

Hush My Naa Naa

Hush My Naa-Naa, Don't you cry,

I will be there, night and day

Hush my Naa-Naa, don't you cry

I will always cherish that you were by my side,

I will always feel your loving arms so strong,

I will always remember "Our" special song,

Hush my Naa-Naa don't you cry,

Please, wipe the tears from your face,

With your heart, feel my eternal embrace

Hush my Naa-Naa don't you cry,

Your little Angel will always be right here,

By your side.

2003, Kym Smith

In Loving Memory of Cheyenne Autumn

Oct. 11th 1997-Nov. 30th 1998

Announcements!

1st Annual Skyler Schmidt Memorial Bowl-A-Thon Benefiting the MISS Foundation

Saturday, October 25, 2003

11:30am - 2:00pm

At Brunswick Mission Bell

59th Avenue N. of Bell Road in Phoenix

Raffle Prizes! Fun! Food!

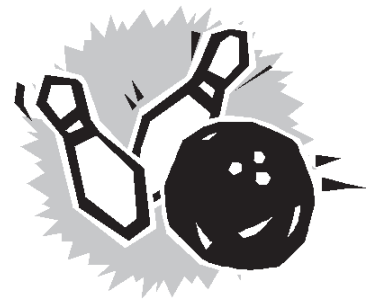
Only \$15 per person!

Shoe Rental Included!

For more details contact:

Nancy Honesto @ Mission Bell 602-978-1908

or Linda Schmidt @ 602-643-4227



Safe Arrivals...

We Celebrate our Rainbows

Conner Joseph George

Son of Dawn & Steve
& little brother to Angel Meghan

Megan Susanne Bao Anh

Zuong to the Zuong Family &
little sister of Andrew

Sydney Ella Anderson

Daughter to Jen & Joe &
little sister of Emmitt Jackson

Jaiden Ebery Farley

to Angie Farley & Family

Taylee Dawn Stine

Dee Dee Nash-Stine &
Brandon Stine & little sister to
Bailey Ren Nash

Dominic Grey Marino

to Tara Marino & Family

Robert Earl Baxter III

to Baxter Family

Seth Richard Maloney

Lisa Maloney & Family

Nathan Michael Kuczmariski

Son of Carolyn & Rick
Kuczmariski & little brother to
Allison Rose

Carol Hoffman

to The Hoffman Family in
Mexico City!

That Their



Light May



Always Shine



The Arizona National Children's Memorial Day Candlelighting Service

December 14, 2003

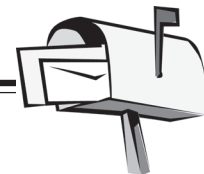
at 6:30pm

4715 N. Central Rd.

In the St. Francis
Xavier Church

Family & friends are welcome
to attend with you. RSVP
with the number to attend by
email: info@missfoundation.org.
If you have a piece of poetry,
art, or other talent you'd like to
share for this event, please
notify us immediately at
joanne@missfoundation.org.

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear MISS,
Just a quick note to let you know how appreciative I am for all that you do. The conference was so amazing and your presentations were so fantastic (really!). You have are such a dynamic speaker and your thoughts and messages were so well conveyed. I wished I could remember everything you said ~ It all seemed so incredibly important.

And the gentlemen were so fascinating. Dr. Barr....well, what can I say? My heart warms every time I think of him. Dr. G....such amazing thoughts and impressions. Dick.....perfectly funny at just the right times. I felt so lucky to be there in their company and to be able to hear their messages in person. I can't begin to say enough good things about them. And the other grieving parents, I am in awe of them all. Amazing experience, Jo. Thank you so much for letting me be a part of it.

Much love,
Heidi

Dear MISS Foundation,
My name is Amy Vann and I am a member of the MISS group in Merced, CA...I want to thank you again for your work and awareness you bring to the cause. I am so thankful to have found your website. It has carried me through many dark hours...

In Remembrance
of William,
Amy



Dear MISS,
I got the Dear Cheyenne book from the SIDS Foundation in Michigan.. Wow what a powerful book...My niece died of SIDS on May 10 of this year she was 12 days old. Just to let you know your bok helps me alot.. Thank you so much and I am so sorry about your loss.
Paul Skiff

Aloha,
My name is Abilynn Rita. I live in Hawai'i. My daughter Alexanntria-Nichole Lahilahi Ku'upuaaloalo Pulelehua Kuhaulua-Rita, was stillborn on April 28, 2003, she was to be our last child. Fortunately my husband did not have a vasectomy during my pregnancy. She was past due, her due date was on April 18, 2003.

She was 8 lbs 10.7 ounces and was 20 and 3/4 inches long. Her cause of death is unknown. I was devastated to find out that I was not going to get a birth certificate. I had to go through labor and delivery of her knowing that she was not alive. I'd like to know how can I get Bill like HB2416 passed in my state?
Mahalo, Abi

*Dear Abi,
I am so very sorry about your precious Alexanntria-Nichole.*

We thank you for your interest in passing the MISSing Angels Bill in Hawaii. I will contact you further next week however, for now, please visit our link: missingangelsbill.org to get more information.

*Until then, as we remember them,
Joanne Cacciatore-Garard*

Dear MISS,
I ordered these kindness cards several years ago when I lived in New Mexico and told a friend in Colorado about them. She has used them many times and I have never used them yet. Now I am a part of a Grief Group here in Phoenix and I want to pass out and share some of these cards with them and tell them about the Kindness Product. Not sure if they have heard about them or not.... I lost my 12 y/o son in August '96 of a Brain Anuerysm.



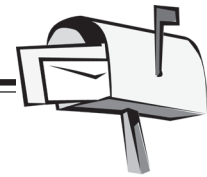
Dear Maam,
I came across an article on your site this evening written by Angel Dugan. It caught my interest because the baby's name was Ryan Spencer Dugan. The coincidence being that my name is Ryan Terrell Spencer. I read her story and it truly touched my heart. I was simply hoping that, being I have no way to get in touch with her, you could send her my best wishes. I know that it has been a while since this was written, but hopefully this can still bring her a little comfort. If you are unable to do so, it is perfectly ok. I just thought that I may be able to bring a small smile to a saddened heart. I more than thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Ryan T. Spencer, USMC

Dear MISS,
In October it will be 4 years without our sweet little son, Kody. That void can never be filled nor will the sorrow ever leave. But your wonderful newsletter MISSING Angels, is like a warm blanket on a cold night. It is such a comfort. Only do those families who have lost children understand the pain we endure. Your publication gives us strength adn inspiration and we are truly grateful to you and all the volunteers who make this...possible.
God Bless You All,
Brooke Bockman Rye
Mother of Kody Stevens Rye

Dear MISS,
Please accept this contribution in the name of Amanda Karen Manero in honor of her mother, Tammy Manero's, birthday. We're so glad you're here for brokenhearted mothers and grandmothers.
Sincerely,
Mimi Salinger
New Mexico

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...continued



MISS,

Thank you for sending me the July/August edition of Missing Angels. It takes me a while to read through the newsletters — too emotional to do it all at once. I couldn't help but notice Mary Geitz's bio — how can anyone survive the death of five of her children? I cried when I read it — I can't even fathom it. Once was enough for a million lifetimes for me. I also noticed that Kenyotta Leepier has started the RAEYN Legacy fund, whose goal is the same as one of our programs, SEOLE (pronounced "soul") — Securing End-of-Life Expenses, which we began in 2001. I am interested in contacting her — can you send me her email or send mine to her?

I'm meeting with a mom of a stillborn daughter tomorrow. Will not be representing my association, am just going as a fellow mom to provide support. I'm going to share your *Dear Cheyenne* book with her and decided to give it a quick read tonight (the first time I attempted this, last year, I was sobbing after page 3 and couldn't read more). I am in tears — the grief is unending and though I have learned to put it in a safe place that allows me to live again with joy, it is never more than a moment away. Grieving the death of one's child is a lifelong process. Thanks again.

Michelle Mosca

Cofounder & President

Angel Names Association

The Angel Names Association is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), charitable organization dedicated to assisting families of stillborn children through programs designed to provide financial assistance for end-of-life expenses and counseling services, and funding for stillbirth research.

Dear Joanne,

My name is Marianna Cacciatore and I am the founder of Children to Children, a grief support program that is part of Tu Nidito in Tucson, Arizona. I recently received an email from one of our board members telling me that you will be speaking at TMC...I followed the trail and found your website. How very interesting that we both have the same last name and have our heart in the same work! Looking forward to hearing from you. Marianna Cacciatore

Dear MISS,

My husband and I just lost our son, Andrew Thomas, on October 5, 2002.

Our tragedy begins with our final doctors visit at 40+ weeks. The nurse attempted to hook me up to monitors and she could not find the heartbeat. Two doctors confirmed with an ultrasound that our baby had died. Our world ended

that day. We were given the option to go home or go to the hospital to be induced. I couldn't go home. So I gave birth to our son that night. No sounds from him, just that of our broken hearts.

The doctors and hospital staff were wonderful under the circumstances. We never questioned whether to hold him. We took many pictures (of which I'm grateful for now), got footprints and a lock of hair, changed his clothes, baptized him, rocked him, kissed him, and said "good-bye".

The following day Mary Geitz from the H.A.N.D. support group (in Illinois) happened to be in the hospital and paid us a visit. She gave me all sorts of literature, including your book "Dear Cheyenne". My husband read it immediately and found it very

comforting. He was asking for a sign that Andrew was okay and that we too would make it through this. Some may find these just coincidental, but you see what you want. The first thing is that his mother's name is Joanne Caccia and her birthday is one day after yours. The second thing is that Andrew was my second pregnancy. My first was tubular, and I had emergency surgery on July 27, 2001. The third thing is that your book (your thoughts) are exactly what we felt that day and still feel.

I apologize for the long email. I just finished your book. I cried through most of it, but it has helped me tremendously. I know we're just beginning this horrible journey, but I know we will get through it. I just ordered your kindness cards and plan to use them in memory of our son Andrew Thomas Caccia.

Thank you for sharing and showing us strength!

Jill and Jim Caccia
from Illinois

Ms. Cacciatore,

As you may recall, in September of 2002 MISS presenting to the Institute of Medicine committee that is studying palliative, end-of-life and bereavement care for children who die and their families. The committee also received your manuscript *The Power of Compassion*. May we use selected short quotes from the manuscript with citation? Again, we thank you for the presentation to the committee. It was both moving and helpful.

Best regards,

Marilyn J. Field, Ph.D.

Senior Program Officer

Institute of

Medicine



In Loving Memory of Tyler - by Kim Lotz, Merced, CA M.I.S.S. Facilitator

Light brown hair, the cutest little nose, pudgy cheeks, and the longest most adorable fingers I've ever seen on a baby all wrapped up in a warm blanket, but so still and so silent. That's how I remember my first born son Tyler who was stillborn 3 days after his due date because of umbilical cord complications.

The ache from in my body from losing him is beyond description. My pain was exacerbated when friends, family, and society acted like he didn't matter because he never took a breath. I heard every cliché I possibly could about how it was for the best, how I was young and I could have more, and how he just wasn't meant to be. Everywhere I went there were people telling me in their own ways that my pain should be less than what it was; that Tyler didn't matter. This angered me more than anything. My son matters!

Now seven years later I have found a way to let Tyler touch the world. I am a M.I.S.S. support group facilitator and it is my continuous Kindness Project that heals my heart. Every person that I lend a hand to on the ugly road of grief is because of Tyler. Every thank-you I hear, no matter how small, helps to mend my broken heart just a tiny bit more

because I know it's all because of Tyler. I don't think of myself as courageous or noble when I meet families who are new in the agony of experiencing the death of their child and throw them a lifeline. I'm just a mom who loves her son so much she's going to make sure other people are



touched by him also. I want people to 'know' my son.

Our M.I.S.S. group meets once a month and every month I like to have a Kindness Project to do in memory of everyone's children. Most recently we bought teddy bears and cute outfits for them and each parent picked an outfit and a bear, dressed them and attached a Kindness Card with their child's name on it. The bears were given to the Merced Fire Department for kids they have contact with. We have also made baby blankets and tiny clothes in memory of our children and donated them to Merced's Hospital for other babies that pass

away. I am constantly giving Kindness Cards to the members of the support so that their child can touch the lives of other people through them. Some of the acts of kindness they have done are leaving a large tip for a waiter, leaving a few dollars on the seat of someone's car, leaving teddy bears on the graves of infants so the families know someone out there still remembers and cares, donating money to a family in need, and being the 'Drive Thru Bandit' which means paying for the order of the car behind them and driving off before they can be thanked.

These random acts of kindness are done in memory of children who never had a chance to leave their own mark on the world but have rather left their parents to do it for them and so proudly we do out of grief, out of gut wrenching pain, and out of love for their precious children gone too soon. MISS believes that you don't heal from the death of a loved one because time has passed. You heal because of what you have done with that time. Do a random act of kindness in memory of your child today and allow your love for your child to touch someone because our children matter! I promise it's one of the greatest feelings in the world.

"Rising from the Ashes..." A Review of the 2003 MISS Conference - continued

by Kara L.C. Jones

tiny pile of ashes in this godd*mned urn!" And you can say that without fear of judgment. You don't have to defend yourself. You don't have to explain more than that one sentence and WA-LA... the entire room understands. Sometimes I go a whole entire year without realizing how much I am "a fish out of water" or totally out of context in my real, everyday life. And then my husband and I get to Arizona for the annual MISS Conference every May — this year, held in Arizona at the Pointe Tapatio Cliffs from May 21 to 24 — and suddenly we are "in context" again. The entire environment around us, all the people, all the events, all the meals, all the laughter, all the pool side time, all the tears — everything, in context. Our parenthood is not denied, silent, nor forgotten.

In Dr. DeFrain's sessions, he stood as witness to the experience of each and every person in the room. He did not tell

them how it ought to be. He did not tell them how he could heal them. He did not tell them what wonderful magic therapy could be for them. He simply guided the conversation through the realities of life as a grieving couple — as experienced by each and every person in the room who chose to speak. He affirmed for all of us that he'd heard many of the same things from others. He assured us we are not alone. He offered insight and information based on his experiences. But he never judged. And he never put a time line on the experience! Talk about empowering. If only every professional were willing to listen like, Dr. DeFrain, we might have a much healthier care system in the United States!

So now you're thinking that changing an entire care system is insane, right? Well one of our speakers, Dr. Peter Barr had

continued on page 24

MISS Foundation Chapters & Global Peer Contacts

California, Arcadia

3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 pm
Church of the Good Shepherd, Lounge
400 W. Duarte Rd. (Holly & Duarte)
626-963-9120 Kristin Jared
kristin@missfoundation.org

California, Huntington Beach

1st Thursday of each month, 6:30p.m.
8161 Taylor Drive, Huntington Beach
Katie Hodge 714-585-3614
Katie@missfoundation.org

California, Merced

1st Tuesday of every month, 7-8:30p.m. at
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 350 W.
Yosemite Ave. Facilitator: Kim Lotz 209-
725-9241 Kim@missfoundation.org

California, San Diego

For information on this group contact
keny@missfoundation.org

Connecticut Group Coming soon!

Heather@missfoundation.org

Colorado, Denver

1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30p.m.
Stonegate Community Center, Parker
Leslie Clemenson 303-841-4152
Leslie@missfoundation.org

Idaho, Boise

1st Monday of month, 6:30pm. New Heights
Church. Contact: Nancy & Peter Grayson
208-861-2407. nancy@missfoundation.org

Illinois, Chicago

1st Monday of each month. 130 W. Pine in
Roselle and 3rd Monday in Wehaton
Call Mary at 630-582-0874
Mary@missfoundation.org

Illinois, Sandwich

Email Angie Farley for more information
at: Angie@missfoundation.org

Indiana *NEW*

3rd Wed. of each month, 7:00p.m.
IU Campus, Ruth Lily Medical Research
Library, 4th Floor Atrium.
Crissy Tohm & Katie Irby
crissy@missfoundation.org

Kentucky

1st Thursday of each month, 6:30p.m.
Heartland Worship Center
4777 Alben Barkley Drive, Pacucah
Kelly Nicholls 270-395-7668
Knicholls@missfoundation.org

Maryland, Westminster

1st Monday of month, 7:00p.m.
Church of the Bretheren in Westminster
Lisa 443-677-5904

Minnesota, Alexandria

2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30p.m.
First Congregational UCC Church
221 7th Ave, West in Alexandria
Heidi Ciepielinski 320-859-5660

New Jersey, Somers Point

2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church, Dawes Ave. and
Shore Rd. in Somers Point NJ.
Kathy Evans 609-601-0563
kathy@missfoundation.org

New York, Yonkers

Call or email for tiems/dates
The Plymouth House
1730 Central Park Ave.
Jennie@missfoundation.org

Ohio, Liverpool

Kym Smith 330-385-8774
Kym@missfoundation.org

Virginia, Washington DC & Maryland

1st Wednesday of the month 7:30p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia
dionne@missfoundation.org

Washington, West Seattle *NEW*

Delridge Library Meeting Room
5423 Delridge Way, S.W.
From 1-3pm on these days in 2003
July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov.
15, & Dec. 20.

-OR-

Washington, Vashon Island

For one-to-one contact call Kara Jones
at 206-251-6706 (cell) or leave message
at 206-463-5511 x 601 or email
Kara@missfoundation.org

London England

2nd Sunday of each month from 1.30-
3.30 pm. Northfields Community Centre
71A Northcroft Rd., London W13
Contact cathie@missfoundation.org
or 07932 812931

Dublin Ireland

sinead@missfoundation.org

Arizona Peer Contacts:

If you need one-on-one support and friendship
contact one of your Peer Contacts.

Angela Iverson	623-537-0139
Lee Ann Morlan	480-963-9844
Debra Brooks	623-487-4275
Mary Orta	623-580-0539
Linda Schmidt	623-362-8838
Ed & Robin Kennedy (<i>Kids</i>)	602-547-1244
Anne Rumps (<i>Tucson</i>)	520-795-4712
Heidi & Douglas Cass	928-778-2528
Mindy Runyan (<i>Kingman</i>)	928-757-2348

Subsequent Pregnancy & Family Planning:

Anna Kennedy	602-439-9025
Patrice Hedman	480-857-9792
Gennie Contreras	602-999-0226

Drowning/Accidents:

Asena Nicolosi	602-367-4626
----------------	--------------

National Peer Contacts:

Connecticut

Heather Farrier 203-895-2138

Maryland

Lisa D'Argenio 410-833-2592

Indiana

Crissy Tohm 317-826-7913
Katie Irby 317-878-4937

California

Kim Lotz 209-725-9241
Marsela Angel 209-723-1010 (spanish)
Kristen Jared 626-963-9120
Keny Leepier 619-801-1726

Minnesota

Heidi Ciepielinski 320-859-5660
Trina Charles 320-763-6317

Missouri

Greg Carder 816-690-6273

Arizona MISS Foundation Chapters

The Inner Peace Support Group

An inter-faith based support group for bereaved parents of all faiths and spiritual backgrounds. 2nd Thursday of each month beginning September 11, 2003 at 6:30p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 18265 N. 89th Ave. Meeting in the church library. Contact: Deborah Brooks (623) 487-4275 debra@missfoundation.org

NW Phoenix Monthly Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30p.m. Community Church of Joy 21000 N. 75th Avenue, Building 3 Behind the bell tower. 623-979-1000 (24hrs) info@missfoundation.org

KISS - for Kids in Grief NW Valley

3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30p.m. Community Church of Joy, Building 3 21000 N. 75th Ave, behind bell tower. Call Robin Kennedy, 602-547-1224



Drowning Support Group

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30p.m. Albright United Methodist 2242 E. Campbell Ave., Phoenix Contact Asena Nicolosi at Asena@missfoundation.org

East Valley Infant Loss Support Group

meets the first Thursday of each month at Day Spring United Methodist Church 1365 E. Elliot, Tempe. Upstairs in Rm. 201 at 6:30p. Lee Ann Morlan at 480-963-9844 Leeann@missfoundation.org

Central Valley Support Group

Starting November 6, 2003 Saint Francis Xavier Church 4715 N. Central, 7-9 p.m. Meeting in the Parrish office (the two story building next to main church). For more infor contact Angela Iverson and Asena Nicolosi at 623-537-0139 or angela@missfoundation.org

East Valley Subsequent Pregnancy

1st Saturday of each month, 2:00p.m. Day Spring United Methodist Church 1365 E. Elliot, Room 201. Contact Patrice Hedman at 480-857-9792

Tucson, AZ

Anne Rumps at (520) 795-4712 Anne@missfoundation.org

Subsequent Pregnancy Group

2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00p.m. Church of the Beatitudes - in nursery. 555 W. Glendale Ave, 7th Ave/Glendale Babies are welcome to this group! 602-439-9025 anna@missfoundation.org

Prescott Area

1st Thursday of each month, at 5:30 pm, on the 3rd floor meeting room at the Prescott Public Library. 215 E. Goodwin (intersecting Marina). Heidi and Douglas Cass (928) 778-2528, cass@rmi.net

THERE IS HOPE... by Deborah Books

Our child has died. We feel worthless, angry, and alienated. We've lost not only our child but also our future hopes and dreams. We are left here to cope with life without our child. Sixteen years later my husband and I still experience some of those feelings, but we also know there is hope.

While attending a workshop at the MISS "Passages 2003" Conference I kept hearing the phrase "There is hope" and

"Channel your energy into something positive. I've heard those words many times before but refused to accept them. Somehow I felt as if I would be betraying my daughter if I were happy and found acceptance or some type of closure in her death.

Several months ago I wrote a letter to our daughter Stephanie asking her to forgive me for keeping her life and death silent for so many years. I've found that inner peace and hope for a different future, a positive and rewarding future. Joanne says, "You don't heal from the death of a loved one because time has passed. You heal because of what you do with that time."

For the past two years I have become active with MISS and active in my faith walk. I've found joy, hope and peace. Joy in caring and sharing with other parents and hope that one day they too will find that inner peace.

Because of my faith, and love for others I will prayerfully step out of my comfort zone and start a faith based support group "Inner Peace" in September 2003.

I know within my heart there is hope;, hope for us all.

H – helping
O – others
P – persevere
E – emotionally

HOPE to see you in September. Please call Deborah Brooks for more information on the Inner Peace Support Group, in Peoria, AZ (623) 487-4275.

International Contacts:

Mexico City

Carla Hoffman (52-55)5570 1327

Ireland

Sinead Williamson
email sinead@missfoundation.org

London England

Cathie Shipton 07932 812931

more to come...

a big part in this. In the early 80's Dr. Barr from Australia and a small team of people starting offering a very "present-moment" kind of care to the bereaved parents they worked with after stillbirth, neonatal death, or other causes. In the mid 80's, Dr. Barr, Deborah de Wilde, and psychologist, Julie Dunsmore, made the award winning documentary film "Some Babies Die" which shows one family and one possible way for care-giving teams to work closely, conscientiously, and in a very "be present" manner with a bereaved family. Guess what? Dr. Barr's work and the work of his teams, revolutionized the entire care system in Australia!!! Revolutionized it to the point that recent surveys have shown that there wasn't one single bereaved family who didn't receive at the least the option of some form of this very "be present" care. Dr.

Barr is also one of the most insightful care givers I have ever met, in that he doesn't seem to pathologize or condescend about the experience of baby death. Peter presented one session at this year's MISS Conference called, "Perinatal Death: An Existential View from Down-Under" and it was stunning!!! And beautiful. And amazing. One thing I did not know before this year's conference is that Dr. Barr is not only a world-renowned physician and amazing care-giver, but is also a parent who endured the stillbirth of one child and the Cot-Death (SIDS) of another. Might it be that his personal experiences give him an insight that we rarely see with other care-givers? Maybe. But he was able to translate his experience and work enough to train other care-givers in Australia to the point that their entire health care system is light years ahead of what we see here in America. His one-on-one care, his empirical research, all of it has contributed to change the world in his part of this earth.

We also had the great fortune to again hear Dr. Guillermo Gutierrez present with a session called, "Nico's Gifts: Quietening Your Mind and Opening Your Heart to Miracles." I saw Dr. Gutierrez last year and was amazed. This year, I was just flooded with a sense of being very grateful for Dr. Gutierrez's calming, confident, understanding presence. He again shared with us, all the miracles and interesting "coincidences" that have occurred since the death of his son, Nico.

... "A stunning experience again this year!"

Also amazing, as usual, was the all day session titled "The Power of Compassion" given by Joanne Cacciatore-Garard, Founder of the MISS Foundation. I have taken this course three times now, but every single time, there is more information, new information, or just a new perspective that I didn't quite

grasp the last time. I was honored this time around to have her use excerpts from my very own book *Flash of Life* as poetic illustrations to various aspects of how care givers can best help bereaved families. This session is a powerful tool that is attended by social workers, bereavement facilitators, police, fire or EMT personnel, counselors, as well as some bereaved families.

Astunning experience again this year! I don't know how to explain it except to say that all bereaved parents should have this experience of "being in context" with other parents. All professionals who are going to touch the lives of bereaved parents in any way at all — should be required to attend this conference once a year to truly get a perspective that is all too rare in our American culture. And, finally, many thanks to everyone there. You have spurred me on and inspired me to continue doing this awareness work for another year. And I'll see you 2004 for my next chance to "be in context" for a few days!!



M.i.s.s. Foundation

P.O. Box 5333

Peoria, Arizona 85385

Phone: 623-979-1000

Fax: 623-979-1001

Email: info@missfoundation.org

♥ Because all the Children Matter ♥

Non Profit Org
U.S. Postage
Paid
Phoenix, AZ
Permit 4081

It's not how much time has passed since your loved one has died. It's what you do with that time which really matters.