



The Compassionate Friends

CREDO

We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends. We reach out to each other with love, with understanding, and with hope. The children we mourn have died at all ages and from many different causes, but our love for them unites us. Your pain becomes my pain, just as your hope becomes my hope. We come together from all walks of life, from many different circumstances. We are a unique family because we represent many races, creeds and relationships. We are young, and we are old. Some of us are far along in our grief, but others still feel a grief so fresh and so intensely painful that they feel helpless and see no hope. Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength, while some of us are struggling to find answers. Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression; while others radiate an inner peace. But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends, it is still a pain we will share just as we share with each other our love for the children who have died. We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building a future together. We reach out to each other in love to share the pain as well as the joy, share the anger as well as the peace, share the faith as well as the doubts and help each other to grieve as well as to grow. We need not walk alone. We are The Compassionate Friends.

© 2007



Our Children Remembered

Birthdays

Susan Keough 1/4/66
Daughter of Jennie & Richard Frey

Joseph Ozga 2/21/93
Son of Robin & Edward Ozga

Shawn Rivard 1/5/73
Son of Lidia Marques

Shawn Lucid 2/22/64
Son of Betty Lucid

Lori Swain 1/5/64
Daughter of Charlie & Barbara Swain

Matthew McClary 2/26/78
Son of Judy Biase

Brian Maietta 1/6/68
Son of Patricia Traver
Godson of Judy Biase

Timothy Loftus 2/27/72
Son of Peg Loftus

Sean Rice 1/29/99
Son of Gwen Rice

Janee' Wallace 2/13/90
Daughter of Cathy Gambrell

Ashley Daisey 2/20/93
Daughter of Kathy Daisey



Anniversaries

Tracy Burns 2/4/96
Daughter of Sharon Burns

Mark Capaldo 2/7/03
Son of Andre' Capaldo

Brian Maietta 2/10/11
Son of Patricia Traver
Godson of Judy Biase

Timothy Loftus 2/13/04
Son of Peg Loftus

James (Mike) Prince 2/10/11
Son of Lori Brown

Ashley Daisey 2/14/95
Daughter of Kathy Daisey

The ultimate goal of grief work is to be able to remember without emotional pain and to be able to reinvest emotional surpluses. While the experiences of the grief work is difficult and slow and wearing, it is also enriching and fulfilling. The most beautiful people we have know are those who have know defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss and have found their way out of the depths.

Those persons have an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness and a deep loving concern.

Beautiful people do not just happen.



By Elisabeth Kubler-Ross from *Death, The Final Stage of Growth*
Reprinted from TCF Dec/Jan 1992