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Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church



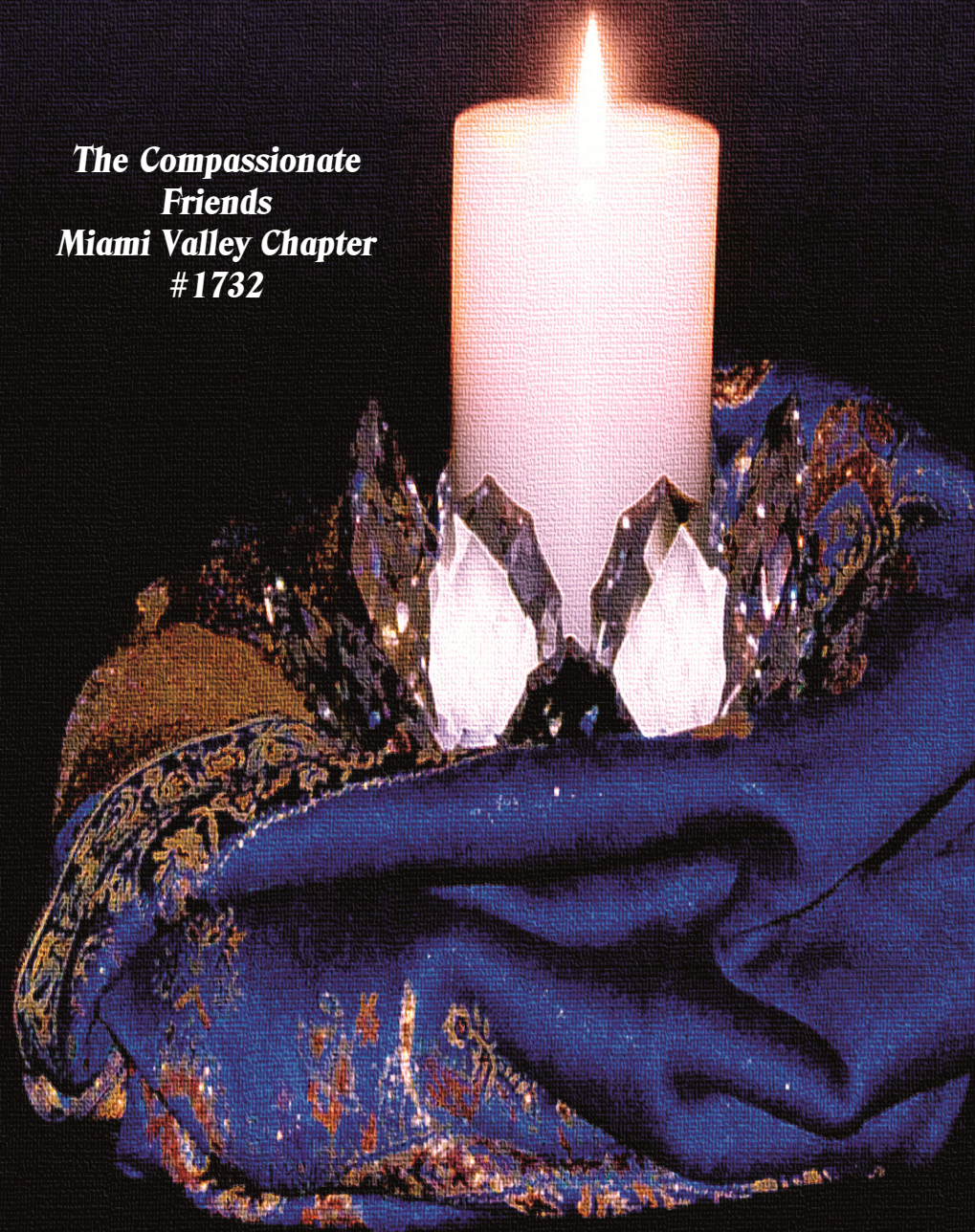
*We are a family—  
Broken by death; mended by love;  
Let love be what you remember most.*

DARCIE SIMS

## ***Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony***

***Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021***

***The Compassionate  
Friends  
Miami Valley Chapter  
#1732***





## Candle Lighting Remembrance Ceremony 2021

**Instrumental Prelude** Danny Voris

**Introduction & Welcome** Richard Miller

**World Wide Candle Lighting** 7:00 PM

Candle lit by Bobi McDermitt

**Reading:** "Four Candles" p. 4 Dolly Brunner  
Candles lit by Bobi McDermitt Kathy Beaty

**Grandparents Remembrance p.5** JoAnn Nielson

**Sibling Reading "tbd" p. 6** Allysia Loomis

**Song: "Over the Rainbow"** Danny Voris

**Reading: "Little Butterfly" p. 7** Joe & Rachel Niswonger

**Song: "Precious Child" (Lyrics on p.10)** By Karen Taylor-Good

**Reading "Some Days" p. 11** Yolanda Pegg

**Candle Lighting Ceremony**

As your child's, grandchild's or sibling's name is read, we ask that you come forward with your candle and name card.

After the candle is lit, please hand both the candle and name card to the lighters who will place the candle and name card together on the table.

Return to your seat using the side aisles.

## THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an international nonprofit, self-help support organization offering friendship, understanding, and hope to families grieving the death of a child, grandchild or sibling of any age, from any cause. There is no religious affiliation and no individual membership fees or dues are charged. All bereaved family members are welcome.

*"The Compassionate Friends is about transforming the pain of grief into the elixir of hope. It takes people out of the isolation society imposes on the bereaved and lets them express their grief naturally. With the shedding of tears, healing comes. And the newly bereaved get to see people who have survived and are learning to live and love again."*

Rev. Dr. Simon Stephens  
Founder of The Compassionate Friends

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**We Need Not Walk Alone -  
We Are The Compassionate Friends**



***The  
Compassionate  
Friends***

***Miami Valley Chapter  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies***

**This chapter is supported through donations only.  
Thank you to those whose support keeps this chapter  
viable so “those who need us will find us, and  
those who find us will be helped”.  
We are a 501 c (3) non-profit.**

*Thank you*

To those who make love gifts to support this chapter. These donations are our only income...we appreciate your support

To Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church for allowing us this to use meeting place,

To Matt Silver, Fractured Light Video, for video services.

To those who made food donations:

The Wandering Griffin (Fairborn)  
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Dorothy Lane Market (Springboro) pending  
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Furst Florist

To those who participate on the Chapter Leadership Team.

To those who attend the monthly support group meetings,

To you for attending this Candle Lighting Remembrance Service,

A special thanks to those who started this chapter in June, 1989.

And our greatest thanks to our children, siblings, and grand children who blessed us with their love!

**Reading of Names** Mary Miller & Deanna McGrath

**Lighting of Candles** Dolly Brunner  
Bob McDermitt

**Bell Ringer** Kathy Beaty

**Distribution of memorial flowers** Jen Siler  
Taylor Siler

**Video Presentation**

**Moment of Reflection**

**DURING THIS MOMENT OF REFLECTION ANYONE WISHING  
TO COME FORWARD TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE TABLE ,  
MAY DO SO.**

**Reading** “Until we meet again” p. 12 Dave Wood

**Reading:** “The Compassionate Friends Credo” p. 13 Karen Brown

**Closing Comments** Richard Miller

**Exit Music** Danny Voris

**Replay of Video**

## Four Candles

As we light these four candles in your honor, we light one for our sadness, one for our determination, one for our memories, and one for our love.

We light this first candle for our **sadness**. The pain of losing you is intense, and the grief we feel is often hard to handle. We want you to know that we miss you so much.

We light this second candle for our **determination**. Knowing you has brought us strength. We are changed because of you. Your life has made a difference in our lives. We want you to know that we will take the energy of your living to help us move forward in our own lives.

We light this third candle for our **memories**. There is so much we remember - your smile, your laugh - the good times and the bad ones, too - when we were angry and when we were happy - all those times that never could have been lived with anyone but you. We want you to know that we will always remember.

We light this last candle for our **love**. The specialness that we shared with you can never be replaced. During this holiday season, our love for you will shine as brightly as this candle. We will pass that love on to others, and as we do, our hearts will smile because of you. We want you to know that we will always love you.

And all of these candles together create the light of **hope**. Hope for healing of our hearts and hope for the years to come.

## 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.

Our children have died at all ages and from many different causes, but our love for our children 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 and creeds.

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 we feel helpless and see no hope.

Some of us have found our faith to be a source of strength; some of us are struggling to find answers.

Some of us are angry, filled with guilt or in deep depression; others radiate an inner peace.

But whatever pain we bring to this gathering of The Compassionate Friends, it is pain we will share just as we share with each other our love for our children.

We are all seeking and struggling to build a future for ourselves, but we are committed to building a future together as we reach out to each other in love and 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.**

**Until We Meet Again**

**By Robert Bruce Rowe**

We think about you always,  
We talk about you still,  
You have never been forgotten,  
And you never will.  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain ,  
To walk and guide us through our lives,  
Until we meet again.

**GRANDPARENTS REMEMBRANCE**

by Susan Mackey,  
The Compassionate Friends,  
Rutland, VT

We are the grieving grandparents, the shepherds of our children and grandchildren's lives. Our grief is twofold and at times we feel powerless to help. We seek to comfort our children in the depths of their grief and yet we need the time and space to face our own broken hearts. We have been robbed of the special tender touch a grandparent shares with a grandchild and we have lost a symbol of our immortality. As we walk by our child's side, we both give and draw strength. We reach into their hearts to comfort them, and when they reach out to us in their distress, we begin the journey to heal together. We continue to be their guardians. We allow traditions to change to accommodate their loss. We support the new ones which symbolize the small steps on the journey. It is in their healing that our hearts find comfort.

SOME DAYS  
(Author Unknown)

They tell me life's a journey  
That will take many years  
Some days are filled with laughter  
And some days are filled with tears

Some days I think my heart will break  
That I can't preserve  
Some days I have to don a mask  
And hide beneath its veneer

Some days I turn and look for you  
with thoughts I'd like to share  
Some days I just can't understand  
The reason you're not there

Some days the sadness leaves me  
and my smile will reappear  
some days I close my eyes  
Your memory is so clear

Some days I struggle to go on  
Just wishing you were near  
Most days I spend in gratitude  
That you were Ever here.

## **Precious Child**

by Karen Taylor-Good

In my dreams, you are alive and well,  
Precious Child, Precious Child.

In my mind, I see you clear as a bell  
Precious Child, Precious Child.

In my soul there is a hole

That can never be filled.

But in my heart, there is hope,

'Cause you are with me still.

In my heart you live on, always there, never gone

Precious Child you left too soon.

'Tho it may be true that we're apart

You will live forever in my heart.

In my plans, I was the first to leave

Precious Child, Precious Child.

But in this world, I was left here to grieve

Precious Child, my Precious Child.

In my soul there is a hole, that can never be filled

But in my heart, there is hope, and you are with me still.

In my heart you live on, always there, never gone

Precious Child, you left too soon.

Tho' it may be true that we're apart

You will live forever in my heart.

God knows I want to hold you, see you, touch you

And maybe there's a heaven and someday I will again.

Please know you're not forgotten until then.

In my heart, you live on, always there, never gone.

Precious Child, you left too soon.

'Tho it may be true that we're apart

You will live forever in my heart.

## **Little Butterfly**

by Amy Farquhar

I lived my life inside you

Cocooned in all your love

So mama, papa please don't cry

I'm still with you, just up above.

I Felt your every heartbeat

It's my sweetest melody

and for every heavenly bedtime

The Angels play it back to me.

I know how much I'm wanted

I feel so very blessed

Of all the mummy's in all the world

I got the very best.

You think of me in all your waking hours,

And on those sleepless nights

Just look out the window and you'll find me

The brightest star, the most dazzling light.

I'm that little breeze in the summer

And I'm that unexpected white feather

I plucked from my downy wings

So that you remember that we are always together.

I know how much it hurts your soul

When we had to say goodbye

But I'm not gone, I'm always here

I'm your sweet little butterfly

In memory of Alfie James Farquhar

Adam Sommerhause  
 Adele Schlamersdorf  
 Alex Myers  
 Alex Wood  
 Amanda Brooke Worley  
 Amy Webeck  
 Andrew Haas  
 Ashley Matheson  
 Ashley M. Wormsby  
 Austin Siler  
 Austin Singletary  
 Bianca Tala Beppler  
 Brad Miller  
 Brett Hobbs  
 Robert Hughes  
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 Courtney Trent-Daley  
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 Tera Davis  
 Theodore Clark Nelson  
 Thomas Joseph Dinger  
 Christian Alfonso  
 Trent Weiss  
 Trisha White  
 Tristan Mitchell-Spruce  
 Zachary Schaeffer

*We also remember those babies  
 who died and were named only  
 in their parents' hearts.*