



LOVE GIFTS



Love Gifts are tax-deductible donations and may be given to the Waterbury Chapter in memory of your child or by those who would like to help with Chapter costs. Helping each other as we walk together in a life without our child is a meaningful way to say Happy Birthday or celebrate a holiday. Please send Love Gifts to either Kathy or Sharon. Their addresses are below.

For their special Love Gifts, we would like to thank:
Skip & Evelyn Dederick in memory of their son, Alan Dederick.

We would like to give a special thanks to:

Kathy and Sharon for donating their time to be our leaders,
Shawn McDonald for taking care of the Waterbury TCF Website,
Betty Lucid for taking care of the library books and sending anniversary cards,
Cheryl McDonald for helping Betty with the library,
Marie Fafard for sending post cards for the meetings,
Audre' Capaldo for sending emails for meetings, and
To all those who bring refreshments.



TCF Waterbury Chapter - The Waterbury meeting is held every second Wednesday of the month at Senior Care Center, 900 Straits Turnpike, Middlebury, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Co-Leader: Kathy Daisey, 39 High Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 (203) 723-5067

Co-Leader: Sharon Burns, 66 Atwood, B3, Plainville, CT 06062 (860) 384-5556

TCF Waterbury Newsletter - to submit pictures, poems, and articles, please contact: Judy Palomba, 175-1 Meriline Ave, Waterbury, CT 06705 (203)756-7708

OR e-mail wa1107@comcast.net. Attach picture as jpeg or gif file or mail photo and I will scan and return it.

*The newsletters are bi-monthly, starting the first of the year. Please have submissions in by the **2nd week** of the month when the newsletter is due.*

Waterbury, CT Chapter Website – <http://www.waterburytcf.org/> Meeting information, event dates & locations, poems & In Remembrances plus information on other links and other topics for the Waterbury Chapter. Contact information is on the website.

TCF National Office, PO Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522, 877-969-0010
<http://www.compassionatefriends.org>

Grieving Dad's Project:

The Farley-Kluger Amendment to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA)

By Kelly Farley, A Grieving Dad

I am sure most of you would agree that the death of a child is the worst possible experience that anyone can endure. However, many employers only allow for bereavement leave up to 2-3 days. Employees are expected to use their available vacation time after the 2-3 days of bereavement leave has been expended. If the employee exhausts both of these benefits and still requires additional time off, the employer has grounds to terminate the employee. We find it unacceptable that the death of a child is not included as a protected reason to qualify for 12 weeks of unpaid leave as part of the FMLA. If you agree with us and you live in the US, we ask you to: 1) Click on the link below (or paste into your browser) and sign the e-petition.

<http://www.petition2congress.com/3937/modify-family-medical-leave-act-1993/>

