

# PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN

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

January 2021

## GREATER ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER OF POMC

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Always check with your advocate for information on your case.

### 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.

## *January = New Year = New Beginnings*

*This year we missed many meeting and gatherings due to COVID-2019. Although, we do not know what this year holds as far as gatherings go, I want to remind us that we have each-other. So, I thank you for your love and support as we approach this New Year.*

*Each year we look around, and many people seem excited for the new year, and we even hear their new year resolutions. Our resolutions seem to be the same every year, "I hope I just make it through the year." We can make it through this New Year. We can go into this year doing, being, and becoming all that we need to.*

*So, as we ring in this New Year, we will light a candle for our loved ones. Last but not least, remember you can include your loved one in your new year by planting a memorial garden in memory of them.*



Whisper .....  
"I Love You"  
to a butterfly  
and it will fly to Heaven  
to deliver your message.

Your life was a blessing; your memory is a treasure.

“

Grief is like the ocean,  
it comes in waves  
ebbing and flowing.  
Sometimes the water is  
calm, and sometimes  
it is overwhelming.  
All we can do is  
learn to swim.



VICKI HARRISON



**Happy Birthday!!**  
**Always in our hearts!**



Jonathon Arreola  
Bridget Ballas  
Gina Christine Barnett  
Michael E. Bengé  
Stacey Bryant  
Kelly Sue Bunting  
Andy Bushard  
Jose A. Carreno  
Marcos Ian De La Cruz Cody  
Brice Carey Dickenson  
Benjamin Doyle  
Denise Marie Duerr  
Robert Anthony Fierro  
Michael James Flaherty  
Christie Fleming  
Naghi Ghoraisly  
Louarna Gillis  
Debra Ann Harvey  
Kenny Holowatch  
Sergio Huerta Jr.  
Robert J. Klecker  
Dr. John T. Langlos  
John Anthony Lara III



**Happy Birthday!!**  
**Always in our hearts! Continued**

Cynthia Day Larue

Bernard G. (BJ) Lopez Jr.

Jerome Ludt

Cynthia Marie Martin

Christina Margueretta McNeil

Michelle Nicole Miller

Manuel Munoz

Andrea Nelson

Denise Meresa Ortega

Roy H. Padilla

Yahrou L. Proctor

Anthony Alvarado (Tony) Rios

Sarah J. Rodriguez

John Gottlieb Ruby III

Katya W.J. Sneeringer

Karen Spille

Danielle Faith Voisine

Autumn Carol Wallace

Elliott M. White

David Alan Wigle

Matt Wolf

Laura Ann Zappulla

Jonathan

# Forever Remembered Angelversaries

Joe Jessie Alvarez

Michael Ray Avila

Stewart Ayon

Matthew Steven Bailey

Robbin Dana Brandley

Scott Edward Bushey

Harry Christensen

Pellus Colvin

Robyn Lynn Cox

Tammy Davis

Julian S. Del Campo

Denise Duncan

Aubrey Duncan

Louarna Gillis

Manuel Gonzales

Michael R. Grossi

John Haaren

James Donald Hartzell Jr.

Debra Ann Harvey

Christopher Alan Heyman

Jeremy Kragness

Tarah Kyle

Storm Kyle

Andre Laurent

Patrice M. Liebelt

Melvin Liufau

# Forever Remembered Angelversaries



Rick Macias  
Christopher Stephen Mains  
Joshua Troy Massengill  
Andrea Nelson  
Ched Neuhaus  
Michael Brian Ornelas  
Jan Overton  
Roy H. Padilla  
Earnest Pickett Jr.  
Myron Pittman  
Eduardo Ramirez  
Alex Leo Reyes  
David Robison  
Sammantha A. Salas  
David Sanchez  
Robert Allen Sickles  
Janessa Joclyn Smith  
Gabriel Jerome Tennen  
Jayden Turner  
Richard A. Valdez Jr.  
Steven Andrew Wells

Every effort is made to honor all our loved ones on Special dates. They are listed alphabetically and dates are not included in order to protect personal privacy.

If you do not see them in this newsletter, or there is a correction needed, please contact us. (714)402-3171  
email [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com).

Please help us be accurate on these lists.

# Information

## Big Turn Off

The Big Turn Off is January 13, 2021. We are asking everyone to turn off their TV's during the primetime segment of programming (three hours), to protest TV violence. To learn more go to POMC website [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org).

## Amazon

Amazon Supports GOCPOMC  
Go to:  
[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
Select  
Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered  
Children  
Remember a portion of your purchase is  
donated to our chapter.

## Social Justice Sewing Academy

The Social Justice Sewing Academy (SJSA), a non-profit organization based in Northern California, is a volunteer-lead organization that aims to use art as a form of activism. In this, our most recent project is the Quilts of Remembrance project where volunteers create free, custom quilts for families that have lost loved ones to violence. We create the quilts as a means of sending our condolences and providing a source of comfort to the families. For families that are interested in a quilt, they would have a brief conversation with Lauren Black, the Executive Director of the organization to discuss their loved one's hobbies/interests/favorite colors and any symbols that may represent their loved one that the family would like to have included. If families are willing and comfortable, we typically ask families to send at least one item of clothing to be included in the quilt (shirts, jeans, jerseys, hoodies, etc.) and/or photos of their loved one by themselves or with members of the family. Once the photos and/or clothing are received, a volunteer in our organization is assigned the quilt and it takes about 2-3 months to be shipped back to the family. Families that are interested can email me directly.

Lauren Black, *Executive Director*, (310) 710-6460, **Social Justice Sewing Academy**

<http://www.sjsacademy.com/>

## CRAZY LEGS PRODUCTIONS

We as a company do a lot of work for the Investigation Discovery channel and in that realm, we often have shows that showcase victim's stories. A lot of episodes of our shows find us featuring victim's families of harrowing crimes and ordeals. We are proud to be able to provide them with the platform to share the stories of their loved ones. One of our hopes with our episodes is that by sharing these stories, we may be able to spread public awareness about the unspeakable violence that affects many families day to day, including those who are affiliated with your group, *Parents of Murdered Children*. We also hope that viewers out there who can relate may take inspiration from the stories we feature. Please feel free to call me at the number below at any time, I'm happy to elaborate further and answer any questions.

**CRAZY LEGS PRODUCTIONS**, Sarah Smith | Associate Producer

**404-909-0211**

[sarah@crazylegsproductions.com](mailto:sarah@crazylegsproductions.com)



## Information (Cont'd)

Paul Smith and I are retired law enforcement officers and were for a time, detectives together in California. We write cop books now. We are currently working on a project with Investigation Discovery [investigationdiscovery.com](http://investigationdiscovery.com) (dedicated to true crime documentaries) that could get cold cases exposure via a new TV network series. We're looking to identify cases that meet the following specific criteria:

- Unsolved homicide
- Victim is female
- Victim was an informant (or her killer(s) thought she was an informant)

If you have such a case(s), and you think new witnesses or information could surface as a result of TV network exposure to certain aspects of the case, we would like to discuss this with you and add your case to our 'potentials' file. Paul and I would very much like to initiate discussions on how we might assist.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time at the following:

Chris Berg 408-564-9994; [chrisberg@gmail.com](mailto:chrisberg@gmail.com)  
 Paul James Smith 916-606-6550; [sifkasmith2486@gmail.com](mailto:sifkasmith2486@gmail.com)

### NEW ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE POMC CATALOG

Thanks to a generous donation we have many new items available for purchase. Below is a sampling. These items, plus others, will be added to the POMC Catalog. [http://www.pomc.org/pomc\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.pomc.org/pomc_catalog.pdf)  
 If interested in any item or for more information contact Sandy Barlion @ [sbarlion@pomc.org](mailto:sbarlion@pomc.org).

**COST DOES NOT INCLUDE SHIPPING AND HANDLING**

ORNAMENT 2019	COST
"Baby Girl 1st Christmas"	4.00
"Nephew"	3.25
Alvin Kamara NOLA Saints	5.25
Todd Gurley II LA Rams	5.25
"Class of 2019"	4.00

MUGS	COST
Best Stepdad Mug	3.25
Best Stepmom Mug	3.25
Best Godfather Mug	3.25






JEWELRY	COST
Personalized Necklace	2.00
Personalized Bracelet	2.00
Necklace Snakeskin Circle	7.50
Earring Snakeskin Circle	5.00
Necklace Snakeskin Leaf	5.00
Earring Snakeskin Leaf	5.00
"Love" Cross	4.50



Contact Sandy for list of names

Other items available but not pictured are: Bracelets "Love" & Heart & "Always Brave", Necklace & Earring Fur Ball—assorted colors, Necklace My Milagros - Fish & Hand, Pins Ron Weasley & Champagne Bottle, Wooden Plaques "If You're Handed it, You can Handle it" 23.5" x 2" & "Love the Lord Like No Other and Everybody Else a Real Close Second" 15" x 6" & "Rules of Relaxations: slow down....." 15.5" x 9", Rainbow Lightning Cosmetic Bag, Guest Books—8 different types, Glass Paperweight "In Dreams and in Love there are no impossibilities. Jane Arany" 4" x 2.5" oval, Inspirational Stone "Do good. Bring Friends." 2" oval, Notebook "Dream. Try. Do. Repeat." 5" x 3" & Book "At the Heart of Christmas" by Jill Monroe. Contact Sandy for additional information. (price/picture)



# Voting Information

## Let's Vote!!! Let your voices be heard!

**Qualifications for Voting Membership of a Chapter** shall consist of all persons who are survivors of a victim of murder or homicide who sign up to become Voting Members of the Chapter and attend at least one (1) Voting Member meeting per year.

**The Annual Voting Member Meeting** Occurs in January 13, 2021 this year at our monthly meeting. We provided notice in our December newsletter.

**Nominating Committee.** At the organization Voting Member meeting and at each Annual Voting Member Meeting thereafter (or special meeting called for that purpose), a Nominating committee shall be selected. The Nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors at the following annual Voting Member Meeting, and shall present this slate to the Voting Membership at such Annual Voting Member Meeting. The term of office of each Nominating Committee shall expire upon its completion of this function.

**Election.** The initial Directors shall consist of those persons who sign the original Articles of Association. Thereafter, at the first Annual Voting Member Meeting following the organizational Voting Member Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present the approved slate of nominees for the Board of Directors. Additional nominations may thereafter be made from the floor by any Voting Member present at the Annual Voting Member Meeting. Directors shall be elected by the affirmative vote of a majority of those Voting Members present in person or by proxy at the Annual Voting Member Meeting at which a quorum exists. Any Voting Member who is not physically present may attend the meeting and may vote by the use of Authorized Communications Equipment. No campaigning whatsoever for the election of Directors shall be permitted.

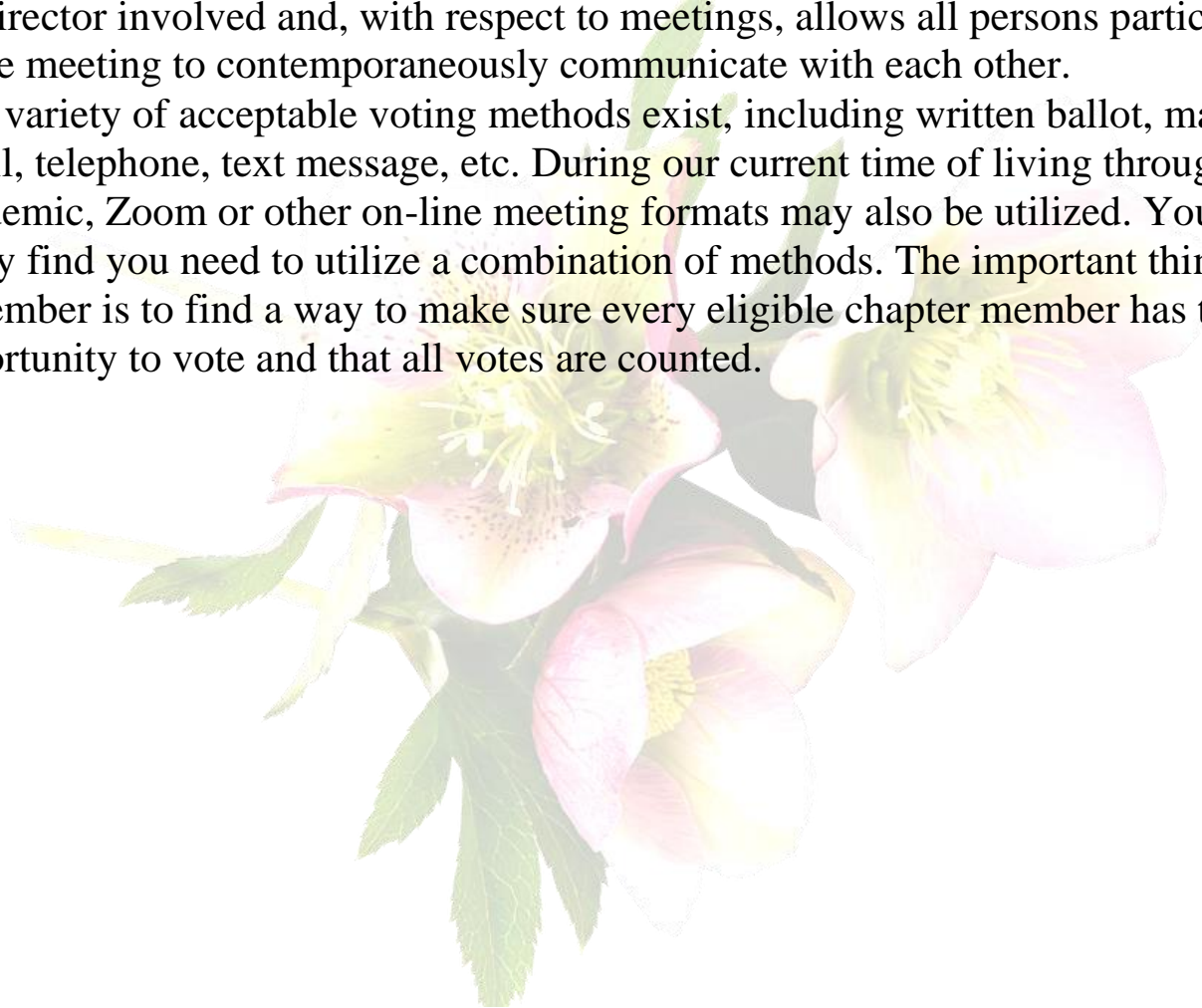
**Election of Officers-** Officers of this Chapter shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall be one (1) or more Chapter Leader(s), one (1) Secretary and one (1) Treasurer. Any other officers may be elected by the Board of Directors with the prior approval of the Corporation's Board of Trustees. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The Chapter Leader(s) shall be a survivor(s) of a victim of murder or homicide. Any person may hold more than one (1) office, except the Chapter Leader/Co-Leader may not hold the position of Secretary

and/or Treasurer. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the election of the Board of Directors.

### **Voting Methods**

**Authorized Communication Equipment:** Any communications equipment that provides a transmission, including, but not limited to, by telephone, telecopy, email, text or any electronic means, from which it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by, and accurately reflect the intention of, the member or Director involved and, with respect to meetings, allows all persons participating in the meeting to contemporaneously communicate with each other.

A variety of acceptable voting methods exist, including written ballot, mail, email, telephone, text message, etc. During our current time of living through a pandemic, Zoom or other on-line meeting formats may also be utilized. You may likely find you need to utilize a combination of methods. The important thing to remember is to find a way to make sure every eligible chapter member has the opportunity to vote and that all votes are counted.



# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

## **MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS:**

Wednesday January 13, 2019 at 6:30pm

Wednesday February 10, 2019 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:**

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH (no affiliation)  
222 N. East Street Anaheim, CA 92805

## **\*\*\*SAVE THESE DATES\*\*\***

The United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime have designated Crime Victim's Rights Week to be in April. Justice for Homicide Victims 37th Memorial in April. Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication Ceremony Memory in April.

## **AUGUST 2021 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POMC CONFERENCE**

The 35<sup>th</sup> National Conference for Parents Of Murdered Children will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona on July 15-18, 2021. The hotel rate will be \$119.00 per night plus tax. The hotel is a two story hotel with no elevator so if you have issues with steps please request a 1<sup>st</sup> floor room. The theme this year is "As the Sun Shines in the Desert You Shine In My Heart." There is complimentary parking at the hotel. If anyone would like to donate a teddy bear or silent auction item, please send to the following address:

2021 POMC National Conference  
7507 E Taylor Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

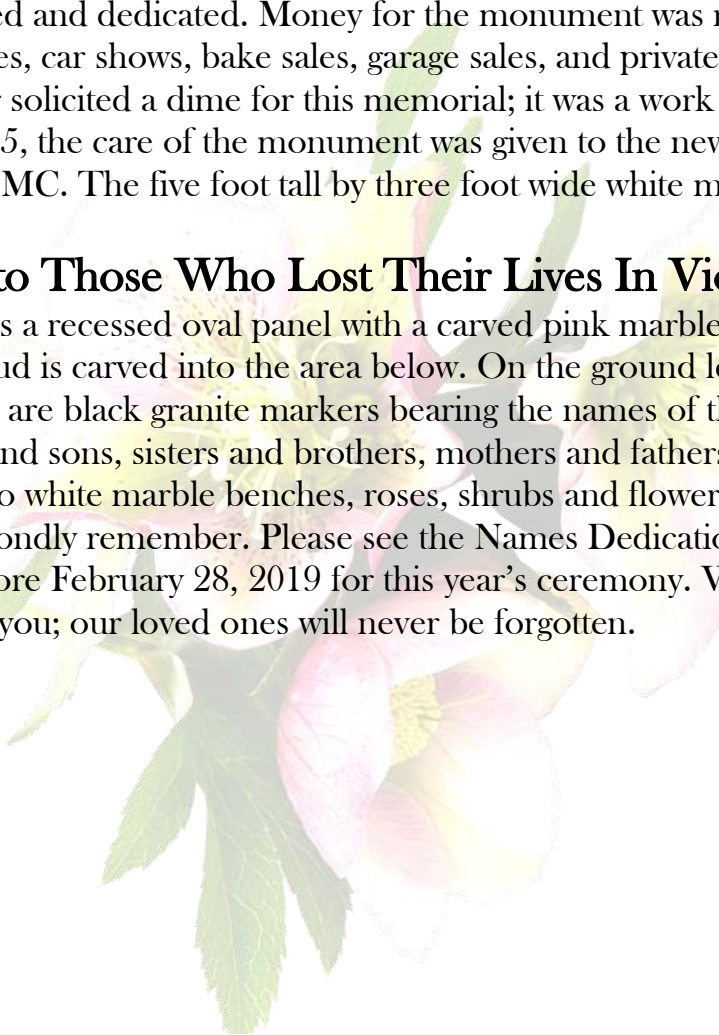
***More information to come!!***

## **Candlelight Vigil and Names Dedication (April 2021)**

In 1988, members of the Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children (POMC) set out to create a special place to honor and remember our Loved Ones lost to violent crimes. After extraordinary efforts by dedicated members, and assistance from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), it took four years to create the permanent monument to our loved ones. This monument is the first of its kind to be built on the west coast. In 1992, the permanent monument was unveiled and dedicated. Money for the monument was raised through grass roots efforts: candy sales, car shows, bake sales, garage sales, and private donations. No professional fundraiser solicited a dime for this memorial; it was a work of LOVE by families wanting to heal. In 2005, the care of the monument was given to the new Greater Orange County Chapter of POMC. The five foot tall by three foot wide white marble monument bears the inscription:

### **Dedicated to Those Who Lost Their Lives In Violent Crimes**

Above the inscription is a recessed oval panel with a carved pink marble "eternal" flame. A partially opened rosebud is carved into the area below. On the ground level, adjacent to either side of the monument, are black granite markers bearing the names of the victims - our Loved Ones - our daughters and sons, sisters and brothers, mothers and fathers, nieces and nephews, family and friends. Two white marble benches, roses, shrubs and flowerbeds ensure a peaceful place to sit, relax and fondly remember. Please see the Names Dedication Form that follows. It must be submitted before February 28, 2019 for this year's ceremony. We look forward to sharing this event with you; our loved ones will never be forgotten.





**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: **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 28<sup>th</sup> will be inscribed for dedication in the following year.

<p><b>NOTE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MAXIMUM OF 20 LETTERS (INCLUDING SPACES)</li> <li>- NO PUNCTUATION</li> <li>- NO QUOTATION MARKS</li> <li>- NO HYPHENS</li> </ul>	<p><b>SAMPLE:</b></p> <table border="0"> <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:**

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

Our monthly support meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM

At Zion Lutheran Church, 222 N. East Street, Anaheim, CA  
92805

**From the North:**

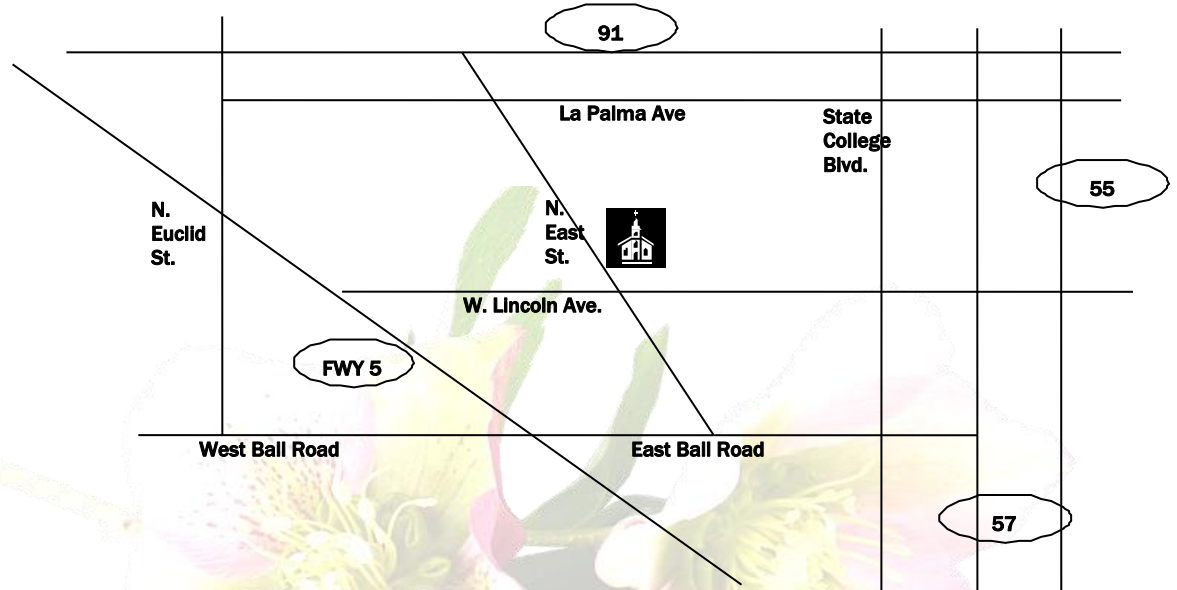
57 FWY, 55 FWY,  
or St. College Bl. South,  
Right on Lincoln Ave.  
Right on East St.

**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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