

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

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2019

## 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.

### REFLECTIONS OF A MOTHER

I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.  
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.  
I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.  
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.  
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.  
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.  
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.  
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.  
I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.  
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.  
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.  
I can advise you about friends, but cannot choose them for you.  
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.  
I can tell you the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation.  
I can tell you about drinking, but I can't say "no" for you.  
I can warn you about drugs, but I can't prevent you from using them.  
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.  
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.  
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral.  
I can love you as a child, but I cannot place you in God's family.  
I can teach you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

# Always In Our Hearts



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Loved One

..... and those missing them

<b>George Earl Aldridge</b>	Father of Jeremy Aldridge
	Father of Madelyn Aldridge
<b>Joe Jessie Alvarez</b>	Son of Tayde Alvarez
<b>Eric James Andrews</b>	Son of Les & Christine Andrews
	Grandson of Linda Jackson
<b>Jennifer Leanne Balber</b>	Daughter of Rose Madsen
<b>Tiffany Laura Bledsoe</b>	Daughter of Pamela C. Bledsoe
	Niece of Kirk & Judy Russell
<b>Robbin Dana Brandley</b>	Daughter of Jack Reilley
<b>Daniel Castro</b>	Son of Mary Castro
<b>Andy Roy Castro, Jr.</b>	Son of Gloria Rodriguez
	Cousin of Arlene Giselbach
<b>Traci "Rene" Conrad</b>	Daughter of Carolyn Conrad
<b>Alan W. Doyle</b>	Son of Tonna Rizzi
<b>David Franklin Dyer</b>	Son of Toni Dyer
<b>Ronson Joseph Edgerly</b>	Remembered by Scott , Betty, & Hethyr Bakken
	Boyfriend of Kimberly Touns
<b>Lena Marie Forbes</b>	Daughter of Leonard & Linda Forbes
<b>Lisa Anne Frost</b>	Daughter of Tom & Melanie Frost
<b>Dax Xenos Gonzalez</b>	Son of Myrna Gonzalez
<b>Troy Allen Gorena</b>	Son of Bobbi Gorena
<b>Joshua Wayne Gregg-Wells</b>	Son of Katherine E. Wells
<b>Kenneth N. Gullon</b>	Son of Lillian Nizinski
<b>Daniel S. Hernandez</b>	Rose Hernandez
<b>Courtney Rene Hoag</b>	Daughter of Clairese Hoag
<b>Robin Hoynes</b>	Sister of Wendy Hoynes
	Sister of Kim Hoynes
<b>Lori Hughes</b>	Mother of Emmalynn Young
<b>Jacob Eric Jackson</b>	Son of Juenenne Jackson
<b>Donna Sue Jones (Reeves)</b>	Daughter of Lorinda Jones
	Sister of Melissa Jones
<b>Jeremy Kragness</b>	Grandson of Shirley Simon
<b>Nathan Lawrence</b>	Son of Jay Lawrence
<b>Rick Macias</b>	Son of Roman & Maria Macias
	Brother of George Macias, Jason Macias and Reyna Macias

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<b>Jose "Anthony" Malacara</b>	Brother of Laura Ontiveros
<b>Anthony Michael Martinez</b>	Son of Diana Medina
<b>Joe Martinez</b>	Nephew of Albert Martinez
<b>Kylee Caitlin McGowen</b>	Granddaughter of Judy McGowen
<b>Marques Murray</b>	Son & Stepson of Kevin Blunt & Nancy Murray
<b>Jose "Anthony" Malacara</b>	Brother of Laura Ontiveros
<b>Jonathan Muse</b>	Son of Mary Ann Nevel
<b>Cheree Osmanhodzic</b>	Daughter of Gail Cameron
<b>Adrian B. Ramos</b>	Son of Jorge & Rosa Ramos
<b>Dominic T. Redd</b>	Son of Lisa Allen
<b>Joseph Rodriguez</b>	Remembered by Susan Rodriguez
<b>Sammantha A. Salas</b>	Great niece of Tina & Ernie Yamashiro
<b>Mark Duane Shelton</b>	Son of Donald R. Shelton
<b>Ronald Sommer</b>	Son of Louise Sommer & Toni Harrington
<b>John A. Stoddart</b>	Son of Jean Stoddart
<b>Michael Tapia</b>	Son of Richard & Shirley Tapia
<b>Mickey Thompson</b>	Brother of Gary & Collene Campbell
<b>Kimberly Rose Trigo</b>	Remembered by Mary Beth Raymond
<b>Lisa Ann Tyson</b>	Daughter of Dorothy Tyson
<b>Tina Regina Williams</b>	Daughter of Angie Williams
	Niece of Benny Williams
	Sister of Fay Williams Scott,
	Liz Fontenot, Petra Williams,
	and Candace Westbrooks
<b>Travis Williams</b>	Son of Jim & Margie Everett
	Son of Gary Williams

*When a Cardinal appears in your yard,*

*it is a visitor from HEAVEN.*



# Forever Remembered



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Loved One	..... and those missing them
<b>Dylan James Austin</b>	Grandson of Debra Voeltz
<b>Dyton Oneil Bailey</b>	Son of Beverly Gail Miller
<b>Michael E. Benge</b>	Son of Bruce A. & Patrice Shanks
<b>Christine Lauren Bennet</b>	Daughter of Diane Bennett
<b>Mika C. Bissett</b>	Daughter of Chieko Bissett
<b>Kelly Sue Bunting</b>	Daughter of John B. Bunting, Jr.
<b>Dean E. Burks</b>	Son of Marilyn Burks
<b>Andy Bushard</b>	Son of Carol Bushard
<b>Steven Caldera</b>	Brother-in-law of Angel Huerta, Jr.
<b>Jose A. Carreno</b>	Husband of Verenice Carreno
<b>Emilia Casas</b>	Mother of Elva Morin and Emma Lozano
<b>Nicolas Casas</b>	Father of Elva Morin and Emma Lozano
<b>Paul A. Chiriboga</b>	Remembered by Ivan, Silvia, & Billy Chiriboga
<b>Phillip "Chip" Coffman</b>	Son of Michael & Renia Yawn
<b>Barry Clark Cope</b>	Son of Judy Cope
<b>Caesar R. Cruz</b>	Son of Theresa Smith
	Brother of Esther Cruz & Joseph A. Cardenas
<b>Lori McInroy Curler</b>	Daughter of Janice McInroy
<b>Esteban Delgado</b>	Son of Maria Marfil
<b>Daniel J. Desrosiers</b>	Son of Joann Desrosiers
<b>Damon Deidreau Dowell Sr.</b>	Son of Melanie Washington
<b>Benton Dunscombe</b>	Son of Bonnie Cohen
<b>George Ralph Eden, Jr.</b>	Brother of Mary Felker
<b>Steven Kiley Escalera</b>	Son of George Escalera
<b>Joshua Wayne Gregg-Wells</b>	Son of Katherine E. Wells
<b>Shirley G. Hancock</b>	Daughter of Joyce C. Rush
<b>Linda Kay Hesse</b>	Fiancé of Randolph Reyes
<b>Corteny Hoag</b>	Friend of Eddie D. Draffon
<b>Angelo "Eio" Huerta</b>	Brother of Angel Huerta, Jr.
<b>Donna Jacobson</b>	Wife of Michael Jacobson
<b>Michele Renae Kriezel</b>	Daughter of Karen Kriezel
<b>Jerome Ludt</b>	Son of Nancy Ludt
<b>Cynthia Marie Martin</b>	Daughter of Nancy Lee Allen
<b>Pamela Kay McMahand</b>	Sister of Angie Vitier & Jeff Fowler



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<b>Donna Marie Morgan</b>	Cousin of Angel Huerta, Jr.
<b>Manuel Munoz</b>	Son of Mary Grimaldo
<b>David Ernest Parra, Jr.</b>	Son of Andrea Cortez
	Brother of Lorraine Parra
<b>William Pascoe</b>	Brother of Teresa Peters
<b>Daniel Adam Perez, Jr.</b>	Son of Daniel & Lucy Perez
<b>Eric Michael Presswood</b>	Son of Ruthanne Dixon
<b>Jean Richards</b>	Remembered by Earl Gaugler
<b>Jason Robinson</b>	Son of Karen Myers
<b>Daniel David Rosier</b>	Son of David Rosier
<b>John Gottlieb Ruby III</b>	Son of Shirley Morgan
<b>Marylou Correia Sarkissian</b>	Sister of Debra Correia Zdrasil
<b>Judah Ann Seelke</b>	Daughter of Claudia Seelke
<b>Denaya M. Shanks</b>	Daughter of Bruce A. & Patrice Shanks
<b>Paulus C. Smit</b>	Papa of Nicole A. Smit
<b>Nick L. Smith</b>	Son of Linda L. Smith
<b>Ty Arron Stout</b>	Son of Jodi Stout-Ward
<b>Scot Anthony Suggs</b>	Son of Jan Suggs
<b>Jason Sweet</b>	Son of Bettye Sweet
	Godson of Tami Waters
<b>Richard "Richie" Tapia II</b>	Son of Richard & Shirley Tapia
<b>Peter Theriault</b>	Husband of Donna Theriault
<b>Lisa Marie Weaver</b>	Daughter of Diane Weaver
<b>Travis Williams</b>	Son of Jim & Margie Everett
	Son of Gary Williams
<b>Joy Lynn Winchester</b>	Daughter of Gordon & Beverly Cantonwine
<b>Angela "Angel" Zingarelli</b>	Daughter of Debbie Roberson-First

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](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)**  
 As survivors ourselves, we do not want to leave out nor offend anyone, so please help us be accurate.

## **Dates to Remember**

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**Wed. December 11, 2019 – 7:30 start time**

### **Monthly Chapter Support Meeting**

**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

### **Please ease Join Us!**

You are invited to attend our monthly support meetings. Our meetings are for ADULT survivors of homicide victims (family member or friend) and for professionals who work closely with those survivors.

Your first meeting may be the hardest, but when you meet the wonderful people who have had a similar tragedy, you will find comfort, non-judging support, understanding, and a safe place to share experiences and emotions.

You never have to speak if you're not comfortable doing so, and whatever is discussed remains confidential.

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR A 2020 GRIEF RETREAT WEEKEND!

**What:** The Courage To Grieve—A Weekend Retreat of Hope and Healing  
**Where:** Transfiguration Spirituality Center—495 Albion Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246  
**When:** April 17-19, 2020

The National Office of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc., is hosting our 4th self-help weekend on April 17-19, 2020 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a self-help weekend to face the many overwhelming and difficult emotions that are the aftermath of murder, often compounded by the intrusion and frustration of the judicial process. Beneath the explosive emotions of rage, hate and revenge lay the more primary feelings of pain, fear and helplessness.

The weekend begins with dinner on Friday night. Those attending will meet at the Beth Anna House at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center.

The cost is \$154.00 for the whole weekend which includes 6 meals. We do have scholarships available if you cannot afford this. There is a deposit of \$25 credit, check or money order only (non-refundable for cancellations).

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Warnock at (513) 721-5683 or by Email at [bwarnock@pomc.org](mailto:bwarnock@pomc.org)



*Family* means you are a part of  
something wonderful.

It means *you will always love and be loved  
for the rest of your life... and when you are gone, you  
will always be remembered with love, for the rest of ours.*

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**Looking Forward**  
**34th Annual POMC National Conference**  
**July 23 thru July 26, 2020**  
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For more information, contact Bev Warnock at [bwarnock@pomc.org](mailto:bwarnock@pomc.org)  
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or visit the national website: [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

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**Nothing teaches hope,  
kindness, courage, and  
compassion like helping others.**

**Volunteers** do not necessarily have the time...they just  
have the **heart**.

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**An Opportunity Awaits .....**



**YOU**

**Seeking a volunteer to keep our website updated.**

**Qualifications: Willingness**

**Benefits: Hugs, Appreciation, Priceless Satisfaction**

**Schedule: Pt. time monthly updates**

**Inquire directly to Debra Dizon-Hernandez**

**Email: [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com) Message phone: 714-999-7132**





## *With Many Thanks*

Our Chapter has been blessed to have had Marie Belmontez' ongoing assistance through her handling of our website. [www.goc-pomc.org](http://www.goc-pomc.org)

We're so grateful to Marie but must accept that she's not able to continue supporting us with that task. As you probably well know, Marie jumps in whole body, heart and soul when she gets "involved" with something. We're thankful that she shared her time and energy with us this last year as well as with her own Valley of the Sun Chapter in Arizona. We understand too, that she just might be working closely with the National Organization of POMC, Inc.; they are the lucky ones, that's absolutely for sure!

We send our heartfelt appreciation and THANKS to our friend, Marie Belmontez who has always volunteered for us and did so in loving memory of her nephew, Stephen Michael Sanchez.

At this same time, we also want to acknowledge and thank Claudine Sanchez-Parrott for continuing, this year, to financially support our Chapter with an ongoing monthly expense. Claudine designated her monthly donations specifically, to sponsor the website in loving memory of her son Stephen Michael Sanchez.

Thank you Marie and Claudine for supporting our Greater Orange County Chapter in 2019. We wish you all the best, always.

Hugs and love to you, our dear friends.

*Gratitude is the closest thing to beauty  
manifested in an emotion.*

Mindy Kaling, Actor



*Please join me in giving a huge round of applause to our*

**2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS** *(Each one is a volunteer survivor)*



**CHAPTER LEADER:** Debra Dizon-Hernandez

*Serving in loving memory of her son Jonathan*

**CHAPTER CO-LEADER:** Marina Alvarado-Bowman

*Serving in loving memory of her sister Lanette*

**TREASURER:** Glen Williams

*Serving in loving memory of his niece Quiana and her husband Sgt. Jan Pietrzak*

**SECRETARY:** Faye Jenkins

*Serving in loving memory of her daughter Quiana and son-in-law Sgt. Jan Pietrzak*

**BOARD MEMBER:** Mary Bennett

*Serving in loving memory of her daughter Cathy*

**BOARD MEMBER:** Martha Dewar

*Serving in loving memory of her daughter Sarah*

**BOARD MEMBER:** Anita Lewis

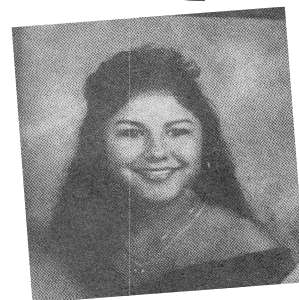
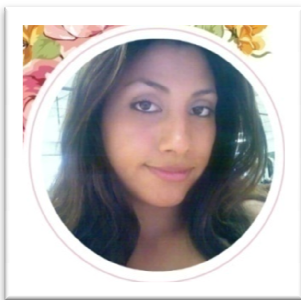
*Serving in loving memory of her sister Mary and Grandpa Lester*

**BOARD MEMBER:** John Maldonado

*Serving in loving memory of his son Matthew*

***"We rise by lifting others"  
- Robert Ingersoll***

*Having loved and having been loved  
is perhaps the most wonderful reason of all  
to be **THANKFUL** this season.*



If you would like to see a photo of your loved one in the newsletter,  
please submit it, in JPEG format, via email to [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)



We are passing along a message from a fellow Compassionate Friend:

To My Compassionate Friends Family,

My name is Robert Manganelli. I lost my son Gianni five years ago. I'm a filmmaker residing in Los Angeles and have begun crafting a film, photo exhibition and web-based interactive experience that digs deep into Fatherly grief. The project is called:

**Grieving Fathers: Portraits Of Love And Gratitude.**

If you have a moment, please take a quiet pause to review the two attachments to this e-mail, which provide a brief description, a call for submissions and a bio on me. **GOCPOMC Note: We are unsuccessful in trying to transfer attachments. Please inquire directly with Mr. Manganelli if interested.**

None of this is easy, for any of us - please know though - that this effort will most certainly reach, resonate and touch audiences all over the globe and you can be a part of that process. I will be incorporating a creative first - that will include every submission, in a striking way.

Below is my contact information for those of you who feel a calling to connect your story with our project.

*"The people in the audience looked at the pictures, and the people in the pictures looked back at them. They recognized each other."*

- Edward Steichen

e-mail: [submissions@robertmanganelli.com](mailto:submissions@robertmanganelli.com)

phone: 888.418.1112

Please feel free to connect and to begin the process of collaboration. I am planning to have a national ZOOM call-in for any questions on: 11/25/19 @ 7:00 p.m. Please stay tuned for further details.

Blessings, Bob



*The miracle is this: The more we share, the more we have.*

Leonard Nimoy





## OUR GOC-POMC CHAPTER HAS MONTHLY EXPENSES

OUR CHAPTER doesn't have a PAID STAFF

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

Perhaps you might be able to "sponsor" one of our expenses.

It's easy, just go to our Chapter Website: [www.gocpomc.com](http://www.gocpomc.com)

Click on the "Donate" Button.

You can use your credit card or PayPal for a

One-time donation or PayPal for Recurring Donation.

Even \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00 per month would be a huge help!

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

### **Here are just a few of our expenses:**

- ~ **STORAGE UNIT – About \$200.00 per month**  
(Holds all items for our Vigil, our monthly meeting, and all other events)
- ~ **WEBSITE – About \$21 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, but  
estimated \$75 per month** (Vigil invitations, newsletters, notices,  
programs, etc)

#### **Donate Your Card**

Donate unused gift cards online. You can now exchange your unused or partially used gift cards to benefit

**Parents Of Murdered Children-Greater Orange County CA**

DonateYourCard.org lists 100s of popular merchants and restaurants.

[Learn more and make your donation now ...](#)

#### **Let's Card Party**

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Greater Orange County  
Chapter.**

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**You can help our Chapter when you are doing your shopping**

**You are somebody's reason to smile.**

*If you planted hope today  
In any hopeless heart*

*If someone's burden was  
Lighter because you did your part*

*If you caused a laugh that  
Chased some tears away*

*If tonight your name is named when  
someone kneels to pray*

*Then your day has been well spent.*

Special Thank you to:

**Shirley Tapia**, who faithfully checks our message phone daily, in loving memory of her sons Richie and Michael Tapia.

**Chris Pearsall**, for the beautiful anniversary letters and cards she sends out each month, in loving memory of her son, Henry Clay Mabry.

**Anita Sanchez**, for lovingly sending our remembrance cards on our loved ones' birthday, in loving memory of her son, Steve Sanchez.

**Brad Stetson**, a chaplain and long-time friend of the chapter who has been a comfort, guest speaker and dear friend to several members of our group, in loving member of all our loved ones.

Thank you to our **Victim Advocates (Melissa, Esmeralda, Leticia, Patricia and Bianca)** with Waymakers – Homicide Victim Services who attend our monthly meetings and walk beside wounded family members while we work our way thru the confusing justice system. You help with our events and include us in grief support events that you are a part of. These advocates have been a blessing to us in many ways.

**Zion Lutheran Church**, for graciously allowing the Greater Orange County Chapter the use of a room to meet each month

**Thank you to those who have sent in monetary donations in memory of your loved ones.**

**Thank you to everyone who made our Annual Potluck and Raffle in November a wonderful success.**