



Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

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

.....

January 2024

As we all enter the New Year we are hoping for a healthy and safe year. As we enter this New Year, we are once again without our loved one, but we are not without the memories. The memories we have will not allow our loved ones to be forgotten. We can cherish those memories and bring them into the New Year with us. I once read that our loved one can never be forgotten if we stop loving them. We will never stop loving them so they can NEVER be forgotten. They will FOREVER ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED!!

“If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever.”
- Winnie the Pooh





JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 VOTE MEETING 	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!	30	31	1	2	3

Homemade
SUNSHINE MADE EASY

Holidays and Observances: 1: New Year's Day, 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day



***Always in our Hearts
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

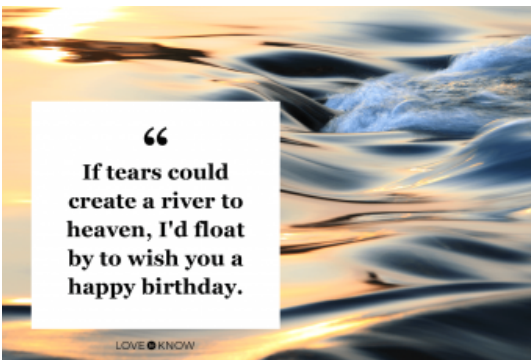
Anthony Alvarado (Tony) Rios

Katya W.J. Sneeringer

Michael E. Bengé

Karen Spille

Danielle Faith Voisine

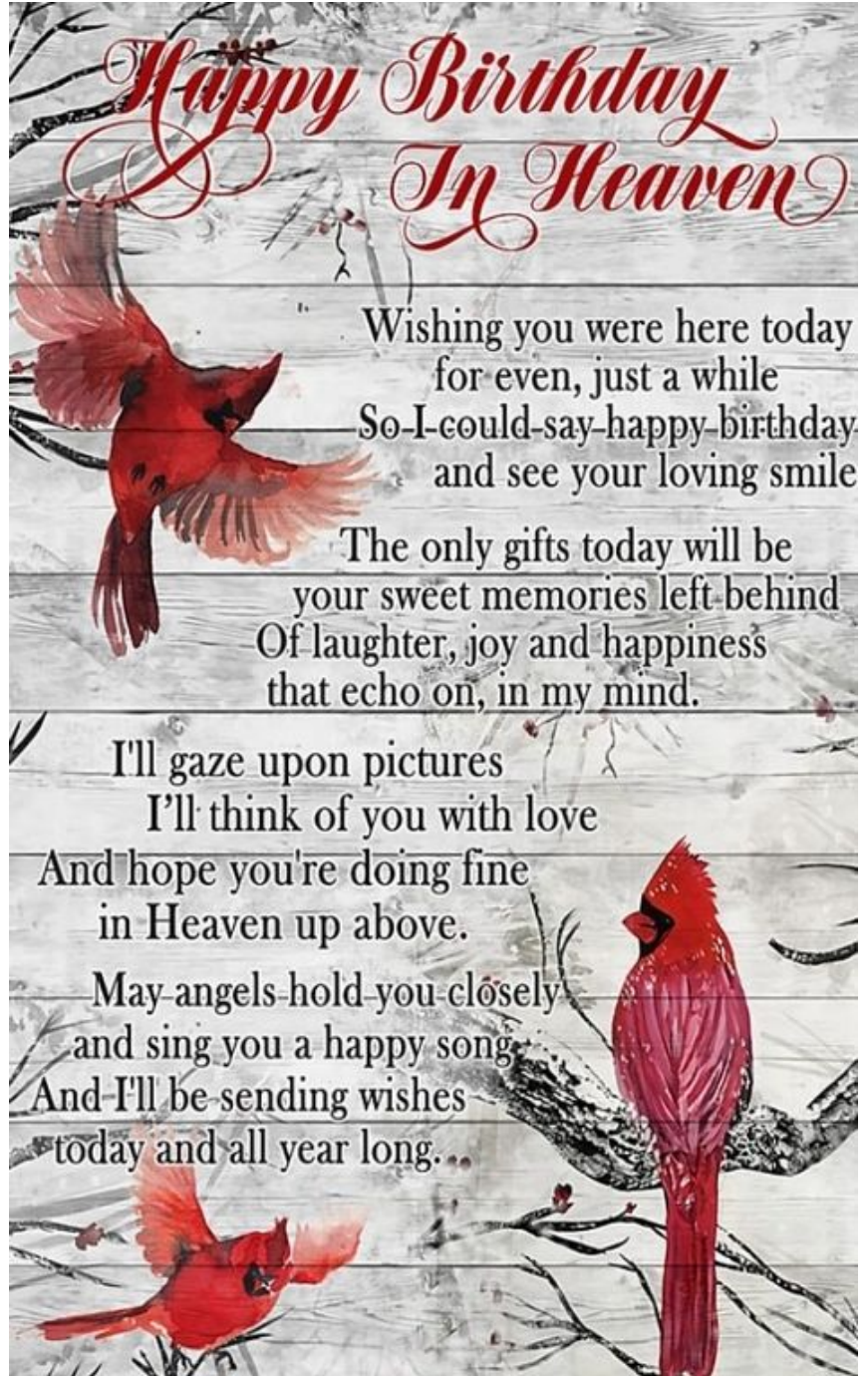


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Stacey Bryant

Bernard G. (BJ) Lopez Jr.

Brian Luengas



Thank you to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards



Forever Remembered Angleversaries

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

Denise Duncan

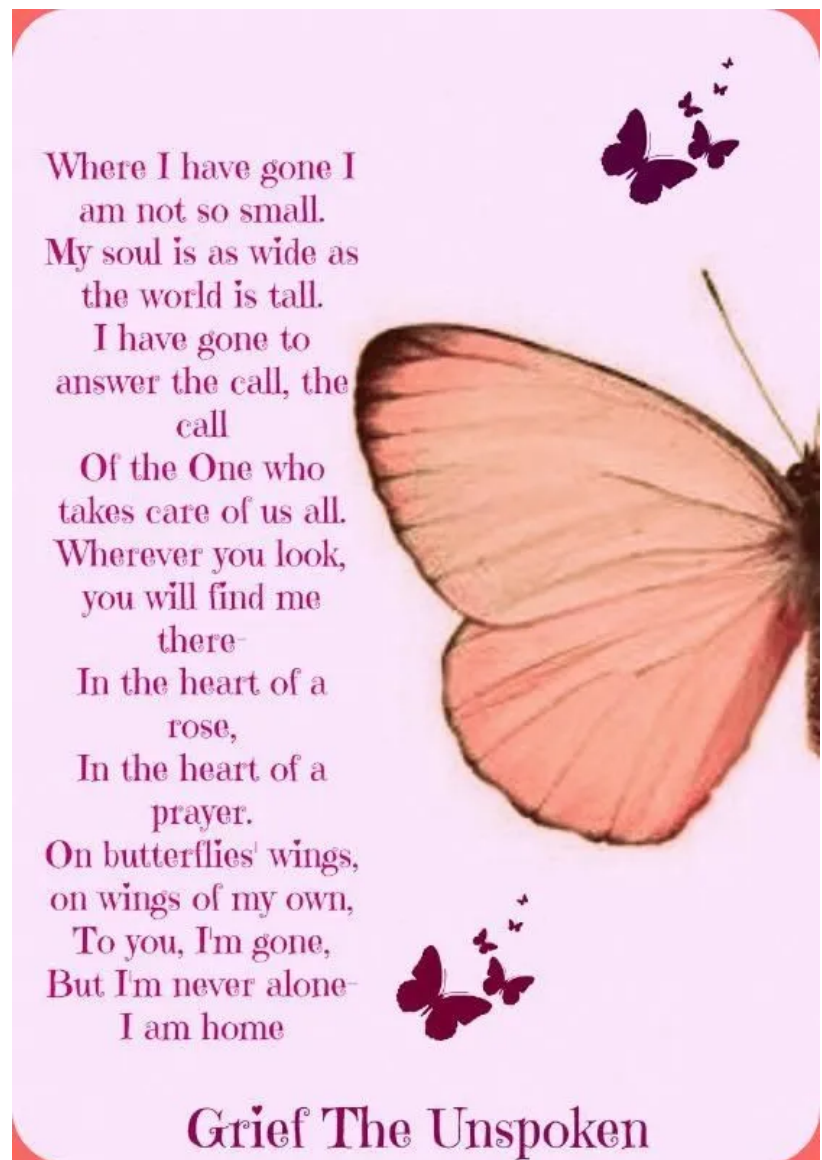
Aubrey Duncan

Alex Leo Reyes

Joe Jessie

Sarah Furey

Jamie Hartzell



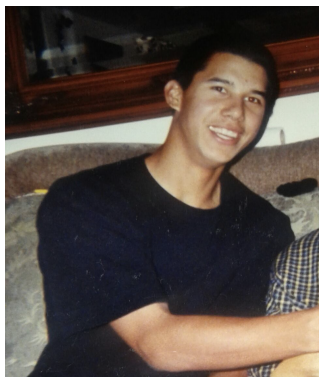
Thank you to Christine Persall for sending out our Angelversary Cards.

Thank you to Shirley Tapia for answering the hotline.

Remembering Our Loved Ones



Without the board, the donations ,and the help of the members our gatherings would not be possible. We know the holidays can bring joy for some. However, for others it can be lonely and sad, a reminder that our loved one is missing. Our loved one is in our hearts and we share them with each other, you are not alone.



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

Need to Talk (It is important to reach out when you need to!)

All are board members and bilingual. 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.

National Information

The Big Turn Off is scheduled for the second Wednesday in January which is January 10, 2023. This annual event is asking citizens to turn off their television for three hours during the prime-time segment of programming, to protest TV violence. The average child, watching the average amount of television, will witness 200,000 acts of violence by age 18. The goal of the Big Turn Off is to empower people to object to what they find offensive and send a message that promotes non-violent programming.

Newsletter

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



Voting

It's getting to the end of the year and it's almost time for nominations and elections of Board of Directors and we know that some Chapters have problems with this so we are putting the guidelines in to keep your Chapter in compliance. These guidelines are from your Articles of Associations so you can also refer to that. Feel free to call National with other questions.

- **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** shall occur in January of each year at a date, time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The written notice setting forth the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be personally delivered, mailed or transmitted by Authorized Communications Equipment at least twenty (20) days before the date of each Annual Voting Member Meeting to each Voting Member at the Voting Member's address as it appears in the Voting Membership Book.
- **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.** The 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.

- Remember that you can only vote in board members to your Chapter in January at the yearly elections. The only time that is different is if a board member resigns thru the year and you have to fill their spot.
- Survivors attending a support group meeting/event should not be permitted to enter with any type of weapon. The building/venue may have posted “no weapons permitted.” (guns, etc) but even if they don’t the POMC support group/event should not let anyone in with any kind of weapon. Your Chapter may want to add this information to their Chapter Guidelines.

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



PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN - VALLEY OF THE SUN CHAPTER
MEMBERSHIP / MAILING LIST FORM

Please fill out this form as completely as you feel comfortable. The accuracy of your information is very important to us, so please print as clearly as possible. For questions, call 602-254-8818 or email pomcvos@gmail.com
All information is kept confidential.

YOUR NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
CELL PH _____ HOME PH _____ WORK PH _____
EMAIL _____

(Please print clearly)

1. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____	DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____	
2. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____	DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____	
3. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____	DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____	
4. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____	DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____	
5. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
LOVED ONE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____	DATE LOVED ONE WAS MURDERED _____	

___ I would like to receive my newsletter by email.
___ I want to have my loved one remembered on their birthday and anniversary dates.
___ I grant permission for my name and information to be provided to the POMC National Office.
___ I no longer wish to be on the mailing list. (Comments) _____

CITY & STATE OF MURDER _____ SOLVED or UNSOLVED _____
IF SOLVED, WHAT WAS THE SENTENCE? _____
HOW DID IT HAPPEN? _____

WHAT SPECIAL MEMORIES DO YOU HAVE OF YOUR LOVED ONE? _____

*I give my permission to print my "Special Memories" in the newsletter YES _____ NO _____

Optional: \$ _____ Enclosed is a donation to help with general chapter expenses.
Please make checks payable to:
and mail to:

**PARENTS OF
MURDERED CHILDREN**

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

If interested in joining the board please reach out to Debra Dizon-Hernandez 😊



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)

Secretary:

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

Treasurer:

John Maldonado: Email: maldoman28@gmail.com, (In memory of Matthew Maldonado)

Board Member

Lauren Stewart: (In memory of Cody)

Greater Orange County POMC:

714-999-7132

gocpomc@yahoo.com

www.gocpomc.com

Homicide Victim Services Supervisor:

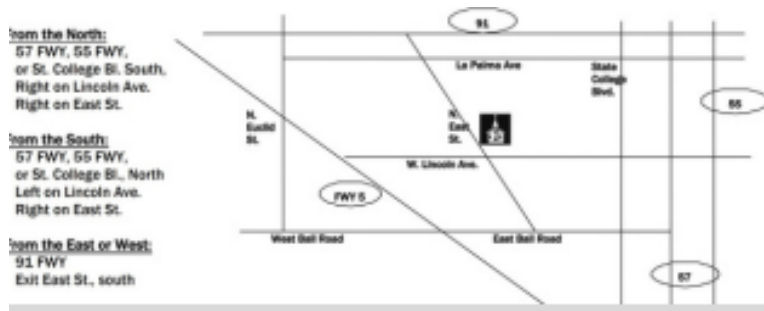
Melissa Melgar- mmelgar@waymakersoc.org

POMC National Headquarters: 888-818-POMC

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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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