dill	Son of Alice F. Dill	1990
1958	Robert "Bob" Fiebrantz	Son of Charli Stephens	1986
1986	Sylvia Flores	Daughter of Sylvia Flores	2000
1964	Jacqueline Frezza	Friend of Ashley Lenton	1999
1986	Sean Gardhouse	Son of Gary & Laura Gardhouse	2006
		Grandson of Jack & Ursula Carden	
		Brother of Kelly Gardhouse	
1980	Shaun Gustavo Gomez	Son of Gustavo & Vidalina Gomez	2000
1977	Emma Janet Gonzalez	Girlfriend of Kenneth Tiegs	2002
1977	Trevor Haw Grizzle	Son of Kathy Grizzle	1998
1965	Walter B. Hackman Jr.	Son of Diane Magrina	1989
~	Greg Hebdon	Friend of Rhonda Hall	~
1975	Amy Marie Hess	Daughter Tom & Kathy Hess	1992
		Sister of Shane & Sarah Hess	
1977	Daniel Brian How	Son of Dennis & Cathy How	1999
1988	Antwann Donte Jones	Son of Mary Jones	2014
1984	Richard Jurado Jr.	Son of Darlinda Brownell	2002
1971	Rob Kaferer	Fiance of Amber Wallace	1997
1996	Lauren Key	Daughter of Sarah Key-Marer	2000
1974	Jess Lei	Friend of Yuko Kylie Tanaka	2012
1956	Howard A. Levey	Brother of Dan Levey	1996
1995	Gabriella Victoria Hurova Lopez	Daughter of Ramona Maravilla	1996
		Granddaughter of Alma Barba	
		Niece of Veronica Mendez	

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1976	Henry Clay Mabry	Son of Richard & Christine Pearsall	1999
1998	Macaila Marshall	Daughter of Sean Marshall	2013
1972	Jessica Heather Martin	Daughter of Nancy Martin	2002
1967	Stephanie Cathleen McHugh	Daughter of Teolin McHugh	1988
1968	Ched Neuhaus	Brother of Suzanne Neuhaus	1988
1949	Ken Paquette	Brother of Cathy Aronson	1993
1939	Johanna T. Piccirelli	Daughter of Mae F. Marisa	1996
1966	Jeffery Grant Pigage	Son of Ann Pigage	1983
1976	Jason Robinson	Son of Karen Myers	2005
1979	Stephen M. Sanchez	Son of Claudine Sanchez Parrott	2000
		Nephew of Marie Belmontez	
		Nephew of Joe & Armida Belmontez	
		Nephew of Jerri & Patrick Lukens	
		Friend of: Andy George, Ken LaVigne,	
		Susie Velarde, Shawnacy Placencio,	
		Ed, JoAnn, Stephanie, & Brian Romero	
		Lorenzo Jr. & Trina Vigil,	
1972	Christopher J. Sanders	Son of Patricia Gunter	2005
1976	Brandon Robert Shaw	Son of Brewster & Kathy Shaw	1997
1961	Dale Sheppard	Son of Kay Katz	1991
1959	Harvey William Skinner	Son of Ruth S. Skinner	1993
1954	Paulus C. Smit	Papa of Nicole A. Smit	2011
1978	Nick L. Smith	Son of Linda L. Smith	1992
1967	Dennis Wayne Spradlin	Son of Judy & Ron Spradlin	1988
1984	Branden Starr	Son of Victoria Starr	2004
2010	Jayden Turner	Daughter of Koryne Turner	2012
1982	Marc Anthony Urrutia	Son of Angie Ramos	2006
1971	Kevin Mitchel Wheel	Son of Teresa Wheel	1991
1954	Deborah Joyce Williams	Daughter of Ken & Gloria Williams	2004
1960	Ricky Dean Wood	Son of Donna Valenzuela	1993
1953	David Frederick Yacovetta	Son of Fred & Annabelle Yacovetta	2000

*When hummingbirds visit from Heaven above,
they bring us smiles from those we love. Be happy and grateful for the little
things, lots of love is carried by those tiny wings.*

Forever Remembered



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1987	Christian F. Alcantar	Son of Martha Silva	2010
1948	George Earl Aldridge	Father of Jeremy Aldridge	2003
		Father of Madelyn Aldridge	
2002	Zachary Andrew	Grandson of David & Kate Bagby	2003
1966	Bradley Ralph Berger	Son of Carol Berger	1984
1942	Jack Brant	Husband of Cynthia Brant	1995
1983	Heather Broadus	Daughter of Nancy Smith	2010
		Sister of Justina Broadus	
1980	Aldo Noe Cabanillas	Brother of Laura L. Terrones	1995
1976	Robert D. Carranza	Son of Deborah Ann Carranza	2015
		Brother of Deborah B. Sanchez	
		Brother of Amanda Cuellar	
1979	Art Casas	Son of Vita Aispuro-Casas	2004
1991	Aaron Chavez	Son of Sandy Chavez	2014
		Brother of Julia & Danielle Chavez	
		Brother of Amanda Cuellar	
		Boyfriend of Ashlee Caldwell	
		Remembered by Nancy Caldwell	
1952	Carl Patrick Chignell	Son of Patricia I. White	1988
1905	John Compton	Father of Karen Roper	1980
1977	Pete J. Delano	Fiance of Valerie Brenner	2008
1967	Ralph Elguezabal	Brother of Renee Portillo	1992
1969	Lena Marie Forbes	Daughter of Leonard & Linda Forbes	1991
1973	Stacey Lyn Hall	Daughter/Step-daughter of Alan & Sandra Hall	1987
1976	Jason Alan Hall	Son & Step-son of Alan & Sandra Hall	1987
1964	John Huffman	Brother of Eva Lutz	1994
1981	John Lee La Bord	Son of Robin Rosado	1999
1964	Cynthia Day Larue	Sister of Julia Day	1993
1963	Debbie Lee	Daughter-in-law of Valerie Tarvin	1986
1985	Rodney Veron Lee	Grandson of Barbara Rockwell	1999
1908	Lester Lewis	Father of Jim & Regina Lewis	1977
		Grandfather of Anita Lewis	
1940	G. Wesley "Wes" Luker	Husband of Marian K. Luker	1991
1987	Ashley Anne MacDonald	Daughter of Lisa Guy	2006
1958	Richard F. Madrid	Brother of Bella Madrid Cedillo	2006
1983	Jose "Anthony" Malacara	Brother of Laura Ontiveros	2002
1986	Matthew Maldonado	Son of John Maldonado	2002
1993	Annette Martinez	Sister of Felisha Martinez	2015

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1950	Ray Messerschmidt	Brother of Jean LaRue	1985
1988	Michelle Nicole Miller	Daughter of Lola Miller	2007
1982	Judy Lucia Morales	Daughter of Sally Moreno	2006
1990	Jonathan Muse	Son of Mary Ann Nevel	2008
1974	Denise Meresa Ortega	Daughter of Jeanette Archuleta	1998
1974	Travis R. Parker	Son of Jon & Nora Parker	2004
		Nephew of Carol Waggener	
		Friend of Michael Owen	
2010	Malaikye Thomas Payne	Grandson of Rachel Rodriguez	2011
1984	Danny Renteria	Son of Tony & Veronica Renteria	2010
1991	Cesar G. Rodriguez	Son of Lupe Alvarez	2011
1950	Eva Diaz Rondon	Sister of Dan & Diann Bauer	1991
		Remembered by Juanita P. Diaz	
2000	Kaitlyn Marie Russell	Granddaughter of Elizabeth Drouillard	2000
1961	Dale Sheppard	Son of Kay Katz	1991
1991	Jared Smith	Son of Lori Forester	2015
1994	Katya W. J. Sneeringer	Daughter of Sandra Morton	1999
		Daughter of Cpl. Sneeringer AR	
		Granddaughter of David & Jackie Roach	
1961	Lance M. Speciale	Son of Gladys Mastain	1995
1922	Annette Stineman	Mother of Judy Nemec	2000
1915	Ivan Stineman	Father of Judy Nemec	2000
1965	Tracy Lee Stratton	Daughter of Tracy Gloria J. Stratton	1981
1962	Todd Michael Stickland	Son of Delores Jayne Strickland	1993
1965	Cathy Ann Tameny	Daughter of Carolyn McCoy	1985
		Friend of Jerry & Margie Hansen	
1951	Marsha Wilkins	Mother of Janna Wilkins	1997
		Mother of Wesley & Tiffany Wilkins	
1980	Neal Williams	Son of Jan Williams	2007
2000	Devon Williams	Grandson of Jan Williams	2007
2003	Ian Williams	Grandson of Jan Williams	2007
1957	Kenneth Scott Wrede	Son of Ken & Marianne Wrede	1983

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**

***YOUR LOVE IS STILL MY GUIDE,
YOU ARE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.***

REFLECTIONS



Noted author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia
tells of a four-year-old boy who lived next door
to an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.
One day the child saw the man sitting on his porch in a rocking chair,
and noticed that he was crying.
The little boy walked over to the man's porch, made his way up the steps
and climbed onto the old gentleman's lap.
Without saying a word, he just sat there.
Later, when his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor,
the little boy answered, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."



**Use the uncertainty of life
as a constant reminder to be grateful.**

*Everything that happens to you is your teacher.
The secret is to learn to sit at the feet of your own life and
be taught by it.
Everything that happens is either a blessing which is also a
lesson, or a lesson which is also a blessing.*

—Polly Berrien Berends

Batter Up!



July 22nd we celebrated what would have been Jonathan's 32nd Birthday, doing what he loved... playing baseball, by no means are any of us professionals but in his memory we got out there and played our hearts out.

It's bitter sweet because he isn't here with us and just sitting back imagining what his life would be like makes us crazy with all kinds of emotions.

Yet we remain comforted in being surrounded by all those who attend annually and help us celebrate him.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Jonathan, never Forgotten

Dates to Remember

August 14, 2019 Wednesday, 7:30 PM
September 11, 2019 Wednesday, 7:30 PM

Chapter Monthly Support Meeting

Zion Lutheran Church, Anaheim
Directions on next to last page of newsletter

Please Join Us!

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**

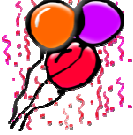


**IN ORDER TO GET FROM WHAT WAS
TO WHAT WILL BE
YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT *IS*.**

Thank You!

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

Please consider, if you are able, "sponsoring" one of our monthly expenses?



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

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 Birthday of our loved ones who will never be forgotten.

Thank you Marie Belmontez (In Loving Memory of your nephew Steve Sanchez) for temporarily stepping in to prepare and send the beautiful cards honoring our loved ones' August Anniversary dates. We sincerely hope to have **Chris Pearsall** (In Loving Memory of son Henry Clay Mabry) return to the Chapter, writing these Anniversary cards and letters as she has for many years previously.

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

And **THANK YOU** to our wonderful 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, Glen Williams** (niece and her husband, Quiana and Janek Pietrzak), **Board Member, Mary Bennett** (daughter Cathy), **Board Member, Anita Lewis** (sister Mary and Grandpa Lester), **Board Member, John Maldonado** (son Matthew) and **Board Member Martha Dewar** (daughter Sarah).

Please visit our Chapter Website: www.gocpomc.org

and click on **DONATE**

You can use your credit card or PayPal for a one-time donation or please consider a PayPal set-up for a recurring donation.

**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TOWARDS KEEPING OUR
CHAPTER RUNNING**



Stars are the forget-me-knots



of Angels in the meadow of heaven.

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Chapter Monthly Support Meeting

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

Wednesday August 14

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

****** April is usually the month each year when the Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children hosts a Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony during "Victims' Rights Week". This is a very special ceremony dedicating a loved one's name that has been inscribed on black granite and set beneath a beautiful white marble monument at Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea, CA. If you are interested in being a part of next year's ceremony and having your loved one's name included at the monument, the **FORM is attached** and must be completed and submitted by 2-29-20. Our web site provides additional information about the event or you are welcome to call the chapter Message Phone: (714)999-7132.**

We promise that our loved ones will never be forgotten and Memory Garden Memorial Park and our Monument provide us a special place for remembering them.



PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN – GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
MEMORIAL MONUMENT NAME INSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

To have the name of your loved one, whose life was lost to violent crime, added to the Memorial Monument, complete this form entirely & mail to address below. Once a year, we host a Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony during "Victims' Rights Week", usually in the month of April. At that time, names are dedicated and inscribed on a black granite marker. Please print all information:

YOUR NAME _____ HOME PHONE (____) _____
ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE (____) _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____
EMAIL _____
LOVED ONE'S NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH (MMDDYY) _____ DATE OF DEATH (MMDDYY) _____

1. Review the sample below. Fill in the box with your loved one's Year of Birth, Name, and Year of Death.
2. **Make checks payable to POMC.** We ask for a donation of \$60.00 per name, and you can make three payments of \$20.00 each if need be. If you have any questions, please call (714) 999-7132.
3. Mail check and completed form to: **GOCPMC**
14131 Woodlawn Ave.
Tustin, CA 92780
4. The monument is located at *Memory Garden Memorial Park, 455 W. Central Ave., Brea, California*. You will receive an invitation for the planned ceremonies.
5. Any names received after February 28th will be inscribed for dedication in the following year.

<u>NOTE:</u> - MAXIMUM OF 20 LETTERS (INCLUDING SPACES) - NO PUNCTUATION - NO QUOTATION MARKS - NO HYPHENS	<u>SAMPLE:</u> 1964 Jessica D Lange 1991 1968 Mathew E Arnold 1990 1979 T Jeffrey Thompkin 1994 1977 Salvador M Del Garza 1991
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PRINT YOUR LOVED ONE'S YEAR OF BIRTH, NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR, AND YEAR OF DEATH:

_____	_____	_____
YEAR OF BIRTH	NAME (20 LETTERS MAX, INCLUDING SPACES)	YEAR OF DEATH

*If any part of the name is hard to pronounce, please write it as it sounds. It is very important to us that we say your loved one's name correctly at the dedication ceremony. _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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