



Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

FOR THE FAMILIES & FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY VIOLENCE

February=Love

As the cool, crisp air of a new year settles in, it paves the way for fresh perspectives and new visions. In the previous month, votes were tallied for the Board of Directors, resulting in a blend of continuity and minor changes. Without further ado, let's welcome and introduce the incoming Board of Directors for the Greater Orange County chapter of POMC. Let's convene and outline some transformations we aspire to witness within POMC this year.

Chapter Leader is Debra Dizon-Hernandez (inside right), Co Leader Martha Dewar (outside right), Secretary Faye Jenkins (inside left), Treasure Lola Miller (far left). Board Member-Lauren not pictured.



February 2024



If you'd like to share your favorite memory about your loved one in the monthly newsletter please email gocpomc@yahoo.com. All requests must be received by 6PM on the 25th of the month.

Always in our Hearts
Happy Heavenly Birthday

Aaron Chavez

Chris Barta

Ralph William Currier

Andrew Pacheco

Harry Christenson

Kaitlyn Marie Russell

Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.

Judy Elizabeth Lloyd

Kenneth Scott Wrede

Denise Duncan

Dean J. Gamboa

Steven Anthony Ramirez

Jason Alan Hall

Quiana Pietrzak

Ruben Latios

Steven G. Valdivia

Michael S. Olvera Jr.

Oswald (Ozzy) Conde Jr.

Esteban Delgado

Joseph Finzel

Annette Stineman

Ivan Stineman

Bryan E. Bensfield

Danny Renteria

Kendra Tione Parker

Shane Patterson

William Pascoe

Freddie Charles Dizon

Baby Joey

Micheal Tovar

We all still talk about you and miss you so much and even more so today.



**I wish you a happy birthday
and I hope you receive my
prayers and wishes in
heaven and stay happy
always wherever you are.**

Thank you to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards

Forever Remembered Angleversaries

Ginie Ninette Samayoa

Franchot Mitchell

James (Jimmy) Plaza Jr.

Jayden

Amy Marie Hess

Lanette Alvarado

Ricky Dean Wood

Curtis Lee Christopher Watton

Yahrou L. Proctor

Elmer H. Benson

Gladys L. Benson

Raymond Apolinar

Dennis Wayne Spradlin

Troy Michael Nash

Leah Natalie Tadeo

Cesar Gutierrez

Cathy Torrez

Stacy Brooke Holsonback

Felice Decicco

Christian Silva

Robert Foster Runyen

Randy Lutz

Marques Murray

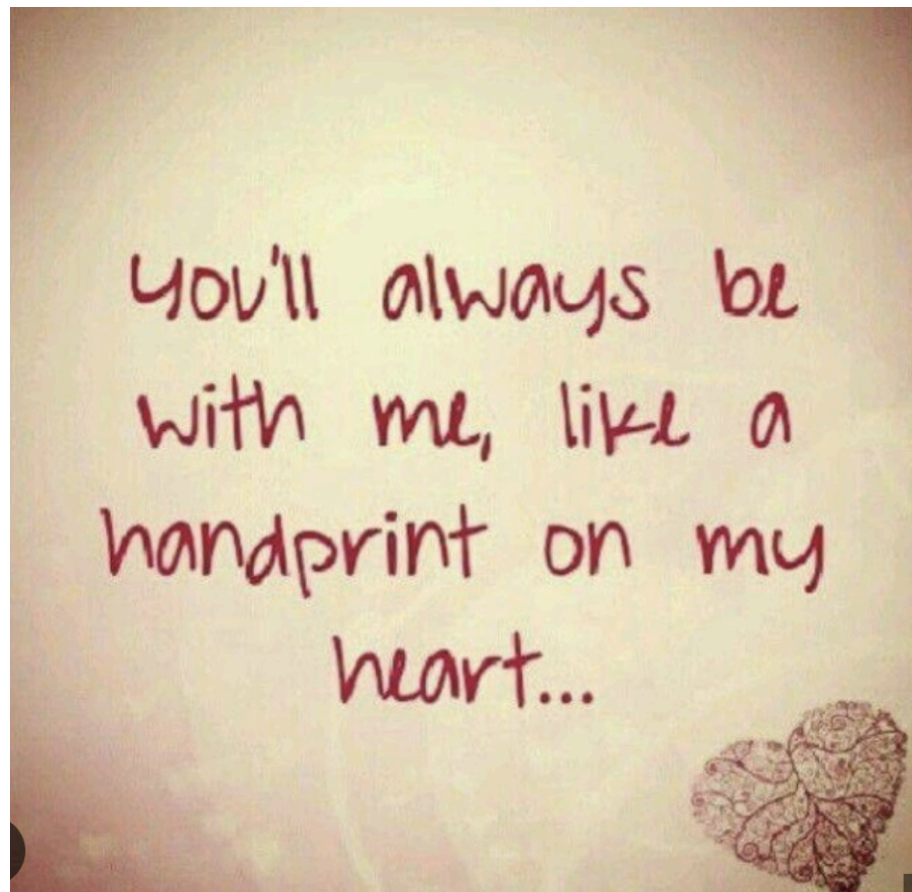
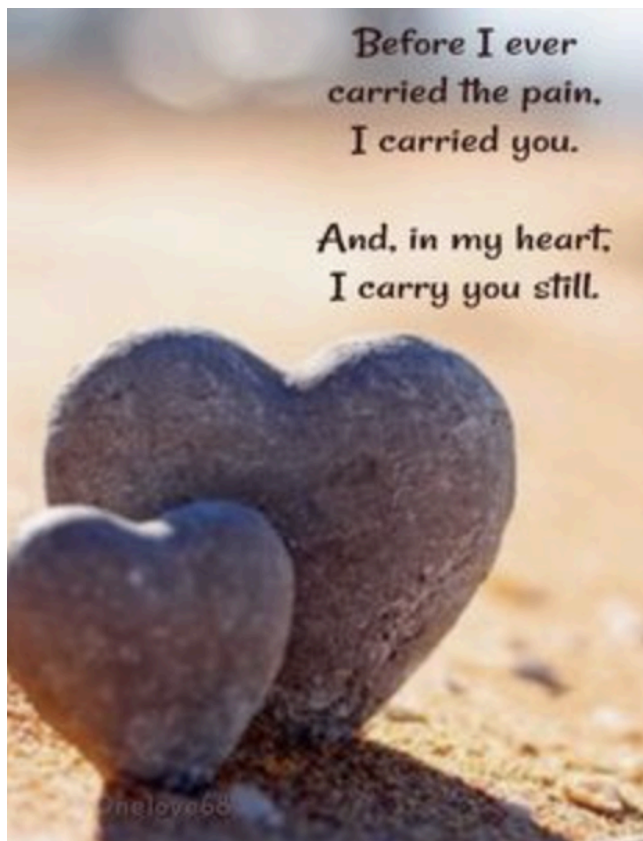
Mario R. Garcia

Tracie (Rene) Conrad

Steven Hall Merritt

Alan David Teitelman

Micheal, Katie, Julia (Siblings)

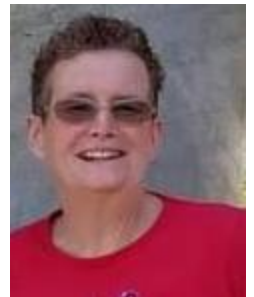


Thank you to Christine Persall for sending out our Angelversary Cards. Thank you to Shirley Tapia for answering the hotline.

Remembering Our Loved Ones



There are various ways to honor the memory of your loved ones, and one impactful method is establishing a Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) Chapter. A remarkable example of this is Nancy Aguliar, a former member of Greater Orange County, who has taken the initiative to do just that! Nancy's determination and resilience are well-known among those who have crossed paths with her. If you've had the privilege of meeting Nancy, you understand the depth of her commitment. For those who haven't yet had the opportunity, I hope you do someday. Congratulations, Nancy!



Remembering Our Loved Ones Cont...

Happy Birthday Mike

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Since your loss things have changed.

There is less laughter in the house, less knowing glances and smiles.

As time has passed your friends call less,

Your name is mentioned less at family gatherings.



I watch silently hurting as others marry, have children,

and enjoy all the day to day pleasures of being together.

For a moment I dwell on how unfair life is.

But then I recall how you and others I have loved and lost are still there

your laughter and strength still carrying me through the day-

Life goes on, things change, but like the sun and the wind and faith

You are there-

Supporting me as I make difficult decisions,

Surrounding me with fond memories as I sit in a crowded room but feel alone.

I thank God that I had the opportunity to know you-

and that your father and I had the opportunity to raise you.

Happy Birthday Mike-

Always loving you, your Mom

If you would like to say something about your loved one in the newsletter please email christinadizon1123@gmail.com. Please note all requests must be received by the 20th of the month to make the following newsletter. Ex: anything received by January 20th will go in February's newsletter.

Announcements and Information

July 2024 National POMC 38th Annual Conference

Date: July 18-21, 2024

Where: Harrah's- 3475 Las Vegas Blvd. SouthLas Vegas, Nevada 89109

Harrah's Reservations can be booked using:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/SHPOM4>

The phone number for room reservations is 1-800-CAESARS (223-7277)

[Online Conference Registration](#)

The Registration Form and Online Registration are available at www.pomc.org The full Conference Registration Fee provides admission to all workshops, lunch on Friday and Saturday, Memorial Dinner on Friday, Awards Banquet on Saturday, Brunch on Sunday, and a Conference Memorial Book and tote.

[Conference Brochure](#)

Conference Memorial Book

The Conference Memorial Book is a keepsake you will cherish for years to come. The booklet contains a detailed Conference agenda and information. The majority of the pages are dedicated to our loved ones as a lasting memorial.

- Donations to dedicate a space for a memorial to your loved one (photos, poems, etc.) are: \$40.00 for a quarter page \$75.00 for a half page \$140.00 for a full page
- Submissions must be received by June 1, 2024 with your Registration Form.
- Please email to natlpomc@pomc.org or mail to POMC, 635 West 7th St, Suite 307, Cincinnati, OH 45203.
- Please clearly print your name, your loved one's name, age, birth and death dates on the back of any photo submitted.
- When sending photos, do not send originals or one-of-a-kind photos.
- Photos will not be returned by mail, but may be picked up at the Conference. Photos not picked up at the Conference will be forwarded to National POMC.



▪ We do not retain Memorial Book submissions on file therefore, new submissions are required each year.

Court Companions

If you are willing and able to attend court with families who are still going through the legal process, please contact Debra Dizon-Hernandez at gocpomc@yahoo.com

Monthly Support Meetings

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month 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. Call for Location 714-999-7123 Email: gocpomc@yahoo.com

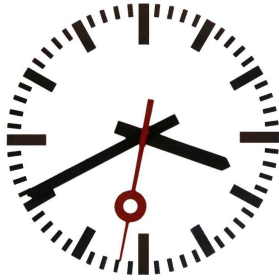
Newsletter

If you would like to add something to the newsletter please email your request to christinadizon1123@gmail.com

Support Greater Orange County

Ways to support your local POMC

-Time



-Monetary Donations



-Join the Board

-Donations of items for events

- **Water**
- **Food**
- **Gift items**
- **Tissues**
- **Decorations for events**

Directory

Board Members

Chapter Leader:

Debra Dizon-Hernandez: email: Debraus22@gmail.com (In memory of Jonathan Dizon)

Co Leader:

Martha Dewar: marthad@roadrunner.com (In memory of Sarah) (Spanish Speaking Contact)

Secretary:

Faye Jenkins: Email: gsmommy@yahoo.com (In memory of Quiana and Jan)

Treasurer:

Lola Miller: Email: lolamiller2@yahoo.com, (In memory of Michelle)

Board Member

Lauren Stewart: (In memory of Cody)

Greater Orange County POMC:

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gocpomc@yahoo.com

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Homicide Victim Services Supervisor:

Melissa Melgar- mmelgar@waymakersoc.org

POMC National Headquarters: 888-818-POMC

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[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)



Due February 29th (no exceptions)

**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 and mail it to our P.O. Box. 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 GOCPOMC. We ask for a donation of \$60.00 per name. If you have any questions, please call (714) 999-7132.
3. Mail check and completed form to: **GOCPOMC**
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.

<p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAXIMUM OF 20 LETTERS (INCLUDING SPACES) - NO PUNCTUATION - NO QUOTATION MARKS - NO HYPHENS 	<p>SAMPLE:</p> <table> <tr><td>1964</td><td>Jessica D Lange</td><td>1991</td></tr> <tr><td>1968</td><td>Mathew E Arnold</td><td>1990</td></tr> <tr><td>1979</td><td>T Jeffrey Thompkin</td><td>1994</td></tr> <tr><td>1977</td><td>Salvador M Del Garza</td><td>1991</td></tr> </table>	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:

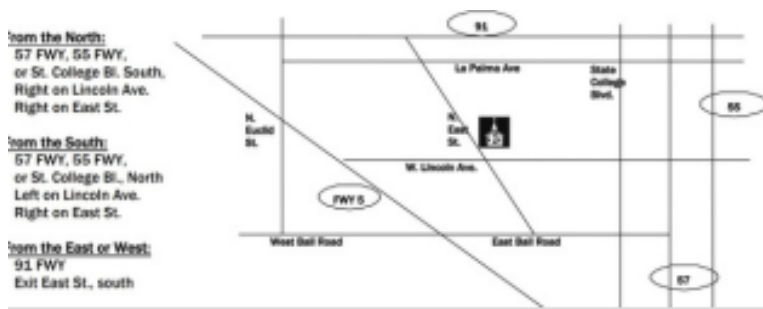
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*If any part of the name is hard to pronounce, please write it as it sounds. It is very important to us that we say your loved one's name correctly at the dedication ceremony. _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Check # _____	Acct # _____	Date Received / Payment #1 _____/_____/_____
Bank Name _____	Routing# _____	Payment #2 _____/_____/_____
Acknowledgement letter sent _____		Payment #3 _____/_____/_____
Inscription # _____		Approved by _____



Come join our Facebook Community!

POMC-Greater Orange County
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gocpomc>

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.

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