



Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

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

November

As we enter the month of Thankfulness, we sometimes don't feel very "Thankful." We have a hole in our hearts that cannot be filled. It is cliché for people to tell us to be thankful for the time we had. We all want more of something at some point, so if you don't feel thankful this month, that is ok. If you do feel thankful this season, that is ok too. However, you are feeling now that someone here feels the same way. You are not alone.



November Fun Facts

November 1 is All Saints' Day.

November 2 is Election Day (U.S.). Don't forget to vote in state and federal elections! Every vote counts. Make an **Election Day Cake** to celebrate.

November 3 is Sadie Hawkins Day.

November 5 at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight-Saving Time. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!

November 11 is Veterans Day (U.S.) and Remembrance Day (Canada).

If you're fortunate, you may experience an "Indian Summer" in November; but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between November 11 and 20!

November 19 is Discovery of Puerto Rico Day.

November 23 is Thanksgiving Day

NOVEMBER 2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week</i>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
						

Holidays and Observances: 7: Election Day, 10: 'Veterans Day' day off, 11: Veterans Day, 23: Thanksgiving Day, 24: Black Friday

If you'd like to share your favorite memory about your loved one in the monthly newsletter please email gocpome@yahoo.com. All requests must be received by 6PM on the 25th of the month.

Thank you Cal State Fullerton



Yesterday the Parents of Murdered Children, Orange County, members and I had the privilege of speaking to students at Cal State Fullerton's Criminal Justice Department, sharing our perspective on coping with the aftermath of a loved one's homicide and our interactions with law enforcement. The experience was enlightening and offered an opportunity to provide valuable advice to future criminal justice professionals on how to support victims of crime.

Losing a loved one to homicide is a profoundly painful experience that leaves lasting emotional scars. I shared my personal experiences with law enforcement, emphasizing both positive and challenging encounters. It's crucial for law enforcement professionals to maintain open lines of communication, provide updates on the progress of investigations, and offer genuine support. Building trust with victims and their families is essential to a successful outcome and long-term healing.

It was an extremely rewarding experience, providing a platform to shed light on the often-overlooked challenges faced by victims of homicide and the critical role of law enforcement and criminal justice professionals in their healing process. Thank you to Professor Kristen Muche for the invite and providing this platform for us.

Happy Heavenly Birthday

Victoria Barrios

David Robinson

Teresa Soto-Del Rio

Andre Laurent

Judy Lucia Morales

Antonio Torres

Kenneth Peevy

Randy Lutz

Michael Christopher MacCallum

Kris Holmstedt

Michael R. Grossi

Denise Huber

Gene Neal

Debbie Lee

Mary Irene Lewis

Diana Freeman

James Cordero

Jimmy Wayne Atwell

Anthony Isaiah Prudhomme

Cesar Gutierrez

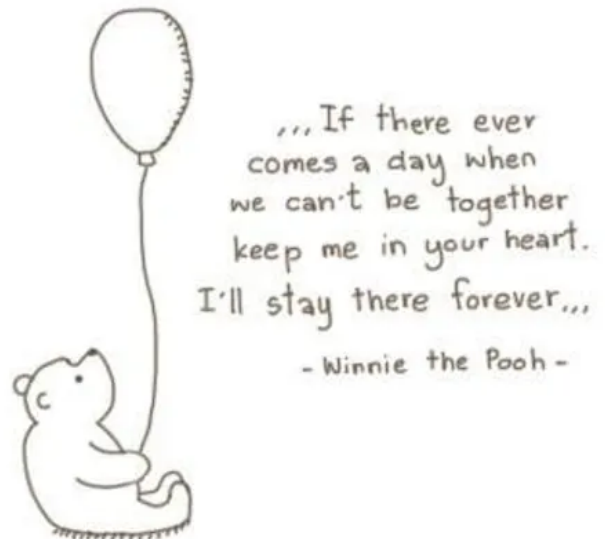
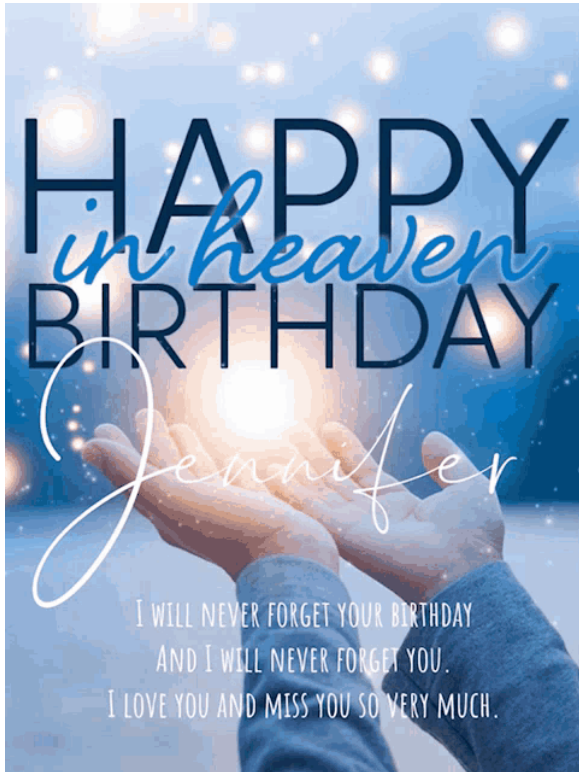
Carl Patrick Chignell

William (Bill) Zeigler

Melissa Carlson

Cesar Gutierrez

Roberto Hernandez



Thank you to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards

Forever Remembered

Angelversaries

Joshua Steven Rodriguez

Anthony Isaiah Prudhomme

William (Bill) Zeigler

Howard A. Levey

Mitchell James Curran

Andrew David Bagby

Lynn Ann Sapienze Greene

Steven Anthony Ramirez

Douglas M. Lightfoot

Jockla Faye Whitmore

Linda Young Park

Manuel Joseph Moreno

Jennifer Leanne Balber

Ramon Franco IV

Robert Porter Alexander V

Ruben Latios

Rene (Rusty) S. Rumberger

Mary Susan Estes

Michael Christopher MacCallum

Marcia Schafer

Kendra Tione Parker

Kris Holmstedt

Michael S. Olvera Jr.

Adam J. Rodriguez

Roberto (Bobby) Ruiz Jr.

Nicole Parker

Kimberly Gonsalez

Trevor Haw Grizzle

Mark Joseph Foss

Michael Grimm

Ralph William Currier

Jonathan Dizon

Karl Jeffery Bouvier

Bridget Ballas

Bryan E. Bensfield

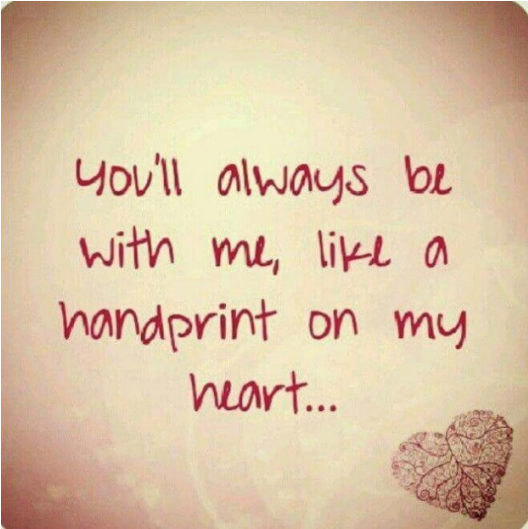
Gabriella Victoria Hurova Lopez

Victor P. Rosa III

Nick F. Frontuto

Alan W. Doyle

Mike Tovar



You'll always be
with me, like a
handprint on my
heart...



Heaven and earth
may separate us
today,
but nothing will ever change
the fact that you
made me a mom.

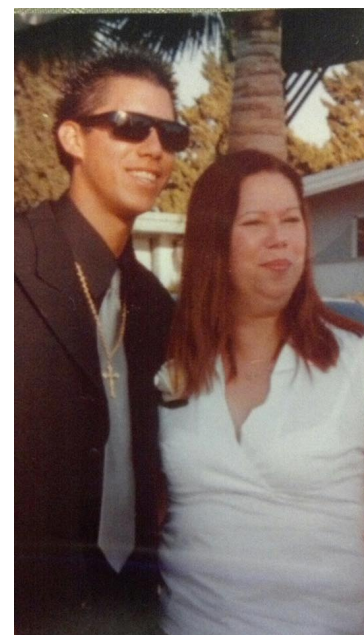
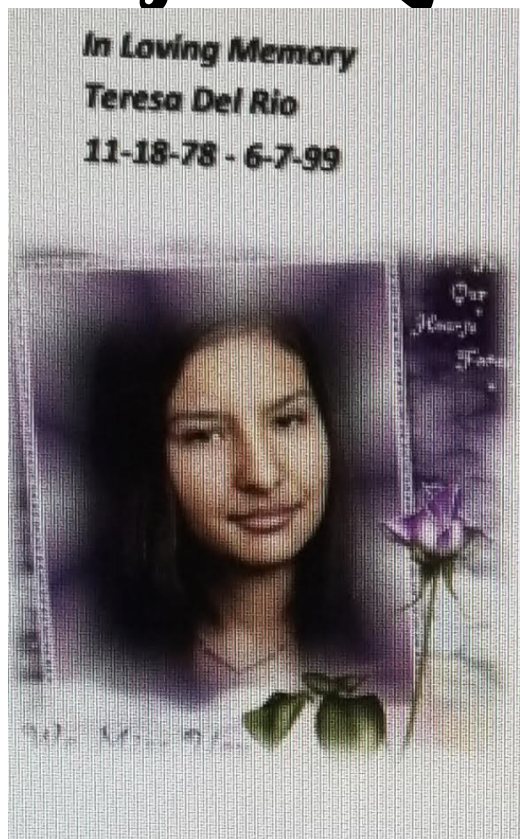
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***Thank you to Christine Persall for sending out our
Angelversary Cards.***

Thank you to Shirley Tapia for answering the hotline.

Remembering Our Loved Ones



*Each day within me I
fight a silent battle of
surviving yet another
day without you.*

We have court on December 13th if anyone would like to attend.



As many of you know my father passed away in October. Although a different kind of hurt and loss still, I still remember and love him. Thank you all for your well wishes and prayers.

Debra Dizon-Hernandez

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 November 20th will go in December's newsletter.

Announcements and Information

Annual POMC Potluck

Save the date: December 16, 2023

Donations for raffle items would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Support Greater Orange County

Ways to support your local POMC

-Time



-Monetary Donations



-Sees Candies

Flyer and order form below

Place orders by 11/30 please

Contact Debra Dizon Hernandez with any questions.

-Join the Board

-Donations of items for events

- **Water**
- **Food**
- **Gift items**
- **Tissues**
- **Decorations for event**

See's CANDIES.

2023 Winter Fundraising



Assorted Chocolates
Milk and dark decadence.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550318
2 lb \$55.00 #550319



Milk Chocolates
Pure milk chocolate goodness.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550326



Dark Chocolates
A taste of cacao in every bite.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550330



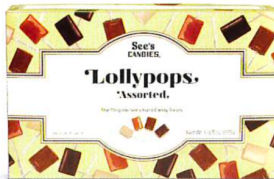
Nuts & Chews
Yummy, crunchy and chewy.
Delivered in seasonal wrap.
1 lb \$29.00 #550334
2 lb \$55.00 #550335



Truffles
Wonderfully decadent and rich.
1 lb \$32.00 #500902



Toffee-ettes®
Crunchy toffee, milk chocolate & almonds.
1 lb \$29.00 #500316



Assorted Lollipops
Vanilla, Butterscotch, Café Latte & Chocolate.
Approximately 30 lollipops.
1 lb 5 oz \$28.50 #500296



Peanut Brittle
Buttery, crunchy and irresistible.
1 lb 8 oz \$29.00 #500355



Dashing Delivery Box
The ultimate stocking stuffer.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506944



Silver Assorted
An assortment that shines on its own.
8 oz \$16.50 #500474



Assorted Peppermints
Creamy mint treats in milk & dark chocolate.
8 oz \$14.50 #500358



Assorted Molasses Chips
Crispy wafers covered in milk & dark chocolate.
8 oz \$14.50 #500360



Merry Moose Box
An irresistible treat.
3.5 oz \$11.00 #506946

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 _____
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4. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
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5. LOVED ONE'S NAME _____	RELATIONSHIP _____	AGE _____
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☐ 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)

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Board Member

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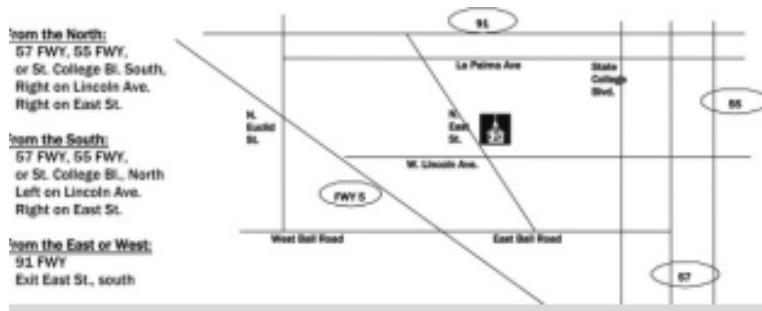
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POMC-Greater Orange County
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gocpomc>

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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