

# *Our Children Remembered...*



*2006 Annual Service of Remembrance*

Anne Arundel County Chapter  
Bereaved Parents of the USA

# *The Credo of the Bereaved Parents of the USA*

*We are the parents whose children have died.*

*We are the grandparents who have buried grandchildren.*

*We are the siblings whose brothers and sisters  
no longer walk with us through life.*

*We come together as Bereaved Parents of the USA  
to provide a haven where all bereaved families can meet  
and share our long and arduous grief journeys.*

*We attend monthly gatherings whenever we can  
and for as long as we believe necessary.*

*We share our fears, confusion, anger, guilt, frustrations, emptiness  
and feelings of hopelessness so that hope can be found anew.*

*As we accept, support, comfort and encourage each other,  
we demonstrate to each other that survival is possible.*

*Together we celebrate the lives of our children, share the joys  
and triumphs, as well as the love that will never fade.*

*Together we learn how little it matters where we live,  
what our color or our affluence is or what faith we uphold  
as we confront the tragedies of our children's deaths.*

*Together, strengthened by the bonds we forge at our gatherings,  
we offer what we have learned to each other  
and to every more recently bereaved family.*

*We are the Bereaved Parents of the USA.*

*We welcome you.*

# Annual Service of Remembrance

## Anne Arundel County Chapter Bereaved Parents of the USA

Sunday, December 3, 2006 ■ 3 p.m.  
St. Martins-in-the-Field Episcopal Church ■ Severna Park, Maryland

# A Celebration of Our Children

(\* indicates that text is included in the program)

## PRELUDE

Marissa and Brianne Hession

## GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

Dave Alexander, Chapter Leader

## SONG

“Be Still My Soul”\*

Lisa Fenstermacher, accompanied by  
Paul Fenstermacher and Carl Standifer

## THE CREDO OF THE BEREAVED PARENTS OF THE USA\*

Debi Wilson-Smith

## SONG

“Somewhere Down the Road”\*

Lisa Fenstermacher, accompanied by  
Paul Fenstermacher and Carl Standifer

## READING\* AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Gene and Marlen Maier

## READING

“We Remember Them”\*

*All friends participate. We will be led by Paul Balasic.*

## SONG

“Via Dolorosa”

Carl Standifer, Saxophonist

## A MOTHER’S READING

“What is Love?” \*

Deborah Sheahy

## SONG

“Don’t Give Up”\*

Lisa Fenstermacher, accompanied  
by Carl Standifer and Paul Fenstermacher

## A SIBLING READING

“You Did Not Die”\*

Joey Tyler

## SONG

“All I Ask of You”\*

*All friends sing. We will be led by Paula Muelhauser.*

## A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Pastor Dave Lohff  
College Parkway Baptist Church

## READING

“Say Their Names”\*

Ann Castiglia

## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND SAYING OF OUR CHILDREN’S NAMES

## OUR CHILDREN REMEMBERED

Slide Presentation

## SONG

“Touch My Heart”\*

Lisa Fenstermacher, accompanied by  
Paul Fenstermacher and Carl Standifer

## CLOSING

Janice Kunkel

## SONG

“Find Rest, Oh My Soul”\*

Lisa Fenstermacher, accompanied  
by Paul Fenstermacher and Carl Standifer

We wish to thank St. Martins-in-the-Field for hosting this Service of Remembrance.  
We also wish to thank the talented musicians for their healing gift of music,  
and all those compassionate friends, especially Janice Kunkel,  
who contributed so generously to make this day possible for all of us.

This program was created lovingly by Terre Belt in memory of her daughter Cortney  
and her niece Traci, and by Mary Memminger in memory of her brother Jack Matthew Memminger.  
Program design by Randy Cook.

## “BE STILL MY SOUL”

Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side.  
Stand calm within the storm of grief and pain.  
Trust in thy God to order and provide  
Through every change His faithful light remains.  
Be still my soul, the restful peace within  
Through trying times leads to a joyful land.

Be still my soul, the wind and waves shall know  
The voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.  
Torment and doubt have slipped into the past,  
All dark and mysteries shall shine at last.  
His burning sun shall melt the ice of fear.  
Lift up your heart His soothing voice to hear.

Be still my soul, when light you cannot see  
That trembling skies speak to the fear in thee.  
The face of God illuminates the night,  
Unending peace and trust in perfect light.  
Be still my soul, when tears fall from above  
You are divine eternally in love.

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## “SOMEWHERE DOWN THE ROAD”

(Words and music by Amy Grant and Wayne Kirkpatrick)

So much pain, so many reasons why  
You've cried until the tears run dry  
And nothing here can make you understand  
The one thing that you held so dear  
Is slipping from your hands  
And you say

Why, why, why  
Does it go this way  
Why, why, why  
And all I can say is

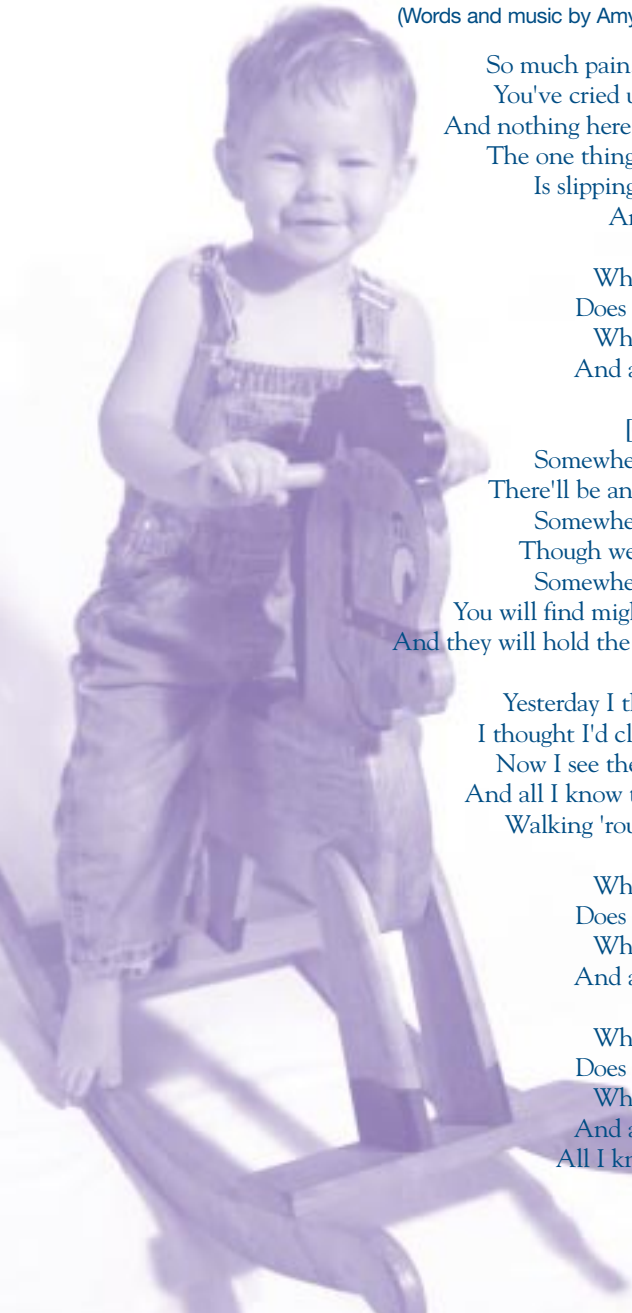
[Chorus:]

Somewhere down the road  
There'll be answers to the questions  
Somewhere down the road  
Though we cannot see it now  
Somewhere down the road  
You will find mighty arms reaching for you  
And they will hold the answers at the end of the road.

Yesterday I thought I'd seen it all  
I thought I'd climbed the highest wall  
Now I see the learning never ends  
And all I know to do is keep on walking  
Walking 'round the bend, saying

Why, why, why  
Does it go this way  
Why, why, why  
And all I can say is

Why, why, why  
Does it go this way  
Why, why, why  
And all I can say is  
All I know to say now.



## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The lighting of the first candle represents grief. The pain of losing a child is intense.  
It reminds us of the depth of our love for them.

The lighting of the second candle represents courage – to comfort our sorrow,  
to comfort each other, and to change our lives.

The lighting of the third candle is in our child's memory – the times we laughed,  
the times we cried, the times we were angry with each other,  
the silly things they did and the caring and joy they gave us.

The lighting of the fourth candle is the light of love.  
We light this candle that their light will always shine.

As we share this day of remembrance with our families and friends,  
we cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for our children.

We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us. We love you.

## WE REMEMBER THEM

(From Gates of Prayer, Reform Jewish Prayerbook)

In the rising of the sun and its going down,  
*We remember them.*

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
*We remember them.*

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
*We remember them.*

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,  
*We remember them.*

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,  
*We remember them.*

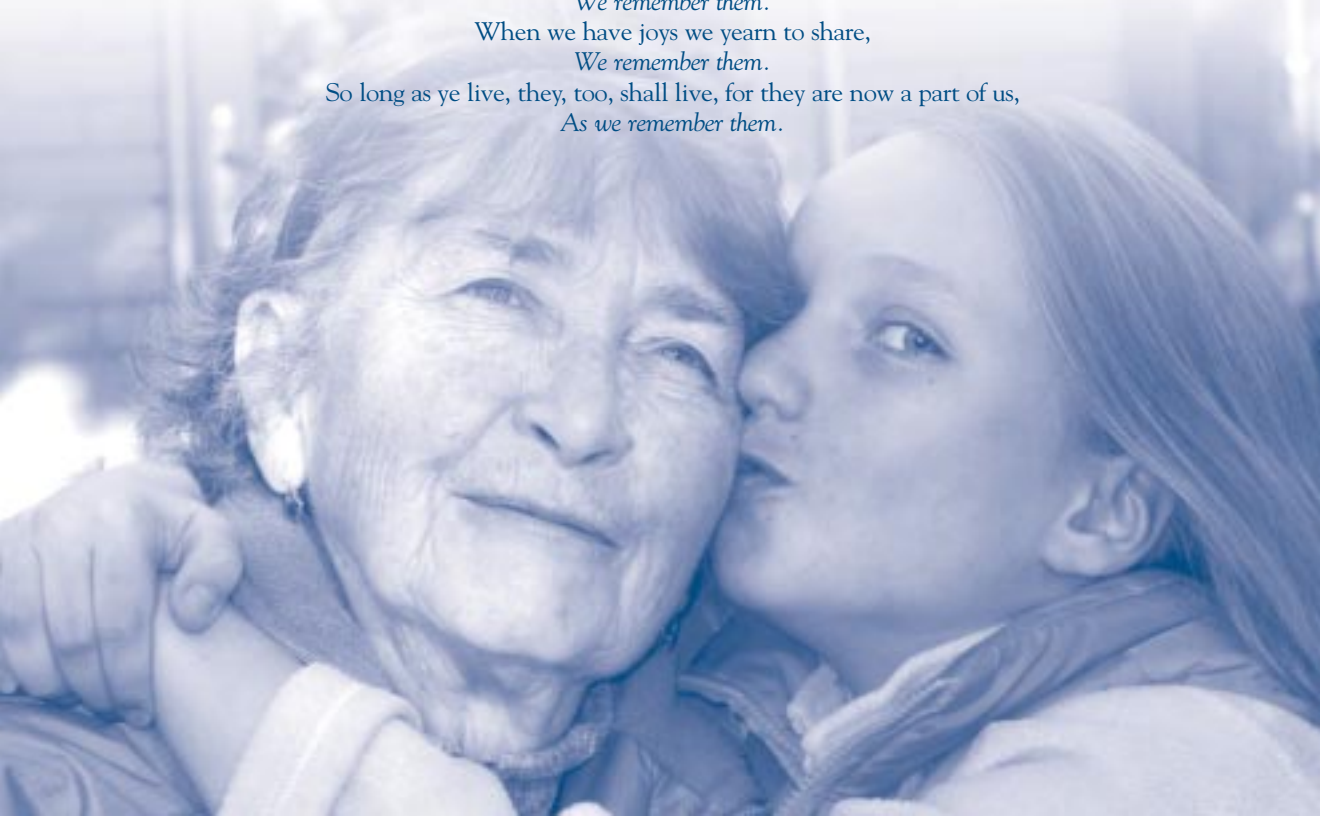
In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
*We remember them.*

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
*We remember them.*

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
*We remember them.*

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
*We remember them.*

So long as ye live, they, too, shall live, for they are now a part of us,  
*As we remember them.*





**“WHAT IS LOVE?”**

(By Helen Steiner Rice)

No words can define it.  
It's something so great  
Only God could design it.  
It grows through the years  
In sunshine and rain  
In gladness and sadness  
In pleasure and pain.  
It's ever enduring  
And patient and kind.  
It judges all things  
With the heart not the mind.  
And love can transform  
The most common place  
Into beauty and splendor  
And sweetness and grace.  
Yes, love is beyond  
What man can define.  
For love is immortal  
And God's gift is divine.

**“DON'T GIVE UP”**

(By Rick Muchow)

Don't give up, someone really loves you  
Don't give up, someone really cares  
Don't give up, someone really loves you  
And that someone is God.

Don't give up, someone really loves you  
Don't give up, someone really cares  
Don't give up, someone really loves you  
And that someone is God.

Keep the faith, someone really loves you  
Keep the faith, someone really cares  
Keep the faith, someone really loves you  
And that someone is God.

*May the spirit of the child who lives so deep within your heart  
help you through this month and through every moment of  
re-establishing your life.*

## “YOU DID NOT DIE”

(By Shari Swirsky)

You live in the beautiful wind that blows.  
You live in the sound of birds that crow.  
You live in the sun that shines so bright.  
You live in the peaceful dark at night.  
You live in a star I see in the sky.  
You live in the ocean waves that come in with the tide.  
You live in the smell of flowers and grass.  
You live in the summer that goes so fast.  
You live in my heart that hurts so much.  
You did not die, we only lost touch.

## ALL I ASK OF YOU

(By Gregory Norbert)

Deep the joy of being together in one heart  
And for me that's just where it is.  
*But all I ask of you is forever to remember me  
as loving you.*

As we make our way through all the joys and pain,  
Can we sense our younger, truer selves?  
*But all I ask of you is forever to remember me  
as loving you.*

Someone will be calling you to be there for awhile.  
Can you hear their cry from deep within?  
*But all I ask of you is forever to remember me  
as loving you.*

Laughter, joy and presence: the only gifts you are!  
Have you time? I'd like to be with you.  
*But all I ask of you is forever to remember me  
as loving you.*

Persons come into the fiber of our lives  
And then their shadow fades and disappears.  
*But all I ask of you is forever to remember me  
as loving you.*

*They are not gone  
who live in the hearts they left behind.*

# Say Their Names

(By Don Hackett)

**The time for concern is over.** No longer are we asked how we are doing. Never are the names of our children mentioned to us. A curtain descends. The moment has passed. Lives slip from frequent recall. There are exceptions: close and compassionate friends, sensitive and loving family. For most, the drama is over. The spotlight is off. Applause is silent. But for us, the play will never end. The effect on us is timeless. Say their names to us. On the stage of our lives they have been both lead and supporting actors and actresses. Do not tiptoe around one of the greatest events of our lives. Love does not die. Their names are written on our lives. The sounds of their voices replay within our minds. You feel they are dead. We feel they are of the dead and still live. They ghostwalk our soul, beckoning in future welcome. You say they were our children. We say they are. Say their names to us and say their names again. It hurts to bury their memory in silence. What they were in flesh is no longer with us. What they are in spirits stirs within us always. They are of the

Jon Russell Aikin

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Darin Michael Kilton

Chloe Victoria Kimbrell

Dawn Felicia Kittrell

David Mark Kohl



past, but they are a part of our now. They are our hope for the future. You say not to remind us. How little you understand we cannot forget. We would not if we could. We understand you, but feel pain in being forced to do so. We forgive you, because you cannot know. And, we would forgive you anyway. We accept how you see us, but understand that you see us not at all. We strive not to judge you, for yesterday we were like you. We love you, will make no exceptions toward you. But we wish you could understand that we dwell both in flesh and in spirit. The mystery is that you do, too, but know it not. We do not ask you to walk this road. The ascent is steep and the burden heavy. We walk it not by choice. We would rather walk with them in flesh, looking not to spirit roads beyond. We are what we have to be. What we have lost, you cannot feel. What we have gained, you cannot see. And, we would not have you. Say their names, for they are alive in us. They and we will meet again, though in many ways we've never parted. They and their lives play light songs on our minds, sunrises and sunsets on our dreams. They are real and in shadow, were and are. So, say their names to us and say their names again. They are our children, and we love them as we always did.  
*Say Their Names!*

Logan Robert Kugler  
Scotty Wyatt Lauzier  
Michael Robert Leger  
Nicholas Paul Liberatore  
Zachary Laurence Luceti  
Stephen Aaron Luck  
Timothy J. Mabe  
Eric Eugene Maier  
Walter H. Maynard IV  
Daniel Robert McAllister  
Jolene Dawn McKenna  
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Jack Matthew Memminger  
Paul Brian Michael  
Benjamin James Miller  
Calvin Russell Miller  
Jordan Daniel Miller  
Joshua Taggart Miller  
Daniel Michael Milord  
Susan Blair Minor  
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Eric Richard Munz  
Craig Steven Nelson  
Michael Dwayne Nokes  
Adrian Bernard Andrew  
Ortega  
Scott Thomas Palmer  
Emily Marie Parker  
Sydney Elaine Patronik  
Sarah Elizabeth Patterson  
Michael Alfred Persetic  
Arthur Gordon Phillips

John Christopher Poe  
Nicholas Grant Poe  
Jayla Monet Powell  
Steven Craig Rasmussen  
Alvin F. Rehn III  
Kevin Eric Reichardt  
Joseph William Remines  
Robert William Rey II  
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Michael Louis Rixham  
Daniel Burwell Robinson  
James Ryan Rohrbaugh  
Justin Michael Romberger  
Daniel Maurice Rothman  
Aaron Sebastian Royer  
Philip Francisco Saff  
Wendy Dawn Saunders  
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Thomas Jeffrey Schall  
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Kelly Ann Schultz  
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Ryan Michael Sheahy  
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Thomas Richard Short  
Rachel Beth Showacre  
Jeffrey Steven Simpson  
Jason Edward Skarzynski  
Abigail Helen Skuletich  
Brighton Joseph Slight  
Mark Edward Smeltzer  
Christopher John Smith

Gary David Spirt  
Roderick William Stallings  
Derrick Antonio Stevens  
William Henry Stevens  
Albert Frances Stinnett  
Jamie Stinnett  
Mark Stinnett  
Rodney William Stinnett III  
Christopher Lewis Strader  
Russell J. Tarr  
Matthew Jason Temple  
Heather Brooke Tepper  
Reece Nelson Tolbert  
David William Tomaszewski  
Brittany Nicole Tyler  
Timothy Allen Umbel  
John Kirkpatrick Wallace  
Justin James Watts  
Richard C. Watts  
Michael Shane Wheeler  
Daniel A.S. Whitby  
David William Whitby  
Albert Wallace Whitby Jr.  
Leslie Donn Whitman  
Carole Anne Wilford  
Grant Alan Williams  
Samuel Mark Williams  
Wayne Wilson Jr.  
Miriam Luby Wolfe  
Samuel Kingsley Wood

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
AND SAYING OF OUR CHILDREN'S NAMES

When we reach the point in our program that calls for the saying of our children's names, please follow the direction of the ushers. Ushers will escort us, row by row, to the front of the church to light a candle and to say our child's name...for those of us who choose to participate. Parents, family, and friends are invited to come forward at that time and light a candle in memory of their beloved child.

“TOUCH MY HEART”

(Written by Beth Nielsen Chapman and Matt Rollings)

There are songs I love that catch my breath  
When the first chord starts to play  
Effortless and true, it's funny but I knew  
You would always touch my heart that way

And it hurts so much to let you go  
And there are no words to say  
But the corner of your smile says all I need to know  
You could always touch my heart that way

Sail on my love, life is only a blink in time  
Go on and show all those stars what it means to shine

Like a fire that spins inside a spark  
As the ashes cool to grey  
Kicked up by the wind, dancing through the dark  
You will always touch my heart that way

Sail on my sweet love, this world is a blink in time  
Go on and show all those stars what it means to shine

And I know your love is here with me  
I can feel you every day  
Even if the beauty of your face I cannot see  
Only you could touch my heart that way  
You can always touch my heart that way



**“FIND REST, OH MY SOUL”**

(Words and music by Lisa and Paul Fenstermacher)

When the weight of the world is on my shoulders  
And shadows fall around me way into the night  
Though my outward man is wastin'  
My inner man grows stronger with each promise that is mine.

So, find rest, oh my soul in God alone  
My hope comes from Him  
For He alone is my rock  
And my salvation.

Though the mountains start to crumble  
While this old world keeps spinnin' round  
I'm secure in the love that God gives me  
Now I know I must be heaven bound

So, find rest, oh my soul in God alone  
My hope comes from Him  
For He alone is my rock  
And my salvation.

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**MAY THE MEMORIES OF THIS SEASON  
COME ON GENTLE WINGS  
TO BRING YOU LOVE AND PEACE**

**AFTER THE ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

As you leave the sanctuary this afternoon, you will receive an indoor Narcissi bulb, wrapped in tissue paper and accented with a butterfly. Plant this bulb and when the flower blooms, remember your child, and our time together for this year's Service of Remembrance.

Please join us for refreshments immediately following the service, down the hall from the sanctuary. A special thanks to those whose generous contribution and hard work made possible this opportunity for us to feast, to chat with friends and family, and to remember.

The moon will rise  
The sun will set  
We won't forget  
Not now...not ever.



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