

...Our Children



Garrett Allen Carpenter



Hailey Lynn



Hope Elizabeth Gale



Harley Michael
D'Argenio



Jacob Thomas DeAngelo



Hope Christine Barker



Lydell Epps, Jr.



Jenna Marie Zanger



Megan Rowley



Maxwell Herman



Robert J. Harris



Sarah & Grace Susie Bain



Shawn W. Scaturro



Riley Oharra



Trey Brayden Roper



Too Alone by Ranier Maria Rilke

I am too alone in the world, and not alone enough to make every minute holy.

I am too tiny in this world, and not tiny enough just to lie before you like a thing, shrewd and secretive.

I want my own will,

and I want simply to be with my will,

as it goes toward action,

and in the silent, sometimes hardly moving times when something is coming near, I want to be with those who know secret things or else alone.

I want to be a mirror for your whole body, and I never want to be blind, or to be too old to hold up your heavy and swaying picture.

I want to unfold.

I don't want to stay folded anywhere,

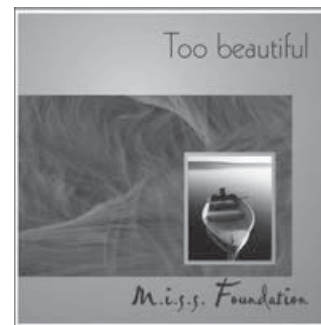
because where I am folded, there I am a lie.

And I want my grasp of things

true before you. I want to describe myself like a painting that I looked at closely for a long time, like a saying that I finally understood, like the pitcher I use every day, like the face of my mother, like a ship that took me safely through the wildest storm of all.

Announcements!

Now available in the MISS On-Line store is the CD single of "**Too Beautiful**" with lyrics written by Joanne Cacciatore and sung by Chelsea Brunsell, composed by Leeanna Brunsell and Jim



Peterson. Get your personal copy today of this beautiful song by visiting www.missfoundation.org and clicking on the "The Miss Store"!

CD & DVD Duplication services provided by: Steven at Rideau Audio & Video Productions 602-246-0058, Phoenix, Arizona.

Thanks go out to Dana Southworth and Kelli Rivera (facilitators for families facing the death of their child with special needs) for bringing MISS to the **9th Statewide Family Centered Practices Conference** in Phoenix, June 16 & 17. MISS is grateful for your time and efforts in bringing greater public awareness to our organization.

Special Congratulations goes out to:

Joanne Cacciatore-Garard, Founder and Executive Director, for receiving her MSW, ASU West

Shayla Dugan, perinatal and pediatric care coordinator for the MISS Foundation, for receiving her MSW at ASU West

Sara Smith, volunteer for KISS, for receiving her MSW at ASU West



Safe Arrivals... We Celebrate our Rainbows

Erin Elizabeth Boettcher

April 12, 2005

Daughter of Chris and Marcia, and proud big sister Lydia

Liam Addison

February 4, 2005

Son of William and Cheryl Macomber
baby brother to Renee and Ryan here on earth and
Madison Marie watching over him from above

Jacob Robert Adomaitis

March 31, 2005

Son of John and Mary Beth
and proud big sister Katie

Josef Olakainoa & Julia Halolani Moeschl

Proud parents Joe and Malia and watched over by big
brother, JD Moeschl

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Dear MISS,

My neighbor lost her husband in 1999. Roughly 7 months later, she lost her 1-year-old son due to health complications. I would like to get her flowers (or something) on Mothers Day from my wife and I. Is this appropriate? Do you have any suggestions? I would appreciate It.



February of 2000. The result was astonishing. Within hours, the MISS Foundation website received more than 2,000 hits, seven thousand kindness cards were ordered, and I received nearly 300 letters. Each one touched my heart, but I wanted to share a special story with you:

Al

Dear Al,

There is no absolute rule, however, most of our mothers who do not have surviving children feel very saddened when they are not recognized as mothers. If you believe it is appropriate, perhaps flowers with a card stating "Thinking of you and (child's name) at this time..." We also have some wonderful memorial gifts in our online store, including a CD called "Too Beautiful," dedicated to children who die too soon. Death may end a life, but it does not end love. Thank you for being a caring and compassionate person.

Joanne Cacciatore, MSW, CT

The following is an archived letter that we wanted to share as precious Joshua would have been 30 years old this year:

Editor's Note: I had the privilege to be on national television in early



Dear MISS,

I do believe things happen for a reason. I am a teacher and the other day I was home sick from school. I was watching a tape and when I turned it off the Leeza Show was on. You were on the show explaining your organization and I found it truly wonderful. I want to share with you my story.

Twenty-four years ago (I am now 45) my husband and I had a son who was born prematurely and lived for a day and a half. At the time there were many strikes against us in terms of helping us to deal with our loss. First, the hospital was not going to let me see my baby. They said they didn't think it was good for me to see him because if he died it would be more difficult for me (as if it weren't difficult enough!) Fortunately, I did demand to see him, though I never got to hold him. After he died, my nurse came in and found me crying and said I shouldn't be crying because there



were people who lost their children when they were older so I had nothing to cry about. We also never named our baby. If those things weren't enough, when I got home from the hospital my mother had packed away all the evidence that I was ever pregnant. Friends and family said things like, "Don't worry, you'll have another." Needless to say, we buried our grief and thought by not dealing with it, it would disappear. Instead it got preserved in a bubble inside of us just waiting to burst which is what happened several years ago. A crisis in our lives caused it to resurface. It was as if it were happening to us at that moment. Our tears and pain were so raw and fresh that it was incredible to me. I wish that your organization would have been there for me those 24-years ago. It was so reassuring to hear you say how important the baby is to a parent and the idea of not forgetting. If only we had been allowed to hold him, to name him, and not to be ashamed that we remembered. Even though it has been 24 years, you and your web site have been a real comfort to me. Thank You,

Cindy Davis, Canterbury, CT

Letters From The MISS Mailbox...



Hello MISS Members,

I just wanted to share this with all of you as it is a cause near and dear to all of us. This is a petition started by another mommy on the SHARE website. She is collecting signatures to send to the CEO of Hallmark along with a letter telling him how we are in need of cards for infant/child loss. Please sign it and pass it along if you wish, the more people that sign it, the more likely we may see new parental berevment cards in the hallmark stores.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/122468/petition.html>

Take care,

Cherie

Dear MISS,

I would like to thank you for allowing me the chance to participate in the Passages 2005 MISS Conference this past weekend. It was great to work with the children. Also, it was an excellent opportunity for me to expand on my music intervention techniques. Congratulations on the event! It looked like the kids, as well as the volunteers, were really enjoying themselves. I admire you for putting forth such tremendous effort to help add something to lives of the families you work with. If you ever feel I can help out the MISS Foundation again, do not hesitate to ask.

Thank You,

Kris Hoaglund, MSW

Dear MISS,



Please accept the enclosed donation in memoriam of Corrie Kathleen Crook, and in honor of all the volunteers who keep the alliance running! 9 year have passed since SIDS took our angel – how can that be? Wasn't it just yesterday? Thank you for being our flame of hope when our world was plunged into darkness.

May you continue to bring comfort and hope to those who need you most.

All our blessings,

Donelle and
Thomas Armstrong

Dear MISS Foundation,

Just a note to express how much your website touched me. You are doing such great things to help people.

Dwight R. Cordero, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Montefiore/ Albert Einstein College
of Medicine

Good Morning ,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Roger-Flynn and my son Kyle was stillborn August 17th of 2002. I began to attend MISS meetings 7 months after his birth. I found great comfort in attending the meetings facilitated by Leslie Clemensen.

I was then fortunate enough to be asked by Caprice Bass to help with SB04-095. What an amazing and gratifying experience!

I am now ready to give back. I have spoken with Leslie about the new Denver MISS group. We are thrilled with this opportunity.

I would like to thank you for everything you have done for so many grieving parents / families. You have made such a difference!
Thank You,

Jennifer Roger-Flynn

Dear MISS,

You are an inspiration to us all! Thank you so much for being our voice when we are trying to find our way.



I would love to donate Dear Cheyenne to my church group Healing Hearts. We have no materials for the bereaved parent.

Thank you so much.

Hattie Ann's mom - Jill Lear

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Donelle and Thomas Armstrong
In honor of Little Miss Magic
Corrie Kathleen Crook
12-27-95 to 5-25-96



To My Friends at MISS,

I am sure as you are aware, or maybe haven't noticed, the 27th came and went with out a letter from me. Rest assured it is not because it slipped my mind, I promise you I was remembering my child.

I had the opportunity, pleasure and pain of attending "Passages" 2005...The MISS Foundation annual conference. I use "opportunity" because it is always nice to learn and to grow, "pleasure" because I was surrounded by people who "know" me, and quite possibly don't even know my name. When you have walked this path and embarked on the forced journey you become family through experience. Some experiences are different, and at the same time so much alike. "Pain" because the realness of the experience surrounds every room you walk into. In busy day-to-day life there is not always

time to grieve the way we need to. To really take in what has happened and to express it around people who, like me, are emotionally taken back by the experience. It is okay to cry and sob, and there are no interferences or well wishers trying to make it all better, because you are surrounded by gentle souls who have the knowledge that only "better" is to bring our children back. You walk away exhausted from grief, but at the same time feeling that so much work has been accomplished.

The swollen eyes go down, the headaches subside, and life forces you back into the "schedule" again. You take away memories and new people whom you hold dear to your soul. You meet other people's children as they share them with you....and that in itself is such a gift!

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Happy 1st Birthday Buddy!!!!

Mommy misses you so much.

A day doesn't go by that we don't think about you. Be good and stay that cute little angel!!!!

Love You Baby Logan

Logan Joseph Piper Cundiff

7-18-04 to 9-21-04



***To the families of these children,
our sympathies for your recent loss...***



***Katrina Marie Robbins
Alissya Lynn Trotter
Quintasha Leesha Trotter
Abigail Nicole
Kevin Daniel Parker
Aidan Williams Burke
Allysa Victoria Felshaw
Natausha Ramirez***



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FUNDACIÓN ESPERANZA's Support Group, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 9:30a.m. Contact Carla at (5255)5579 1327 for location carlah@missfoundation.org

Ireland

Sinead Williamson
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London England

2nd Sunday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
Room 4, Northfields Community Centre
71A Northcroft Road, London W13
Phone: 07932 812931

Contact: Cathie Shipton 07932 812931
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Please call or email to confirm attendance.

Eastbourne - East Sussex, UK

2nd Tuesday of every month 7.30-9.30pm
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Arizona MISS Foundation Chapters

Phoenix, Arizona

3rd Thursday of each month,
Community Church of Joy
21000 N. 75th Avenue
Portable 6 behind the chapel
6:30 p.m. Contact: *Anna Kennedy* at
anna@missfoundation.org

Peoria, AZ - Inner Peace/Interfaith based

2nd Thursday of the month, at
Peace Lutheran Church, in the church
library. 18265 N. 89th Ave., Peoria, AZ
6:30p.m. Contact: *Deborah Brooks*
Deborah@missfoundation.org, (623)
487-4275 or *Anna Kennedy* at
anna@missfoundation.org

Tempe, Arizona

1st Monday of the month, DaySpring
United Methodist Church, 1365 E.
Elliot Rd, Room #201, Tempe, AA
6:30 p.m. Contact: *Lee Ann Morlan*
Leeann@missfoundation.org
480-963-9844

Central Phoenix, AZ - Child Drowning

1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church
Parish Office Building, 4715 N.
Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ, Contact:
Asena 602-367-4626
Asena@missfoundation.org

Phoenix, AZ - Subsequent Pregnancy

Church of the Beatitudes, 7th Ave and
Glendale, SE corner, in the Nursery.
1st Thursday of the month at 7pm.
Contact: *Kelli Rivera* 623-203-4072
krivera2@cox.net or *Anna Kennedy*
602-439-9025 anna@missfoundation.org

Tempe, AZ East Valley

Subsequent Pregnancy Group
First Saturday of each month, 2:00pm
DaySpring United Methodist Church
1365 E. Elliot Rd, Room #201 (on
Elliot, between McClintock and Rural),
Tempe, AZ. Contact: *Angelique*
Watson, 480-792-6705.
Babies are welcome!

Phoenix, AZ KISS—Kids In Sympathy & Support

For Kids in
Grief - Northwest Valley. *Please*
email us for time/dates
Community Church of Joy, 21000 N.
75th Avenue, Peoria, AZ. Portable 6
behind the chapel. Contact: *Robin*
and Ed Kennedy at 602-547-1244 or
email Robin@missfoundation.org

Spanish-Speaking Support Group

2nd Monday of each month at Saint
Francis Xavier Church, 4715 N.
Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ @ 6:30 pm
In the Parrish office (the two story
building next to main church).
Facilitator: *Roberto Sanchez*
602-518-2262
roberto@missfoundation.org

Phoenix, AZ - Central Valley

1st Thursday of each month,
Saint Francis Xavier Church
4715 N. Central, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Will meet in the Parish office which is
two story building next to main
church. Facilitator: *Asena* 602-367-
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Flagstaff, Arizona

Contact *Karin Atkinson* for more info
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Parker, Arizona

3rd third Thursday of each month,
meets in back of The Church of
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Arizona. Facilitated by *Crystal Lopes*
928-851-2788

Prescott, Arizona

1st Thursday of each month, 5:30pm
Prescott Public Library, 3rd Floor
Meeting Room, 215 E. Goodwin St.
(Goodwin & Marina Streets) Contact:
Heidi & Douglas Cass. Email:
Cass@missfoundation.org
928-778-2528

Scottsdale, Arizona

4th Tuesday of each month 7-9pm.
Northridge Community Church, in the
Tumbleweed Room, by the children's
center. 6363 E. Dynamite Blvd.
Facilitated by *Nicole Dougherty* 602-
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Alison Batchelder 480-502-8077
alison@missfoundation.org

Coming Soon New MISS Foundation Support Groups:

Central Phoenix - Child with Special Needs

For families experiencing the death of a
child with special needs. Offices of
Stepping Stones of Hope. 2nd Thursday
each month at 6:45 p.m. 4000 N. 7th Street
Suite 108. Facilitators: *Dana Southworth*
& *Kelli Rivera* dana@missfoundation.org
or krivera2@cox.net Contact *Kelli* at 623-
418-8491

Anthem/North Valley

For more information, contact
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Arizona Peer Contacts:

If you need one-on-one support and
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Kelli Rivera	623-418-8491
Lee Ann Morlan	480-963-9844
Deborah Brooks	623-487-4275
Ed & Robin Kennedy (<i>Kids</i>)	602-547-1244
Heidi & Doug Cass	928-778-2528
Michele Newton (<i>teen death</i>)	623-329-2970
Joanne Cacciatore	623-979-1000

Subsequent Pregnancy & Family Planning:

Anna Kennedy	602-439-9025
Gennie Contreras	602-999-0226

Drowning/Accidents:

Asena Nicolosi	602-367-4626
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Newsletter Articles

If you would like to submit an article to be published in the MISSing Angels Newsletter, you may do so by sending it to the attention of Andra at: info@missfoundation.org.

The deadline for the Newsletter is the 20th of the month prior to publication. For example, all articles for the July/August issue are due June 20, 2005.

All articles are subject to editing, and the MISS Foundation reserves the right to not to publish any article or photograph due to space limitations.

There are professionals I can only pray have taken away with them a little more compassion and knowledge of how much impact they can have on the very crucial beginnings of this journey.

All in all, I cannot guess on everyone's experience, I can only remark on mine....I can tell you I needed to go back to that place of mourning, I needed to spend a weekend with just my absent child...Mom and Jen time so to speak! I needed to visit and get to know grief again, not just by saying "this sucks, and I wish she was here", but by really feeling it, welcoming it with open arms and really feeling the absence of my child. And although today I am emotionally exhausted and my head is pounding from the tears, I thank MISS Foundation for allowing me to be a part of this experience, and for giving us this "Memorial" Day weekend every year.

I look forward to Passages 2006 (as crazy as that was to me yesterday), and I let all of you know that I spent the day that marked 34 months in the best company.....my daughters!

Loving and MISSing all our children,
God Bless you and keep you safe
Love,

Kelli Rivera



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*"It is the nature of love and of death to touch every person in a totally unique way. Comfort comes from knowing that people have made the same journey. And solace comes from understanding how others have learned to sing again."
~ Helen Steiner Rice*