



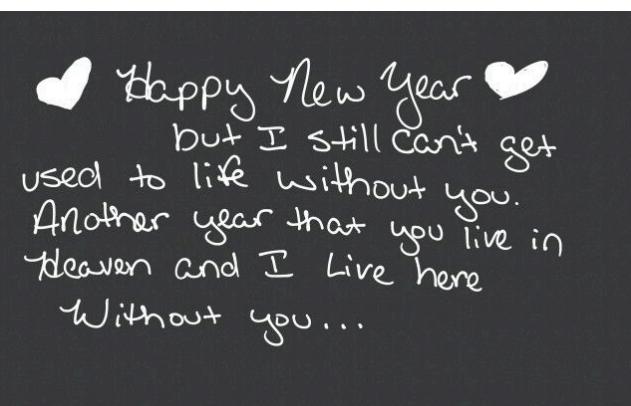
Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

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



As we enter the new year, we carry the same desires with us the desire for accountability, the desire to witness who they would have become most importantly the desire for our loved one to be here. A new year does not erase these longings, and there is nothing wrong with entering it while still holding them close.

Alongside these desires, let us also invite peace. Peace comes from understanding that some things are beyond our control, and that it is okay to rest in that truth while continuing to love, remember, and hope.



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January Dates to Remember

1st New Year's Day

14th Monthly Support Group Meeting

19th Martin Luther King Jr's Bday

21st National Hug Day

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Happy Heavenly Birthday

Denise Meresa Ortega

Jonathon Arreola

Bridget Ballas

Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody

Jerome Ludt

Kelly Sue Bunting

Andy Bushard

Andrea Nelson

Sarah J. Rodriguez

Brice Carey Dickenson

Denise Marie Duerr

Robert Anthony Fierro

Debra Ann Harvey

Christina Margueretta McNeil

Michelle Nicole Miller

John Gottlieb Ruby III

Autumn Carol Wallace

Yahrou L. Proctor

Anthony Alvarado (Tony) Rios

Katya W.J. Sneeringer

Michael E. Benge

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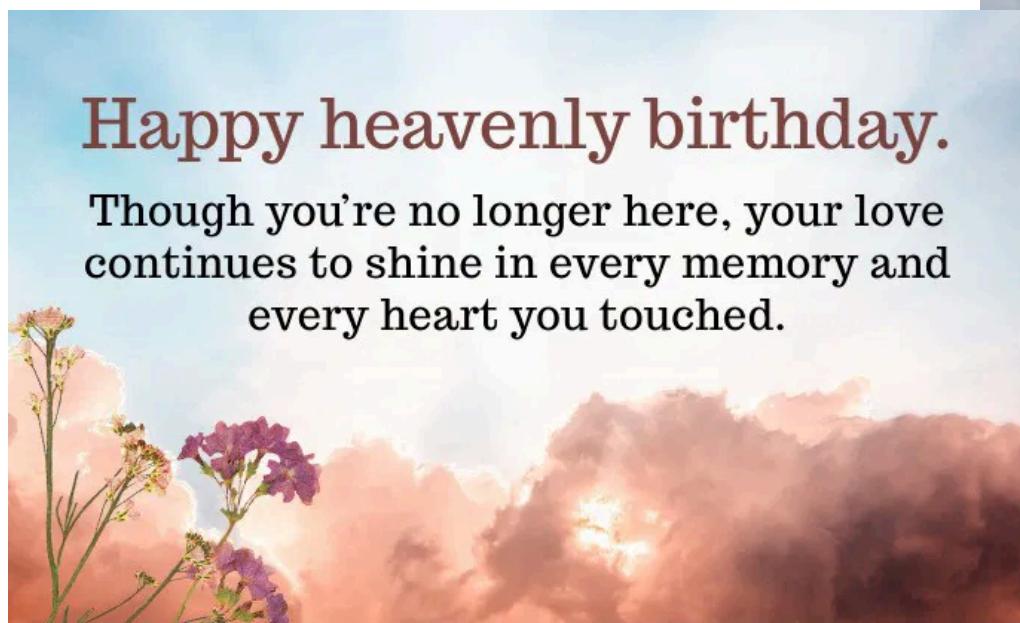
Karen Spille

Danielle Faith Voisine

Stacey Bryant

Bernard G. (BJ) Lopez Jr.

Brian Luengas



On your birthday, I will visit you in my heart!!



We are always thankful and grateful for Christine Persall (sending out Angelversary cards), Shirley Tapia (answering the hotline) and Anitia Sanchez (sending birthday cards. When you see them please thank them as well!

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Forever Remembered Angelversary

Debra Ann Harvey

Rick Macias

Robert Allen Sickles

Michael R. Grossi

Andre Laurent

Michael Brian Ornelas

Ched Neuhaus

Harry Christensen

James Donald Hartzell Jr.

David Sanchez

Julian S. Del Campo

Manuel Gonzales

Patrice M. Liebelt

David Robinson

Michael Ray Avila

Stewart Ayon

Robbin Dana Brandley

Janessa Joclyn Smith

Earnest Pickett Jr.

Jayden Turner

Richard A. Valdez Jr.

Sammantha A. Salas

Andrea Nelson

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Denise Duncan

Aubrey Duncan

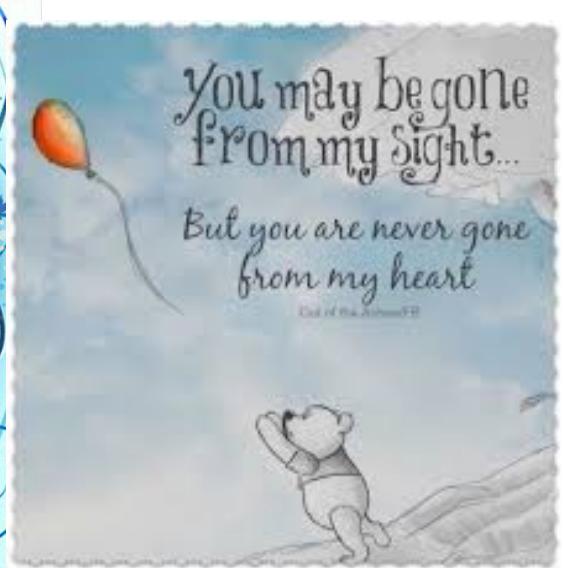
Alex Leo Reyes

Joe Jessie

Sarah Furey

Jamie Hartzell

Shawn



As long as you remember me I will never be forgotten!!!

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Remembering Our Loved Ones

Attending events in our local cities are powerful ways to remember our loved ones and support one another. Check your local city for events.

POMC Family and Friends Christmas Potluck



Thank you for all donations and attendance!! ❤

Remembering Our Loved Ones Cont...

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Remember attending events in the area is a powerful way to build bonds.



We express our grateful hearts for the many blessings we received—each one meaningful, no matter how big or small.

With love and remembrance, we honor **Charline & Kim**, in loving memory of **Savannah**, and **Regina Hardin**, in loving memory of **Bryan**. Your generosity and hearts of remembrance helped make this evening truly special.

Thank you to everyone who brought a raffle item or prepared a favorite dish in honor of their loved ones. Your contributions added warmth, meaning, and connection to the celebration.

A special thank-you to the **LA Chapter** for their generous donation of toys. Each child was able to select five free toys just for themselves—and the smiles on their faces said it all. Now *that* is Christmas. 🎄

We were also blessed with a special visit from Santa, bringing joy and laughter to the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make this gathering a time to come together, remember, and celebrate the lives and love of those who will always hold a place in our hearts.

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Announcements and Information

Email List (Removal)

If you would like to be removed from our email list please send an email to christinadizon1123@gmail.com

Elections:

Elections are approaching. Please attend our monthly meeting to cast your vote.

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

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

Newsletter

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

Training-

If you are interested in taking the Effective Leadership Training in January and February please send Sherry snolan@pomc.org an email to let her know. **There is an ongoing list at this time and newer Chapters and current Chapters in need of certified members to be in compliance will be considered first.

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Case Solving Possibility-

Parents Of Murdered Children was asked to send this out to our members but does not assume any responsibility or liability. See below:

My best friend was murdered when I was 6. It is the unsolved Robison murders. I have a passion for solving cold cases, and have teamed up with a top genetic genealogist: Colleen Fitzpatrick. We are looking for unsolved cold cases that have DNA evidence. Two new techniques allow us to revisit unsolved crimes: hairs without roots and minimal amounts of DNA using the M-Vac device. Do you have any families we can work with to help solve their murders?

Claudia Freedman If any family falls into this category let me know
bwarnock@pomc.org .

Scholarship

From one of our survivors:

My dad, Dr. James H. Lewis, was a well -known African American doctor/surgeon in Harrisburg, Illinois, who attended college in Wheaton Illinois. The school, founded by abolitionists, was very supportive of him in the early 1900s. The school is offering a scholarship for a four- year free ride scholarship for the economically disadvantaged who are concerned about underserved communities and who hold Christian belief to serve. Could you please let members know about this scholarship as I am sure there are those who have members who might be interested in this. My dad started a scholarship there with Wheaton adding \$5,000,000. You can read about my dad by google . An historical marker was placed in front of the hospital he built. Incidentally he was a victim of a robbery eons ago. Sincerely, Jeanne Mays, mother of Ruby Y. Mays, murder victim.

If you are interested please email bwarnock@pomc.org and your email will be forwarded to her email.

40th POMC National Conference

The 2026 POMC National Conference will be held in Columbus, Ohio. July 23-26 at Columbus Airport Marriott

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Book Your Hotel Room at the official conference hotel, Columbus Airport Marriott.

Attendees Group Code: PMC Group Rate: \$123 + Tax

Reservations Deadline Date: Monday, June 22, 2026

Podcast

[Chapter 9 The New Chapter](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCkA99QwRZc>



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Support Greater Orange County

Ways to support your local POMC

-Time



-Monetary Donations



-Join the Board (Raise your voice with ours so our message is heard!!)



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-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

Open

Greater Orange County POMC:

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gcpomc@yahoo.com

www.gcpomc.com

Homicide Victim Services Supervisor:

Melissa Melgar- mmelgar@waymakersoc.org

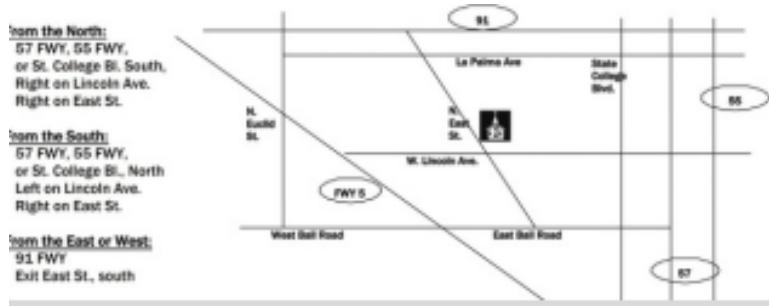
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gocpomc>

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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