



**Greater Orange County
Chapter of
Parents Of Murdered Children**

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

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Feliz Día De La Madre : Bonne Fête Des Mères



Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day has a very different meaning for many of us. Mother's Day for some brings joy and for others brings sadness.

What is Mother's Day?

You might find it odd that in the United States Mother's Day was not created to celebrate Mother's, but instead it was a push towards better health, welfare, peace and love. It really began as a women's movement to better the lives of Americans. Crazy right :) Who would have thought us moms were not originally being honored for being moms. Well that is the rumor anyhow. :)

Here is what Mother's Day means to some today:

"Mother's Day is a day for you to appreciate your Mother for bringing you into the world and all the stuff our moms did to keep us healthy since we were kids." (This is a 5th grader)

"Mother's Day to me means is appreciation of my Mother loving me and taking care of me my whole life." (This is a 5th grader too)

On Mother's Day I get sad. I can't see her anymore. Her boyfriend killed her, now I don't have a mom. I'm glad I have my grandma that loves me and takes care of me. (Destin 3rd Grade)

On Mother's Day I miss my mom I haven;t seen her since I was little. SHe was the best mommy. (Brooklyn-1st Grade)

On Mother's Day I wish my mommy was here so I can give her a big hug. I miss her. I want to see her. I want her to see me cheer. Now she is in the ground and can't see me. (Imani 2nd Grade)

Mother's Day to me it's a time to enjoy that I am a Mom. I didn't celebrate Mother's Day for a few years. I celebrate Mother's Day now. My other 2 son's make sure to celebrate with me. I make sure that I light up a candle for my son by his urn. I thank God that I was blessed to be a Mother of 3 sons. Mother's Day to me is a very special day to thank the Lord that I am a Mother. I was blessed to be Chirstopher Beawley's Mom for 25 years. (Emma Rivas)

Always in Our Hearts
Happy Heavenly Birthday

Douglas M. Lightfoot

Salvador De Avila Jr.

Manuel Joseph Moreno

Franchot Mitchell

Ramon Franco IV

Rose Marie Christian

Tracy Lee Stratton

Michael Grimm

Mitchell James Curran

Andrew Powell

Ryan William Dasalla

Heidi Hubrecht

Richard F. Madrid

Eva Diaz Rondon

Angela M. King

Ivan Williams

Troy Micheal Nash

Neal Williams

Arthur "Billy" Boucher

Victor P. Rosa III

Heather Broadus

Wendy Weiker-Gordon

Scott H. Wilson



Angela King's Favorite Quote
**"You've got to get the most out
of the moment, let's make
some mischief!" Marilyn
Monroe**

Christopher Bret Fuit

Terence Unity Frietas

Brandon Hanson

Raul Carbajal

Marcia Schafer

Blake Donald Lundquist

Hollie Karr

Faye Lavonne Butler

Earnest Pickett Jr.

Richard Flores Jr.

Katie Riley



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Thank to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards

Forever Remembered

Angelversaries

Chuck Weeks

Jeffrey Alvarado

Justin King French

Christopher Hamilton

Mark Richard Fernandez Jr.

David William Witmer

Raul Carbajal

Tony Moran Jr.

Richard D. McGann

Joseph Finzel

Dominic T. Redd

Anyssia K. Escamilla

Kristopher P. Alofaituli

Armando Eduardo Villagomez

Denise Leanne Barker

Jose J. Sanchez

Manuel Michael Rodriguez Jr.

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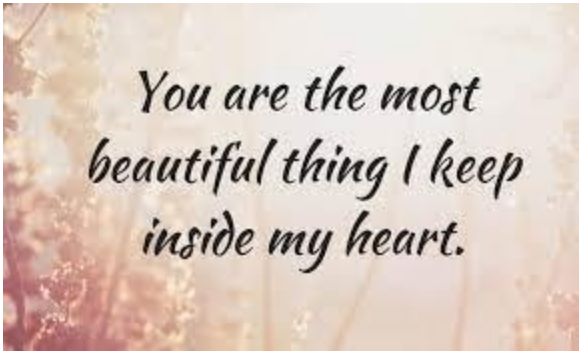
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Ross Arnopp Munday
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Julio Moises Cardoza
Michael Tapia
Johanna T. Piccirelli
Susanmarie "Bunny" Pascale
Marcos Ian De La Cruz-Cody
Jose (Benjamin) Salvidres

Bryan Anthony

Robert Brewer

Tony Moron Jr.



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



Thank you to Shirley Tapia for answering the hotline.

My Son's Story Carl Dan Claes

Carl Dan Claes was born on the first day of spring and it was the happiest day of my life. On May 16, 1995 Carl was marched down a lonely, dark, rocky trail and executed by a monster and his cohort. After shooting Carl at point blank in the back of the head they returned and shot Carl 2 more times in the back of the head. The two then went and ate fast food. My endless nightmare and heartache began. There is no escaping it, only trying to function. The jury convicted in 3 hours first degree murder and the Special Circumstance for Financial Gain as his killer had absconded with Carl's DJ system purchased to help Carl heal from the death of his grandmother in late March 1995. Bought for Carl's creativity and to earn money. The monster was on probation and had a violent past. Has tried to kill an inmate while in prison and now an Aryan Brotherhood shot caller. The shooter was a juvenile tried as an adult receiving Life Without Parole plus ten years sentence upheld by all appeals. Since I have had to endure a resentencing in 2015 where the sentence was changed to 35 years to Life. In 2019 I had a Board of Parole Hearing. There are endless hearings thanks to the Legislature hell bent on letting every psychopath out on the streets again. Most recent to drop the gun enhancement not dropped but impossible to track all these hearings to let the most violent of violent out of prison based on "the juvenile brain" and total disregard to the science of the psychopath brain, politically correct known as "anti-social personality disorder." I miss my boy every hour of the day and night. I am so sorry and sad for all of us members of Parents of Murdered Children. As they say, "a grief like no other." I miss Carl's laughter, our talks, and Carl's kindness. Thank you for never forgetting Carl.



Coping By Nancy Aguliar

Cope..how does one cope after their child is murdered?

I have found, myself, moreso as surviving. Each day was a solo journey, when Jesse was murdered. It was chaotic, and horrific. The horrific continues day by day, turning into year by year..that is coping. Learning to live with the gut-wrenching, painful emptiness, because I must. A piece of myself was ripped out of my chest, from my heart, and it was tortured and murdered by fire! 🔥

I was alone, very little family support. Thankfully my POMC family was here, for many years, I don't know how I would have made it? God gave me the courage and strength to survive, and cope with each day. Cope is a struggle. I cannot quit. Even with Earthly Justice, it isn't enough...the murder continues to haunt, to torture my mind. How does one COPE, knowing your son's life was stolen, from another human being's choice? It is my life sentence. I guess I am learning to cope with this reality? Kind of like wandering in the desert, searching, alone...endless sand dunes, heat, and exhaustion.

Wow Christina, to cope, is a truly hard question to answer.

I love you!

Nancy

(Jesse' mom)

Announcements and Information

Save the Date

37th Annual National Conference

When: July 20-23, 2023

Where: Hilton Atlanta Airport (800-445-8667)

1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354

[Hotel Link](#) Room Rates: \$119.00 plus tax per night

Download [2023 Conference Brochure](#)

[Conference Registration](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions for the conference](#)

Grief Retreat Weekend

Parents Of Murdered Children is hosting a Grief Retreat Weekend from October 6-8, 2023, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The cost is \$154.00 for the whole weekend. We do have scholarships available. Any questions, please call Bev @ (513) 721-5683 or E-mail bwarnock@pomc.org*

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.

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. Select: Greater Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Remember a portion of your purchase is donated to our chapter.



Many ways to support POMC!! Faye, Debra, Lauren, Imelda, John and Martha at the Crime Survivors Walk

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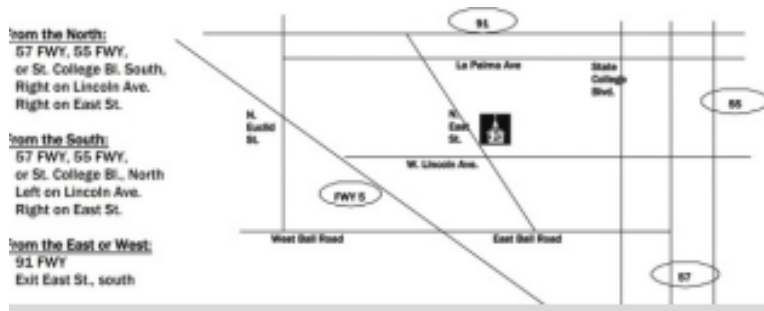
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Membership is Open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

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