



## Join Us for Our Annual Candle Lighting, December 11, 2022

Renovations at the church are complete and we will be able to come together in person this year for our annual Candle Lighting. Please join us Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Congregational Church at 296 Angell St, Providence, RI 02906. Light refreshments will be served. (Please note: there is no regular support group meeting in December due to the Candle Lighting.)

At this event, we come together with friends and families for a special program that includes a soloist providing beautiful music to ease our pain, as well as readings from our members that speak of hope, and the love we have for our children. We are pleased to welcome Julie Signa as our soloist this year.

The highlight of the event is lighting a candle and saying our child's name as we go around the room. The lighting of candles begins promptly at

7:00 p.m. When you light your child's candle this begins a wave of light for 24 hours around the globe in memory of our precious children.

During the candle lighting, we also show a slide presentation with photos of all our children. Thank you to Dawn Paoletta who has agreed to put together the slide show this year. You are invited to send in three pictures of your child (if you have not done so in the past). You can email them to [tcfprovidence@hotmail.com](mailto:tcfprovidence@hotmail.com) (please put "TCF Photos" in the subject line of the email). If your child has been part of the slide presentation in the past, those pictures will remain in the presentation. **The deadline to submit photos is November 26, 2022.**

All questions can be directed to Lucille Valliere at 401-231-9229 or [lcvalliere49@gmail.com](mailto:lcvalliere49@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you December 11th for this special event.





## Birthday Remembrances

*We celebrate the day they were born and hold them in our hearts forever.*

### November

Caitlyn Marie Adler  
Joseph Allard  
Michael Barry  
Steven Joseph Caito  
Dante Cappelli  
Karen M. Corrao

Anne & John D'Ercole  
Lorenzo Francis  
DeSimone  
Madelyn Getter  
Gianni Guerrieri  
Todd M. Hallworth

Matthew Humbyrd  
Dino Ludovici  
Christopher J. Meehan  
Emily Otrando  
Nicholas Pizetoski  
Marrina A. Yeomans

### December

Joshua Anekea  
Abby Aukerman  
Taniya Bonilla  
Alison Bowman  
Kyle Cabral  
Henry Clemence  
Jon Converse

Lily Galoob  
Erika Hall  
Nazziq Hernandez  
Donna Lamb  
Benjamin Lavigne  
Nichole LoDico  
Charles McMahon

Erin Noble  
Joseph A. Pari  
Kyle Saunders  
Jeffrey Swanson  
Diana Clavin Vallee  
Samantha Walsh  
Beau Wennermark

### January

Erin Allen  
Matthew A. Cardillo  
Luigi Civitelli  
Dwight Furey  
Christine Grinavic  
Jamie Mayer

Jason G. Naylor  
Martha Noble  
Arthur Pelliccia  
Marc Daniel Pinzon  
Daniel John Quigley  
Dan Schnebly

Alexander Gonsalves Veiga  
David Gillen Witham  
Karen Michelle Young  
Amy Zimmerman Duggan



## In Memory of Our Children

*As long as we live, our children too shall live, for they are part of us in our memories. We lovingly remember the following children on Their Anniversary.*



### November

Angelo James Argentieri  
Robert Carmone  
Jon Converse  
Anne & John D'Ercole  
Rebecca Greene  
Todd M. Hallworth

Rebecca Hopkins  
Ronan David Jordan  
Jason Killian  
John Anthony Koczan  
Dino Ludovici  
Shane Mandeville

Charles McMahon  
John Taglione  
Alex Theriault  
Alexander Gonsalves  
Veiga

### December

Tom Orazio Argentieri, Jr.  
Travis Battle  
Steven Joseph Caito  
Louie Capadilupo  
Christine McKay Chabot  
Henry Clemence

Daniel Reid Cornell  
Karen M. Corrao  
Matthew George Iavarone  
Michael V. Medeiros  
Michael Pelliccia  
Nicole M. Reinert

Rose Block Shatz  
Alex Valicenti  
David Gillen Witham

### January

Jeffrey Berg  
Lawrence D'Arezzo  
Amy Zimmerman Duggan  
Nicole LoDico  
Nicholas Messier

Kevin Munroe  
Katherine Paoletta  
Daniel John Quigley  
Alexandria M. Saker  
Brian Squadrito

Diana Clavin Vallee  
Karen Michelle Young



### Winter Parking Info

If there is a parking ban in Providence that falls on our meeting night, the meeting will be cancelled. Please check our website at [tcfprovidence.com](http://tcfprovidence.com) or the TCF Providence Facebook page. You can also check local news outlets or [RIBroadcasters.com](http://RIBroadcasters.com).

# Still Here



The Compassionate Friends

**We hope you are finding our podcast, *Still Here*, to be a helpful resource in your grief journey.**

Several months ago, our Chapter embarked on a new adventure by creating a podcast titled *Still Here*, which supports parents and family members who have lost a child. This meaningful endeavor is hosted by TCF member Bob Houghtaling with administrative support from Elaine Arts, and each month will feature a guest who will address the grieving process while also providing potential insight.

Our first episode features Lucille Valliere and Linda Chase who discussed the origins of The Compassionate Friends and how the group can be of help to those grieving the loss of a child. Other TCF group members have volunteered their time and experience to help others on their grief journey.

*Still Here* creates connections with those looking to learn more about TCF, while also offering support to individuals who cannot make it to meetings. You can listen to the podcasts any time from the *Still Here* digital library on our website at [www.tcfprovidence.com/still-here](http://www.tcfprovidence.com/still-here).

Moving forward, if you have any ideas regarding future topics and guests please feel free to contact Elaine Arts at [elainearts@icloud.com](mailto:elainearts@icloud.com). We are truly excited to be offering this valuable program. Thank you for all of your kind support. See you soon!

—Bob

## Koczan Holiday Tree at Slater Park

The Koczan family is once again inviting all Chapter members to help decorate their family tree at Slater Park in memory of their son John Anthony Koczan and all the Angels of the Compassionate Friends. The decorating will be **December 1st at 12:30 p.m.** at Slater Park in Pawtucket. If you have an ornament with a picture of your child, you may bring it to the park on the day of the event or text your picture to Betty Koczan at (401) 438-1320, just leave a message stating that you are from TCF.



# LOVE Love Gifts

A Love Gift is a living memorial to your child. Usually given on birthdays, anniversaries of their deaths, holidays, or just to remember. Our thanks to the following for their generous donations.

**Keeley Lynch** – Love, Mom

**Nicholas C. Hendee** – Love and miss you always, Mom, Norm and Sarah

**Donna Lamb** – Forever in our hearts

**Daniel Erik Schuster** – Missing you every day and love you so much! Mom

**Joseph Pari and Rhonda Pari** – Memories of Both of You!

**Alexander Veiga** – Love you and know you are no longer ill and at the table of the Lord, Mom

**Bobby “Bo” Desmet** – I miss and love you very minute of every day, Mom

**Daniel J. Coleman** – Always with Us, Mom and Matthew

**Paula Torrico** – Forever in my heart, Love Mom

**Jonathan Blake Waxler** – Always in our thoughts and in our hearts, Mom and Dad

**Joan Elizabeth Plante** – Forever in my heart, Love Mom

**Larry Williams, Jr.** – RIP My Friend, David and Jennifer Townsend

**Karen Corrao.** – Happy Birthday, Love Mom

**Samantha Walsh** – Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas, Love Always, Mom, Dad and Rachel

**Olivia Paone** – Merry Christmas, John and Gail Medeiros and Jane and Donald Cimini

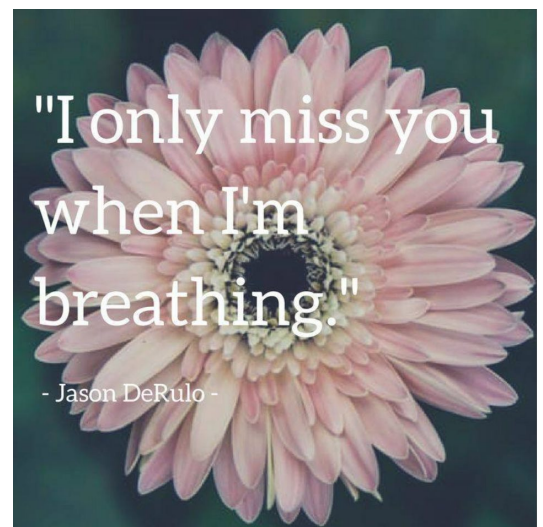
**Olivia Paone** – Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas, Love Dad

**Luigi Civitelli** – Forever in our hearts, Love Mom and Dad

Thank You for your donations in memory of Our Children.

## Sponsor a Newsletter

We are pleased to offer our members the opportunity to sponsor a newsletter. We will feature your child's story and photo on the front page of our newsletter when you make a donation. This offers members another way to share their child with our group, as well as to help offset the cost of producing and mailing our newsletter. We are offering up to two sponsorships per newsletter. Your story can be any length up to 500 words and can include 1-3 photos. **If you would like to see your child featured in a future issue, please contact Lucille at (401) 231-9229 or [lcvalliere49@gmail.com](mailto:lcvalliere49@gmail.com).**





Remembrance Garden  
of Greater Providence

## Love Gifts

**Todd M. Hallworth** – Loved and Remembered Always, Love Mom and Dad

**Keeley Lynth** – Forever Remembered, Love Mom

**Olivia Rose** – Forever Remembered

**Shannon Franco Delvalle** – Forever Remembered, Nelson Almeida

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**Kristopher Akerley** – Forever in our hearts, Love Stephanie Gelinias/Jeffrey Akerley

**Jeffry Berg** – You are in our thoughts and prayers every day, Love Mom and Jason

**Jason Sherratt** – Miss you every day! Love Mom, Dad, Sisters, Nieces and Nephews

**Anthony Stephen Casale** – I love you, Mom

**Michael Bolivar** – We Love You Forever Michael, Mommy and Andrea

Donation from David and Kristen Dargy

Thank You for your donations to help with garden upkeep.

### A Special Remembrance Garden Thank You

We would like to thank **Russell Paone** and **Paul Ferbend** for all their help this year planting and watering our Remembrance Garden. Your efforts kept the garden looking beautiful all summer long.



There are no rules for  
surviving holiday grief.

Do what you need  
to do to survive.

Honor your loved one  
how you need to, and do what  
feels best for your fragile,  
aching heart.

*You are missing a huge piece of  
you, so do whatever you need  
to do to find a sliver of peace.*

-ANGELA MILLER-

# Love Gift Donation

*For TCF Chapter Expenses*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

Love Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Message \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation is tax-deductible and will be posted in our Holiday program for the Candle Lighting.

Please make your check payable to: **TCF Providence Chapter**.

Please send donations to Chapter Leader: Lucille Valliere  
10 Dail Drive  
North Providence, RI 02911

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## Remembrance Garden Love Gift Donation Form

*For Upkeep of the Remembrance Garden*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

Love Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Message \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation is tax-deductible and will be posted in our Holiday program for the Candle Lighting.

Please make your check payable to: **Remembrance Garden**. Call 401-231-9229 with any questions.

Please send donations to: Lucille Valliere  
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North Providence, RI 02911



**The  
Compassionate  
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## Upcoming Events

All meetings take place on the second Monday of each month and begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Congregational Church, 296 Angell St. in Providence, RI. Note: due to construction, please enter on the Angell St. side of the building. Please note: New members can arrive early, between 6:15 and 6:30.

- November 8
- December 11 — Worldwide Candle Lighting (No regular meeting in December)
- January 10, 2022

