## PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

2022

#### **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.

#### **MEMBERS**HIP

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.



As we enter April let us not leave any work undone or even half done. Let us do whatever it takes to complete it. Completed work can only lead you to success. Welcome your days with joy and much as you possibly can. Put your heart out there and find some peace, because you all deserve it.



"COURAGE DOESN'T
ALWAYS ROAR.
SOMETIMES
COURAGE
IS THE QUIET
VOICE AT THE
END OF THE
DAY SAYING,
'I WILL TRY AGAIN
TOMORROW."

# Always in Our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday!

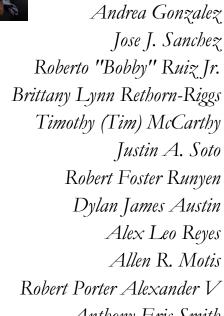


Lester Lewis

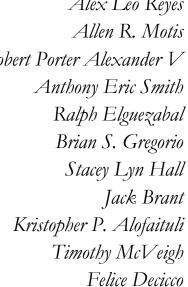
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# Forever Remembered Angelversaries

Kenneth N. Gullon Gene Neal Ralphy Valenzuela Angela Hill Johnny F. Gollette Robbie Martin Heidi Hubrecht Jason Miller Arthur R. Martinez III Sarah J. Rodriguez Scott Campbell

Denise Marie Duerr

Hollie Karr

Ronson Joseph Edgerly

Walter B. Hackman Jr.

Lisa Ann Tyson

Steven G. Valdivia

Lori Hughes

Kylee Caitlin McGowen

Andrew Powell

Ryan William Dasalla

Fred James Leglar

66 If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.







# April Announcements and Information

#### **In Person Support Meetings**

Because some of our Chapters are starting in-person support group meetings and want to enforce proof of vaccination to attend we checked with National POMC's attorney. This is her response; "Although the issue of medical and religious exemptions is evolving, at this point I think the support groups can enforce vaccine mandates for in-person meetings." This is assuming there are no applicable state laws outlawing vaccine mandates (like Florida). Check with your Chapter to see if virtual support will also be offered.

# **Upcoming Guest**

We will have guest speakers at our Vigil. All guest will be listed on the flyer.

#### **Board Members:**

Chapter Leader- Debra Dizon-Hernandez Email: Debraus 22@gmail.com In memory of Jonathan

Co-Leader Martha Dewar marthad@roadrunner.com In memory of Sarah

Secretary: Letty Gutierrez Email:lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com

In memory of Bryan Treasurer: John Maldonado Email: maldoman28@gmail.com

In Memory of Matthew

Anita Lewis Email: alewismary@yahoo.com In memory of Mary and Lester

Faye Jenkins Email: qs\_mommy@yahoo.com, In memory of Quiana and Sgt Pietrzak

### MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS

Wednesday April 13th at 6:30pm. Please come join us. This step in your journey will be one of the toughest. We are here to support you as you go - because we understand. POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help families and friends of those who have died by violence facilitate the reconstruction of a "new life" and to promote a healthy resolution. Not only does POMC help survivors deal with their acute grief but also helps with the criminal justice system. LOCATION: Anaheim, CA 92805

## **Candlelight Vigil**

April 30, 2022 we will be hosting the Candlelight Vigil. We are not yet sure what the CDC guidelines for COVID will be, but we will follow them. More information will follow.

#### **Need to Talk:**

The listed members are bilingual and able to listen. Mary Bennet 714-264-2690- Please send text first. Martha Dewar 714- 306-9166 Letty Gutierrez 714-601-9699 Please be mindful of times as these lines go directly to the members above.

## **Support Greater Orange County**

POMC Donations: When seeking a place to donate monetarily this year please consider a donation to Greater Orange County POMC. Help support GOCPOMC with your Amazon purchases: Amazon Supports GOCPOMC Go to: smile.amazon.com. Select: Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to our chapter.

## **National Day of Remembrance**

If your loved one's names was not on the National Day of Remembrance list that was on the website <a href="www.pomc.org">www.pomc.org</a>, please send an email to <a href="rpati@pomc.com">rpati@pomc.com</a> for Ratana to get their name on for next year. POMC only puts names on at the request of the family. We do not add names without the family's permission.

#### **2022 POMC National Conference**

### Parents Of Murdered Children National 36th Conference!!

This conference will be held in St. Louis Missouri July-21-24, 2022 at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet.

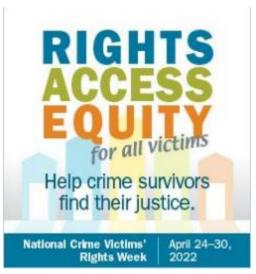
The room price is \$115.00 plus tax. There is a free shuttle from the airport to the hotel. When booking your flight, you fly into the St. Louis Airport (STL). POMC is still looking for anyone who would be interested in working the Hospitality Room at the conference, anyone who likes to sing, and for someone willing to video the conference at a more cost effective cost. If you know anyone or are capable of providing these services please contact Bev @ bwarnock@pomc.org.



# ATTENTION: NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK

Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL Please note, this is the ONLY official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC. We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the ONLY official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NationalPOMC





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