

# 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.

#### 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.

# June

*As Father's Day approaches we know that along with great joy also comes great sadness.*

*Fathers are expected to be strong and hide emotions, but please know here at POMC you are*

*free to show your emotions. Here together we can begin to heal.*

Remember YOU ARE STILL A Father!!!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!



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#### Happy Father's Day

"The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams, and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family."~ Reed Markham



# *Always in Our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday!*



Christian F. Alcantar

Rick Anderson

Raymond Apolinar

Robert Mason Brewer

Kevin Blunt, Jr.

Andrew Burk

Terry Clodfelter

John Compton

Caesar Ray Cruz

Tammy Davis

Christopher Dominguez

Curtis G. Draskovich

Maxim Dudinov

Anyssia K. Escamilla

Demetrius Fears, Jr.

Mary A. Gallagher

Mario R. Garcia

Jonathan Paul Giurbino

Martin Granado II

Christopher Hamilton

Linda Kay Hesse

Bill Ickes

Paul Lewis

Robert Jay Liken

Paul Anthony LoCicero

Madeline Rose Mallory

Lisa Diane Norrell

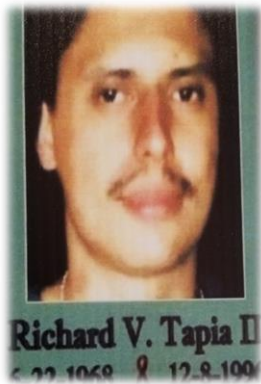
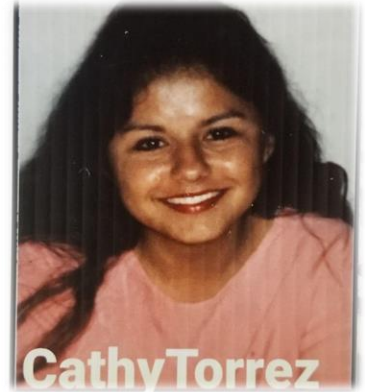
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Michael Peckham

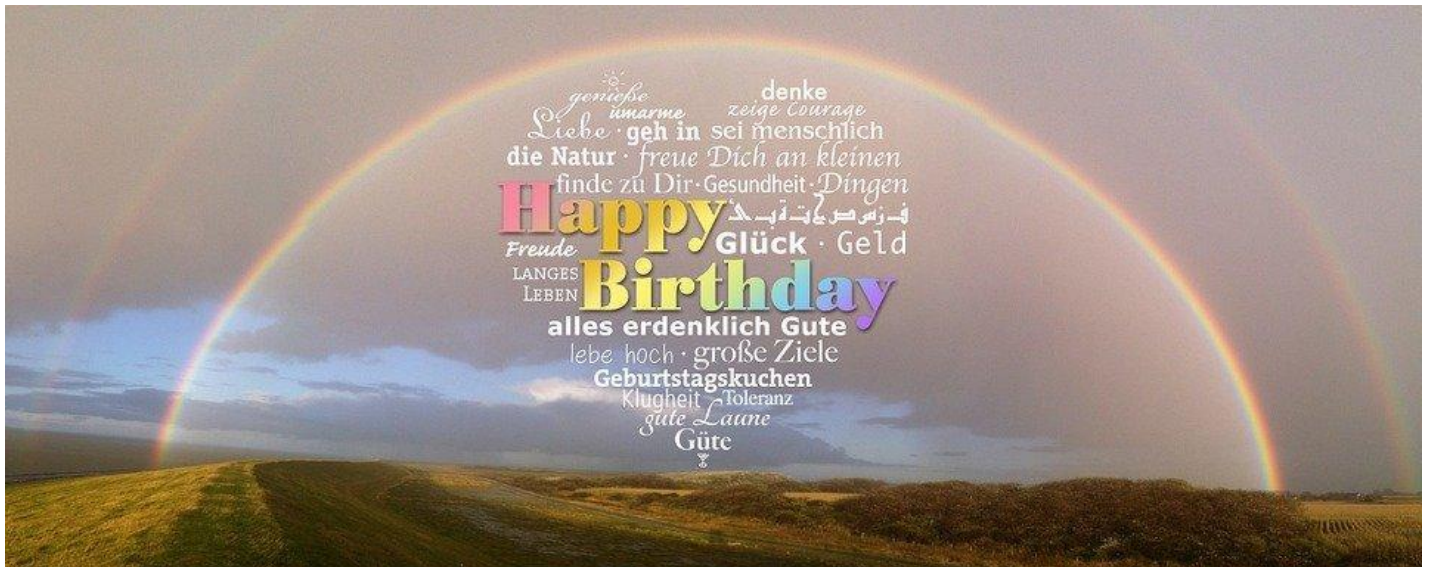
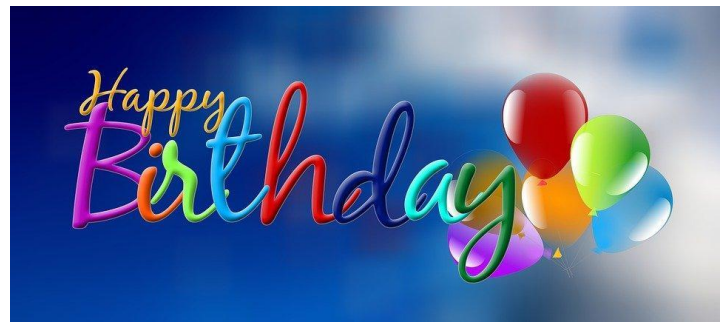
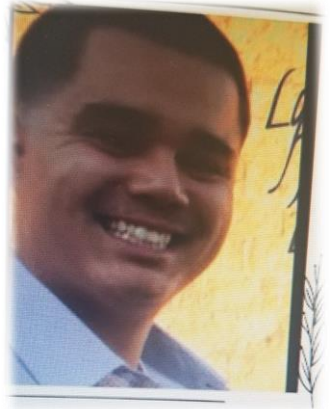
Lynn Ann Sapienze Greene

Denaya M. Shanks

Gary Silva



Bryan Anthony Steubing  
 Scot Anthony Suggs  
 Jason Sweet  
 Richard "Richie" Tapia II  
 Alan David Teitelman  
 Brett Thompson  
 Cathy Torrez  
 Richard A. Valdez, Jr.  
 Robert Andrew Velasquez  
 Savannah Jeanne Walker  
 Lisa Marie Weaver  
 Chuck Weeks





## *Forever Remembered Angelversaries*



Sandra K. Albiani  
Jonathon Arreola  
Matthew C. Blek  
Alicia M. Chagolla  
Julian Collender  
Victor Anthony Curiel  
Virginia L. De Anda  
Salvador De Avila, Jr.  
Samuel R. Desrosiers  
Curtis G. Draskovich  
Patricia Dunthorne  
David Franklin Dyer  
Edward Martin Fernandez, Jr.  
Mary A. Gallagher  
Sean Gardhouse  
Ron Goldman  
Cynthia Tammy Hernandez  
Alejandra Hernandez  
Daniel S. Hernandez  
Kenny Holowatch  
Eli Hormann  
Denise Huber  
Irvin Hurst  
Rebecca Jolene Iannelli  
Bill Ickes  
Joseph "Joey" Andrew Kondrath  
Mary Irene Lewis  
Bernard G. "BJ" Lopez, Jr.  
Israel Morales Lopez  
Lisa Marie Madrid  
Christina Margueretta Mc Neil  
Yolanda Meraz  
Armando Montes



Robert Richard Padilla  
 Andrew Padilla  
 Donald J. Pinanpanida  
 Alfredo Pintor  
 Kathleen Rainey  
 David Ray Sanchez  
 Robert P. Smith  
 Frank Russell Solis, Jr.  
 Teresa Soto-Del Rio  
 Branden Starr  
 Kimberly Rose Trigo  
 Joey Renae Valdiva  
 Autumn Carol Wallace  
 Rebecca Jan Wilenius  
 Michael Williams  
 Scott H. Wilson  
 Laura Ann Zappulla  
 Joey (Baby Joey) Vargas



If had known that I was leaving  
 I would have stopped to say goodbye  
 So, Please don't feel sad that I didn't  
 For I don't want to see you cry  
 If you could see me now, I'm happy  
 I pray your sadness goes away  
 I'm free from sickness, pain, and anger  
 I'm filled with Love from God each day  
 I never dreamed that for a moment  
 That You'd let go of all you love  
 I know you have the strength within you  
 To live a life, that I'm proud of  
 I can still see you and I hear you  
 I feel the love you send my way  
 You do not spend a day without me  
 For I watch over you each day  
 I am beside you as you lie in bed  
 And talk to me at night  
 I wipe the tears upon your cheeks  
 I try to make your days seem bright  
 Please live your life now to the fullest  
 Catch your dreams and shine with love  
 For I am living life through your eyes  
 I'm safe in Heaven's arms above

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 your loved one's name or photo please contact us @ (714)402-3171 email [gocpomc@yahoo.com](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com). Please help us be accurate on these list.

# ***June 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.

## **Board Members:**

Chapter Leader- Debra Dizon-Hernandez Email: [Debraus22@gmail.com](mailto:Debraus22@gmail.com) In memory of Jonathan

Co-Leader Martha Dewar [marthad@roadrunner.com](mailto:marthad@roadrunner.com) In memory of Sarah

Secretary: Letty Gutierrez Email: [lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com](mailto:lettygutierrez2017@gmail.com)

In memory of Bryan Treasurer: John Maldonado Email: [maldoman28@gmail.com](mailto:maldoman28@gmail.com)

In Memory of Matthew

Anita Lewis Email: [alewismary@yahoo.com](mailto:alewismary@yahoo.com) In memory of Mary and Lester

Faye Jenkins Email: [qs\\_mommy@yahoo.com](mailto:qs_mommy@yahoo.com), In memory of Quiana and Sgt Pietrzak

## **MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS**

Wednesday June 8th 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**

The Candlelight Vigil was an amazing event that brought us all together. The event allowed all of us that are going through the same thing to bond and feel/be understood. If you have any suggestions for next year we are more than happy to look into your ideas, but please be prepared to help.

If you have any additional photos we would be happy to add them to the July newsletter and again we are interested in hearing any suggestions for next years vigil.

## **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](https://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**

National Day of Remembrance 9/25/2022-More information to follow.

If your loved one's name was not on the National Day of Remembrance list that was on the website [www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org), please send an email to [rpati@pomc.com](mailto:rpati@pomc.com) 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](https://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](https://www.facebook.com/NationalPOMC)

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