



# Greater Orange County Chapter of Parents Of Murdered Children

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



April marks two significant observances: the Orange County Parents of Murdered Children Candlelight Vigil and National Crime Victims' Week. This year's theme, "*LISTEN. ACT. ADVOCATE. Protect Victims. Serve Communities,*" calls us to come together in support and remembrance. The Candlelight Vigil is a sacred time to honor and remember your loved ones, while also fostering connection and unity among those who share this journey. We want you to know that we see you—you are not alone. We grieve together, we share in our anger, and most importantly, we stand strong together.

This meaningful gathering is made possible through the generosity of donations and the personal time given by our community. We truly could not bring the Candlelight Vigil together without this support, and we are deeply grateful for all who help make it possible each year.



**Dates to remember:**

**Good Friday 4/3**

**Easter- 4/5**

**Meeting 4/8**

**Tax Day 4/15**

**Earth Day 4/22**



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

## ***Always in our Hearts Happy Heavenly Birthday***

*Dayle Y. Okazaki*

*Robert Allen Sickles*

*Marisela G. Espinoza*

*Joshua David Rodriguez*

*Jeremy Kenneth Wilder*

*Chad Allan MacDonald*

*Mary Susan Estes*

*Christian Silva*

*Danielle L. Monroe*

*Lester Lewis*

*Scott Ira Kaufman*

*Andrea Gonzalez*

*Jose J. Sanchez*

*Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz Jr.*

*Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs*

*Timothy (Tim) McCarthy*

*Justin A. Soto*

*Robert Foster Runyen*

*Dylan James Austin*

*Alex Leo Reyes*

*Allen R. Motis*

*Robert Porter Alexander V*

*Anthony Eric Smith*

*Ralph Elguezabal*

*Brian S. Gregorio*

*Stacey Lyn Hall*

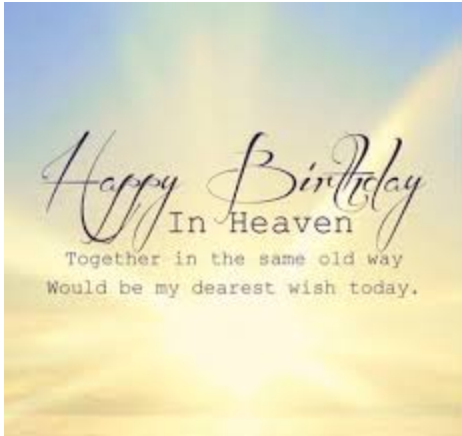
*Jack Brant*

*Kristopher P. Alofaituli*

*Timothy McVeigh*

*Felice Decicco*

*Christopher Beasley*



***Thank you to Anita Sanchez for always sending our Birthday Cards***

## ***Forever Remembered Angleversaries***

*Kenneth N. Gullon*

*Gene Neal*

*Ralph Valenzuela*

*Angela Hill*

*Johnny F. Gollette*

*Robbie Martin*

*Heidi Hubrecht*

*Jason Miller*

*Arthur R. Martinez III*

*Sarah J. Rodriguez*

*Scott Campbell*

*Denise Marie Duerr*

*Hollie Karr*

*Ronson Joseph Edgerly*

*Walter B. Hackman Jr.*

*Lisa Ann Tyson*

*Steven G. Valdivia*

*Lori Hughes*

*Kylee Caitlin McGowen*

*Andrew Powell*

*Ryan William Dasalla*

*Fred James Leglar*

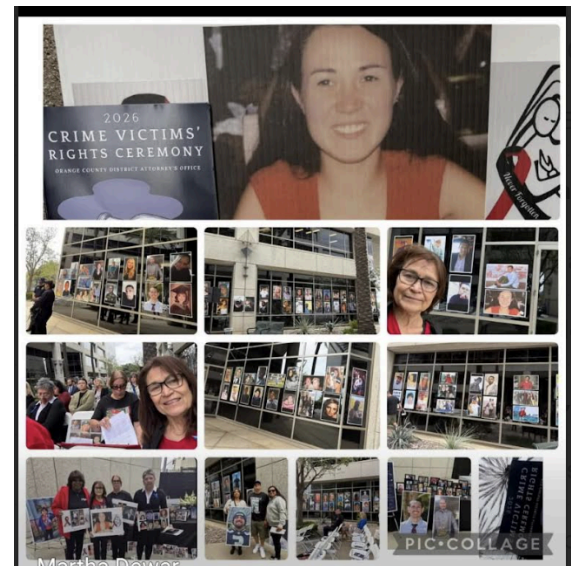
*Piqui*

*Frank Carlson*



# Remembering Our Loved Ones

This page is for you to remember your loved one. Please send me a picture, poem, anything you'd like me to share with others about your loved one.



If you would like to say something about your loved one in the newsletter please email [christinadizon1123@gmail.com](mailto: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.



2002	MIGUEL A. BENITEZ	2021
1997	NATHAN A. CORADO	2020
2019	MIA GONZALEZ	2024
1994	AARYN VINCENT REYES	2025
1991	JARED DYLAN SMITH	2015
2009	NAYTHAN VASQUEZ	2025
1992	JOLISSA S. RANGEL	2013
1993	ROBERT A. VELASQUEZ	2010

**GREATER CHAPTER OF ORANGE COUNTY  
PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN**

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 34TH ANNUAL

*Candlelight Vigil  
and  
Names Dedication  
Ceremony*

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

KATHY CADY - LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
PAUL PAULSEN - BROTHER OF DEBBIE PAULSEN  
DETECTIVE JASON ESTRADA - DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ANNETTE GARAY - MOTHER OF DEVIN LUNA



**LISTEN. ACT. ADVOCATE.**

APRIL 25, 2026  
6 PM - 8 PM

JOIN US AT 5 PM FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

MEMORY GARDENS MEMORIAL PARK  
455 W. CENTRAL AVE., BREA, CA 92821

# ***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](mailto:christinadizon1123@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:gocpomc@yahoo.com)

## ***Newsletter***

***If you would like to add something to the newsletter please email your request to [christinadizon1123@gmail.com](mailto:christinadizon1123@gmail.com)***

## ***40th POMC National Conference***

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

***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](#)

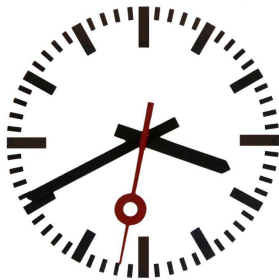
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCkA9gQwRZc>



## ***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**

## ***Directory***

### **Board Members**

**Chapter Leader:**

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**Treasurer:**

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**Board Member**

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(Spanish Speaking Contact)

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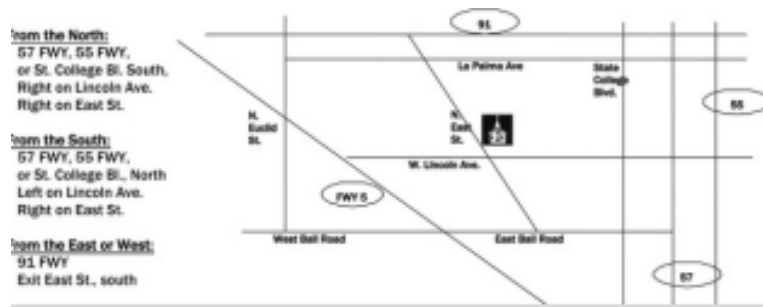
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**Come join our Facebook  
Community!**

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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