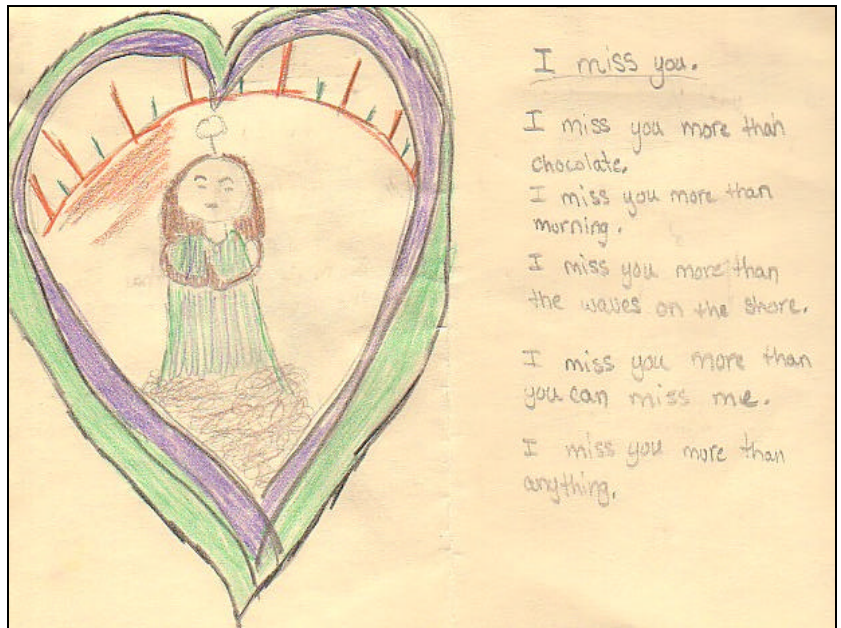


# Kids Korner



“The most honest, truth-telling in this world is done by children.” Oliver Wendall Holmes



Written by Stevie Jo Cacciatore for her little sister Cheyenne Cacciatore

### **New Born Dreams**

Confide in me as I confide in you,  
Caring for shoulders to lean on.  
And here, while no bones were broken,  
No words were spoken,  
Toll talking token,  
Dreams may be stolen  
but new things still born.

Walking together in a field of dark,  
Hand in hand, now strolling as one.  
But tell me, where now do you stand?  
Your face looks so bland,  
Torn by strain command,  
Unanswered questions  
But meaning still found.

Though it seems as if I can't  
comprehend,

I know what it is you're hiding.  
Covered in books, pages unread,  
Words are left unsaid,  
Fears inside my head.  
Dreams may be stolen  
But new thing still born.

*By Kyle Brooks  
March 1, 2002*

### **Walls Without Ears**

The walls are listening.  
Listening to the ways that I have changed.  
Hearing my voice,  
Watching my style,  
Listening as I grow.  
Down the hall,

They are telling each other  
About my lost identity.  
Listing my faults,  
Selling my reason,  
Breaking my motivation,  
Telling me that I am different.

A room full of woes,  
And the plumbing cannot stop the cement  
Seeping through the cracks  
In the plywood.  
The walls begin to yell  
As if I can't hear.  
They tell me who I used to be.  
The walls are listening.  
Listening to the ways that I have changed.

*Kyle Brooks*

**Rainbow**  
As the rain falls,  
I look through the window  
Onto the weathering earth.  
I remember the times  
That only few can recall.



As I rest my hands on the pane,  
I think of many things.  
Some worthwhile,  
And some  
Too hard to forget.

As the drops of liquid  
Splatter against the trees,  
I begin to fall.  
Fall into that empty space below  
Where all the things are the same.  
And no one is better than anyone else.

And as the clouds drift away,  
The birds begin to sing.  
And the grass is green again.  
I wake up,  
Realizing that life  
Isn't so bad.

*Kyle Brooks*

**Forgetfulness**  
I try.  
I try my hardest  
To forget the things I should.  
And still remember the things I shouldn't.  
I look back into the past,  
And although not that far,  
I restore the erased image in my head.

There is no delete key now.  
No trash can.  
No recycle bin.  
No backup folder.  
Just the painted image  
Locked into my view.

I tell myself to forget;  
Forget the times of trials,  
The times of pain, and the  
Times of error.  
But still, unlike other,  
Forgetfulness is a trait  
I wish to exhibit.

*Kyle Brooks*  
*May 18, 2001*

**2 Days**  
Life.  
One simple word,  
But yet, so hard.  
Day to day passes,  
And I try to push my problems away.  
I try to tell myself  
That everything will be okay.  
I can remember way back when.  
When I saw your smile,  
Your hair,  
Your face.  
And I still remember when we danced.  
And when I had my arm around you;  
The greatest feeling in the world.  
But that's all gone now.  
Nothing's the same.  
I've run out of time.  
Two days have passed,  
And I can't see you anymore.

*Kyle Brooks*  
*May 13, 2001*

are stillborn can die as late as 39 weeks. Oftentimes you have parents who have picked out names as well as everything from cribs to clothes. This is an important bill for those parents who have experienced a stillbirth in their family and, for that reason alone, it's an important measure to push."

All the bill does is create an alternate form of documentation, Kean said. It has no bearing on any other issue. It will have no impact on medical malpractice litigation, in the opinion of William Kraus, a partner in the Morristown firm Porzio, Bromberg & Newman who represents patients in medical malpractice cases.

"The bill seems to recognize that perinatal death represents not only the loss of a child, but the loss of status as a parent," he said. "By acknowledging not only the stillbirth's death, but also his or her life, a parent may derive some solace.

"Since New Jersey case law has recognized these factors for at least 14 years,

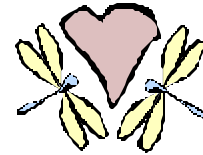
I doubt that this bill will alter the landscape of medical malpractice cases resulting in the delivery of a stillbirth." To date, New Jersey's American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has no position on the Missing Angels Bill here, according to Dr. Joseph Apuzzo, its chairman.

Stillbirth parents are learning to be politically savvy on behalf of their children and, they say, other parents in the future who will unexpectedly grapple with the same profound and endless sadness of having a stillborn child. Parents who, like the activists of today, will never anticipate their fate until life hits them broadside.

"All of a sudden I am the little guy," Donaldson said. "Everybody says you have to fight for the little guy."

Or, in this case, the littlest ones of all.

*Written by Lorraine Ash, Daily Record*



## Heart Felts

We would like to thank ALL our MISS volunteers. 2002 was a long and painful year for so many families, but you've all made a difference in so many lives!

**Thank you** to our facilitators across the country and to all those who assist in our support groups.

**Thank you** to our website volunteers. You are the reason that MISS reaches so many people world wide. You've made a safe haven where parents can find some comfort in places where there aren't any support groups.

**Thank you** to our Board of Directors, our Conference 2003 coordinators, and chairpersons. We are going to have a special conference this year!

**Thank you** to our volunteers who come up with wonderful ideas on how to raise funds for the MISS Foundation. And who then take those ideas and implement them into fun events for all of us.

And **thank you** to Keith and Debra Brooks for their painting arms as we established and set up our new MISS Foundation office- in memory of Stephanie's Sweet 16th birthday.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

*-Dale Carnegie*



### MISS Foundation's Sacred Hearts Logo Pendant

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<b>Pricing:</b>	<b>Pendant w/20" chain</b>	<b>\$60</b>
	<b>Add birthstone</b>	<b>add \$12</b>
	<b>With 24" chain</b>	<b>add \$5</b>

### God Why

*Why should I trust you?  
Why should I believe?  
When the future I longed for  
Was nothing but grief  
You stole my heart  
You buried my soul  
They say that you love me  
I am angry and cold  
I see no light  
I feel no joy  
You stole my son  
My sweet little boy....*

**Tara Marino**

**La Mere to Mason James 2-4-02  
One Angel In Heaven 7-27-02**

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## **Baby's Breath: *Because each breath is a gift***

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### **Cervical plugs give the unborn protection from bacteria**

The mucus plug in the cervix of pregnant women, which is located between the vagina and the uterus, serves as a physical barrier between the unborn child and bacteria that can lead to complications particularly during late pregnancy.

New studies indicate that it also has antimicrobial properties that kill bacteria, such as group B Streptococcus and E. coli.

Antimicrobial proteins in cervical mucus plugs were found by researchers to be similar to those in nasal fluid. Both mucus plugs and nasal fluid, researchers note, provide barriers for sterile environments, to help protect from the outside world of germs.

This new finding suggests that women who are predisposed to infections in their uterus and other complications may have deficiencies in the composition of their mucus plugs, conclude researchers in the July issue of the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"The cervical mucus plug is not only a physical barrier to microbial entry into the uterine cavity, but it also contains diffusible substances that exhibit anti-

bacterial activity," Dr. Tomas Ganz from the University of California, Los Angeles, and colleagues, write.

At conception, mucus that is normally present in the cervical canal thickens to form a plug between the uterus and the vagina. The plug remains intact during pregnancy to keep out bacteria, which can cause intrauterine infection and increase the risk of preterm labor and neurologic and developmental delays among the fetus.

To determine whether the plug's powers of protection are more than just as a physical barrier, the researchers analyzed 60 cervical mucus plugs from healthy women, aged 28 to 33.5 years, at full-term delivery, as well as cervical mucus from women who were not pregnant.

Cervical plugs and mucus both contained immune system proteins that fight infection, the study found.

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## **Sleep Disorder Linked to Damaged Brain**

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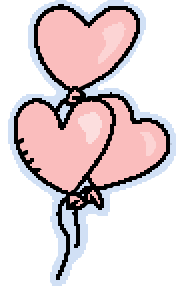
For many years, scientists have thought a common sleep disorder called obstructive sleep apnea results solely from a narrowed airway caused by enlarged tonsils, a small jaw or excess fat in the throat. New evidence, however, points to another potential cause: faulty brain wiring that occurs early in life. University of California, Los Angeles researchers have discovered patients with the disorder show gray matter loss in

brain areas that regulate breathing and speech. Nearly 40 percent of these patients stuttered as children. This suggests the night-time breathing disorder may arise from a mechanism gone haywire at an early age. The study is published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. "For decades, we have blamed sleep apnea solely on a narrowed airway," said Dr. Ronald Harper, principal investigator and professor of neurobiology

at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. "Our findings show, however, that sleep apnea patients also suffer disordered wiring in brain regions that control muscles of the airway. These glitches may lead to the syndrome, which is exacerbated by a small airway." The findings suggest sleep apnea is a pre-existing condition -- that abnormal brain wiring from childhood contributes to the onset of the disorder in adulthood, Harper said.



# Remembering Our November and December Children...



## Happy Birthday

### January

Eloy Arevalo, Jr.  
 Daniel Armstrong-Morre  
 Nicholas Allan Beisner  
 Courtney Lynn Brown  
 Baby Burton  
 Dominic Andrew Isaiah Felix  
 Cardenas  
 Megan Renee Clemenson  
 Kelsey Lynn Clemenson  
 Anthony Cling  
 Rayden Michael Cocozza  
 Lyndsey Brooke Cox  
 Wesley Allen Crofford  
 Alba Cuevas  
 Allen Robert Curtis  
 Nicholson Taylor DeAngelis  
 Ross Martin Droge  
 Jon Dukes  
 Bryce Stiehl Ferris  
 Jessica Finch  
 Mia and Alex George  
 Meghan Elizabeth George  
 Kalib Lee Gerling  
 Savannah Dawn Gilliam  
 Christopher Wayne Griswold  
 Paul Samuel Gummadi  
 Colter Hatch  
 Danielle Marie Hansen  
 Tatum Tea-Ann Hawley  
 Maya Hernandez  
 Brooke Leilani Hodgson  
 Timothy David Hulme  
 Cody Elijah Iverson  
 David Isaac Jacobs  
 Priya Cecelia Jain  
 Shannon Elizabeth Jenkins  
 Sonia Jimenez  
 Marnie Darlin Johnston  
 Lane Christopher Knopp  
 Samantha Lackey  
 Antoinette Leon  
 Robert Lopez, IV  
 Tyler Branden Lotz  
 Kelly S. Luciano

Daniel Moreno  
 Joseph Moreno, Jr.  
 Fatima Najera  
 Quentin James Nicholson  
 Britney Sengphet Phimmason  
 Jack Nicholas Porreca  
 Joseph Ruppert  
 Shawn William Scaturro  
 Kylie Laine Schuetz  
 Scotti Denise Sheppard  
 Deanne Michele Smith  
 Ryan Michael Smith  
 Hannah Margaret Simanton  
 Keanu Wesley Sobalvarro  
 Alexis Brianne Stempien  
 Sarah Stevens  
 Sarah Louise Taylor  
 Harold Thompson  
 Diego Velez  
 Joseph Verso  
 Briana Marie Vlearbone  
 Alyssa Brooke Vorhis



### February

Emily Irene Adomaitis  
 Chase Douglas Aitken  
 Antoine Wilson Albin  
 Keegan Edwin Beamer  
 Parker Bell  
 Maggie Lynn Bolar  
 Brandon Bradock  
 Annabel Cameron  
 Brandon Carter  
 Ben Cogburn, Jr.  
 Kyle Everett Davis  
 Savannah Hope Davis  
 DeJannia Jesania Day  
 Joseph Delgado  
 Serena Duncan  
 Kelsey Eisenberg  
 Britney Garcia  
 Sergio Garcia  
 Brent Garcia-Daniel  
 Nicholas Giles  
 Savannah Gladden



Brandon Allen Gomez  
 Destiny Raelynn Guffy  
 Dylan Margus Harris  
 McKenzie Louise Hartman  
 Julien A. Hartsook  
 Ashley Hawthorn  
 Samuel Bythel Haynes, IV  
 Danielle Nicole Heddlesten  
 Sahara Hottendorf  
 Ruben Paul Huerta, Jr.  
 Daniel Infante  
 Cody Alan Johnson  
 Michael Jones  
 Sara Victoria Koski  
 Edward Christian Lunsford  
 Keilab Andrew Lyons  
 Mason James Marino  
 Joseph Anthony Masaniai  
 Jaden Morra  
 Paulie Michael Mullenix  
 Scottie Michael Mullenix  
 Mya Jozefa Nicolosi  
 Briana Danielle Nunez  
 Jullian Lane Perry-Armentrout  
 Michael Qualls  
 Franklin Natale Raimondo  
 Abbigail Elizabeth Reis  
 Spencert Calvert Respass  
 Gabriel Rodriguez-Marquez  
 Carlos Roel  
 Chelsie Leigh Scaff  
 Nicomah Patrick-Michael Scherr  
 Ellie Settelen  
 Gregory Richard Joseph Shoemaker  
 Luke Sielaff  
 Audrey Sinclair  
 Caitlyn Diane Smith  
 Gavin Michael Sparks  
 Jacob Edward Thiede  
 Christopher Michael Toth  
 Amerilo Josephine Treadway  
 Bobby V. Tripodi  
 Karsten Voss  
 Isaiah Otto Bruce Williams

## ***In Memoriam***

### **January**

Daniel Armstrong-Morre  
Chase Montgomery Arthur  
Nicholas Allan Beinser  
Marisa Reyanna Botello  
Charlotte Fulton Brochhausen  
Courtney Lynn Brown  
Veronica Burk  
Baby Burton  
Dominic Andrew Isaiah Felix  
Cardenas  
Tristan Andrew Castellanos  
Tea Elyse Cepeda  
Julia Marie Cheney  
Megan Renee Clemenson  
Anthony Cling  
Rayden Michael Cocozza  
Elysia Isabel Contreras  
Abel Correa  
Candace Correll  
Lyndsey Brooke Cox  
Wesley Allen Crofford  
Nicholson Taylor DeAngelis  
Kate Duke  
Alyssa Marie Furman  
Nicholas Geitz  
Mia and Alex George  
Meghan Elizabeth George  
Savannah Dawn Gilliam  
Drew Janan Grayson  
Christopher Wayne Griswold  
Paul Samuel Gummadi  
Daniel Kieran Heath  
Maya Hernandez and her  
Loving Mommy and Daddy  
Cassie Ann Hubbard  
Cody Elijah Iverson  
Cardon Johansson  
Marnie Darlin Johnston  
Payton King  
Lane Christopher Knopp  
Samantha Lackey



Matthew Lester  
Tyler Branden Lotz  
Kelly S. Luciano  
Tyler Marimon  
Makayla McMurtrey  
Emma Montgomery  
Rose Adriel Morris  
Daniella Palacios  
Blake Parker-Merrow  
Joseph Michael Perez  
Jack Nicholas Porreca  
Angela Faith Pritchard  
Jordenn Polk  
Skyler Kirby Schmidt  
Ellie Settelen  
Hannah Margaret Simanton  
Deanne Michele Smith  
Ryan Michael Smith  
Rebecca Christen Stewart  
Macy Thomas-Narcia  
Brooke Hailey Thompson  
Briana Marie Vlearbone  
Alyssa Brooke Vorhis  
Damien Michael Webb  
Dakota William Young  
Shelby Zalanka

### **February**

Emily Irene Adomaitis  
Antoine Wilson Albin  
Corrie Armstrong  
Morgan Leigh Armstrong  
Keegan Edwin Beamer  
Parker Bell  
Maggie Lynn Bolar  
Samantha Leigh Baker  
Wyatt Edward Boehly  
Annabel Cameron  
Devin Paul Carlisle  
Brandon Carter  
Ben Cogburn, Jr.  
Allen Robert Curtis



Savannah Hope Davis  
Nicholas David Dorsey  
David Garcia  
Brent Garcia-Daniel  
Savannah Gladden  
Destiny Raelynn Guffy  
McKenzie Louise Hartman  
Samuel Bythel Haynes, IV  
Danielle Nicole Heddlesten  
Zackary Shane Herkins  
Trevor Hicks  
Blake Hodge  
Timothy Dakota Hollon  
Shannon Elizabeth Jenkins  
Michael Jones  
Keilab Andrew Lyons  
Mason James Marino  
Angela Matthews  
Joseph Moreno, Jr.  
Morgan Gray Moss  
Fatima Najera  
Mya Jozefa Nicolosi  
Michelle Villa Noriega  
Esperanza Ochoa  
Franklin Natale Raimondo  
Jhossiani Ramirez-Ruiz  
Emily Nicole Rauschkolb  
Spencer Calvert Respass  
Gabriel Rodriguez-Marquez  
Joseph Ruppert  
Chelsie Leigh Scaff  
Kolton Siebert  
Luke Sielaff  
Caitlyn Diane Smith  
Gavin Michael Sparks  
Harold Thompson  
Christopher Michael Toth  
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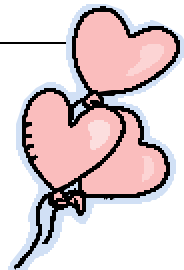
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***To the families of these children, Our sympathies for your recent loss...***

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DeJannia Jesania Day  
Joshua Nathan Johnson  
Mikaila Underwood  
Trevor Allen Duckworth  
Trevor Nicolas Toews

Benjamin Russell David  
Nathan Daniel Foote  
Abbie Dawn Hoffman-Davis  
Jordan David Klapprich



# Memorial Donations

# In Loving Memory of . . .

## **Christina Marie Aloï**

By her loving parents, Theresa and John Aloï  
Port Jeff Station, NY

## **Jacob Edward Thiede**

By his loving family

## **Chase Arthur Montgomery**

By his loving family  
Gilbert, AZ

## **Cody Elijah Iverson**

By Angela and Brian, his loving parents  
And Christian and Brandon,  
His big brothers  
Surprise, AZ

## **Stephanie Denise Brooks**

By Debra, Keith and Kyle Brooks,  
Her loving family  
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Belmont, CA

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## **Brittney Angelique Grace**

By her loving parents,  
Joseph and Tammy Grace  
Flagstaff, AZ

## **Wesley Allen Crofford**

By Karen and Toby Crofford,  
His loving parents who are remembering  
And MISSing him on his first birthday  
Chandler, AZ

## **Allen Robert Curtis**

By Devon Kohen

In September, I had an art show at ICON Studios in Phoenix to honor Allen's short life and the life lessons I have learned from him. He has taught me to better appreciate life and has inspired me to face my fears and become the artist I have always wanted to be.

## **Riley James Wilson**

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Baby Riley

My heart aches for you. Spiritually, I know we will meet again. We expected to celebrate your first birthday as a family of five together watching you eat cake and open presents. Probably walking a bit. The worst part about your death was not the shock or anger, it was not being able to take care of you, hold you, bathe you, dress you, feed you, teach you, love you. I have been changed forever. Now, one year later, I can see more blessings in your short life and in the beauty of life on Earth. Yes, I wish I could be with you but I have realized I am not in control. I no longer take for granted your brother and sister. My eyes are open to life. I have also realized the inability to have to make assumptions and control outcomes. My life is full and I am appreciative and grateful daily. Thank you for that kind act, my son.

We love you. We miss you. We pray for you. We will acknowledge you. We know you are around us.

By Mommy, Daddy, big brother Noah  
and big sister Hannah, your loving family  
Desoto, KS

## **Natalie Cooper Ciepielinski**

By her loving family  
Osakis, MN

## **Tyler David Abarr**

By His loving family  
Peoria, AZ

### **Everyday**

I walk and I wobble;  
Sometimes I fall.  
I usually get back up;  
I try to stand tall.

This pain sometimes  
Is too much to bear.  
I wish this on no one;

How could I dare.

My heart feels  
Like it's breaking.  
My arms always  
Aching.

I want to hold my son.  
I want to see his face.  
I want to kiss his lips.  
I want a warm embrace.

These things I miss  
Every single day.  
Oh God, why did you  
Take him away.

**By Kathy Evans**  
**In memory of her son,**  
**Sean Michael Evans**

