

## ***POMC Going Green!***

Our Front Range Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children would like to follow in the footsteps of National and other chapters of POMC and *go green*...but we need your help! We ask all who are presently receiving our bi-monthly newsletter to send your name and e-mail address to

**Joe Cannata at [kaknota@aol.com](mailto:kaknota@aol.com).**

We hope to go green by the beginning of 2014. This will not only help save on paper, but will also reduce POMC's overall printing and postage costs to print the newsletter and mail it via U.S. Mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **27<sup>TH</sup> Annual POMC National Conference**

For those interested in attending the National Conference at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza in downtown Cincinnati from August 15-18 there is still time. Registration is \$230 which includes 5 meals and all workshops for the weekend. Room Rate is \$115 per night. For more information contact National at [natlpomc@pomc.org](mailto:natlpomc@pomc.org)

## **JULY 8 IS DATE FOR NEXT VOICE FORUM**

Once again all victims of crime are invited to the quarterly VOICE (Victims Organized in Correctional Exchange) meeting to be held:

*Where:* District 3 Denver Police Station  
1625 S University Blvd  
Denver, Colorado

*When:* Monday, July 8, 2013

*Time:* 6:00 – 8:30 PM.

(Ample free parking is available)

VOICE is a quarterly forum providing victims the opportunity to engage with Department of Correction officials in constructive dialogue about DOC operations.

Agenda for the evening will include a recap of the legislative session and updates on Bills that impact Crime Victims.

## ***KEEP THE DATE OPEN***

This year as our nation celebrates the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims on Wednesday, September 25 we will come together to honor our loved ones who have been taken from us all too soon through murder. Time & location TBD.



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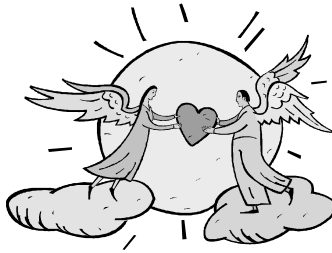
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## Love Gifts



**Our Chapter Thanks the  
following group of members  
who gave a donation in honor  
of their loved one.**

Jerri & Don Reichert,  
in memory of their son,  
**Michael Reichert**

Phyllis & Cero Pena,  
in memory of their son,  
**Ricky Bobian**

## New Members

Cynthia Jones

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## WHY WE ARE HERE

1. To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close, as they seek to recover.
2. To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self help groups that meet regularly.
3. To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide victim.
4. To communicate with professionals in the helping fields about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide victim.
5. To increase society's awareness of these problems.

## POMC NEWSLETTER STAFF AND INFORMATION

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by volunteers prior to the regular POMC meeting. It is the official publication of the Front Range Chapter of POMC. Articles, poems, and letters from members are welcome. They may be edited for length and conciseness. Mail such items to the editors,

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# Trials & Hearings

At the last hearing, confessed murderer, Chester Todd was offered a plea agreement on the charges of 2nd degree murder and sexual assault, in connection with the 1996 murder of Sherri Majors, which are being considered. In addition, the second competency hearing requested by the defense is underway at the Denver jail location. Sherri is the daughter of Linda and Everett Donelson. At the next hearing, scheduled for June 28 AM, it is expected that the plea offer and the competency test will be discussed.

At an earlier arraignment this year, defendant, Jeremy Torres, was charged with the 1st degree murder of James Sanchez, son of Pat and Tony Sanchez. a status hearing in this case is scheduled for May 31.

## *NATIONAL POMC NEWS & INFO*

**PAROLE BLOCK PROGRAM:** To date 1394 convicted murderers have been denied parole through POMC's Parole Block Program! Parole Block was begun in 1990 and all members across the United States whose loved one's killer is up for early release/parole consideration can file a petition with National that is sent nationwide for signatures protesting their release.

**TOPIC FORUM:** POMC has a "Topic Forum" on its website. It provides a place where survivors all over the U.S. can communicate with each other. It is a good place for those who are unable to attend monthly grief support meetings to find support.

**SIBLING ONLINE SUPPORT:** Amanda Harris, a member of our Valley of the Sun Chapter in Phoenix who lost her brother Joshua, to murder, has formed an online Sibling Support venue [www.unitingsiblings.com](http://www.unitingsiblings.com). This is a wonderful way to deal with sibling grief.

**SECOND OPINION SERVICES:** A program that provides second opinions on unsolved or complicated cases by a national board comprised solely of experts in the medical, law enforcement and investigative fields

Forever After – Barb Kaptanian

## Songs for Our Children

This piece was respectfully dedicated to the victims and families of the Aurora Theatre shootings at a concert given by the Cherry Creek Chorale. Lovely little song. Although we know our children cannot come back home some day, there's always a part of us that wishes they could! Needless to say, it's the longing of our hearts to remain connected, to keep the love alive, to knowingly brave any measure to bring them back to our side; yet the comfort is in the hope that we'll live together once again in the glad hereafter life.

### Doyle Lawson, Charles Waller and Robert Yates Calling My Children Home

Those lives were mine to love and cherish, to guard and guide along life's way.  
Oh, God forbid that one should perish, that one alas should go astray.

Back in the years with all together, around the place we'd romp and play,  
So lovely now, I often wonder, oh, will they come back home some day?

I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away,  
Oh, may they hear my calling and come back home some day.

I gave my all for my dear children, their problems still with love I share,  
I'd brave life's storms, defy the tempest, to bring them home from anywhere.

I lived my life, my love I gave them, to guide them through this world of strife.  
I hope and pray we'll live together in that great glad hereafter life.

Recently I attended the memorial service for the daughter of a very close friend of my son. Attending any memorial service for the death of a child touches the heart in a way that surpasses the usual "grieving" ritual. Not that any grieving process is "usual" by any means, but when the gathering is for a child, it tends to put an entirely different emphasis on the service. Quite naturally, for us, it brings back all the memories of our loss although the dynamics are rarely under the same circumstances, thank heaven! I wouldn't wish that on anyone. I do find however that through a loss like ours, we gain a great depth of compassion and perhaps can reach a family's heart in a way some can't. I hope that's not an unreasonable thing to say, but after having lost a son, I better understand the deep well of sadness in losing a child. It's just not the normal order of things; we never expect to bury a child.

At this memorial, a beautiful poem was read that I would like to share with you. Now I'm not an advocate for supposing that at an allotted time an angel comes to take our children home. God did not intend for our children to be murdered, we live in a fallen world, and I don't believe that at some designated time He decides time is up! Bad things happen to good people. But that doesn't mean that after death, heaven's gate doesn't open up to greet our children with open arms, with joy and song to welcome them into a place with no more pain and no more tears!

Alas, there are many songs that suggest an angel came as does this song. So let's get beyond that angel piece and be joyful that our children are in a place of peace and love and that we are in each other's heart and that we will see them again. There are bits of the poem that just speak from your child to You!

**“When Tomorrow Starts Without Me” Poem by David M. Romano 1993**

When tomorrow starts without me,  
 And I'm not there to see,  
 If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
 All filled with tears for me;  
 I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
 The way you did today,  
 While thinking of the many things,  
 We didn't get to say.  
 I know how much you love me,  
 As much as I love you,  
 And each time you think of me,  
 I know you'll miss me too;  
 But when tomorrow starts without me,  
 Please try to understand,  
 That an angel came and called my name,  
 And took me by the hand,  
 And said my place was ready  
 In heaven far above  
 And that I'd have to leave behind  
 All those I dearly love.  
 But as I turned to walk away,  
 A tear fell from my eye  
 For all my life I'd always thought  
 I didn't want to die.  
 I had so much to live for,  
 So much left to do,  
 It seemed almost impossible  
 That I was leaving you.  
 I thought of all the yesterdays,  
 The good ones and the bad,  
 The thought of all the love we shared,  
 And all the fun we had.  
 If I could relive yesterday  
 Just even for a while,  
 I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
 And maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized  
 That this could never be,  
 For emptiness and memories  
 Would take the place of me.  
 And when I thought of worldly things  
 I might miss come tomorrow,  
 I thought of you, and when I did  
 My heart was filled with sorrow.  
 But when I walked through heaven's gates,  
 I felt so much at home  
 When God looked down and smiled at me,  
 From His great golden throne,  
 He said, "This is eternity,  
 And all I've promised you.  
 Today your life on earth is past  
 But here it starts anew.  
 I promise no tomorrow,  
 But today will always last,  
 And since each day's the same way,  
 There's no longing for the past.  
 You have been so faithful,  
 So trusting and so true,  
 Though there were times  
 You did some things  
 You knew you shouldn't do.  
 But you have been forgiven  
 And now at last you're free.  
 So won't you come and take my hand  
 And share my life with Me?"  
 So when tomorrow starts without me,  
 Don't think we're far apart,  
 For every time you think of me,  
 I'm right here in your heart.

Yep, right there in your heart! Barb

# Birthdays Remembered

**Cindi Talor**, June 2, 1975

**Gail Garcia-Herrera**, June 3, 1960

**Brad Amack**, June 4, 1971

**Jesse Harris Pejko**, June 4, 1986

**Clair Weaver**, June 5, 1940

**Jim Gardner**, June 7, 1949

**Kathleen Annette David**, June 7, 1958

**Jackie Gallegos**, June 7, 1966

**Michael Ned**, June 11, 1964

**Mary Anne Southwick**, June 13, 1933

**Danny Stanazyk**, June 14, 1978

**Paris Lamar Davis**, June 14, 1981

**Scott Clarke**, June 16, 1976

**Donna Wayne**, June 21, 1967

**Nick Thelley**, June 22, 1972

**Pamela Sue Alger Stone**, June 25, 1959

**Daniel Mauser**, June 25, 1983

**Robert Ursetta**, June 26, 1970

**Jared Whitney**, June 26, 1971

**Raymond Albert Nieto**, June 26, 1976

**Terry Sheeran**, June 27, 1957

**Nancy Begg Shoupp**, June 29, 1963

**Eddie Hairston, Jr.**, June 30, 1938

**Michael E. Duran Jr**, July 1, 1961

**Micheala Carol Hanson**, July 1, 1987

**Henry Kellie**, July 1

**Leroy Martinez II**, July 4, 1973

**Joseph Nelson**, July 4, 1982

**Garry Gene Bailey**, July 5, 1972

**Matthew Boysen**, July 7, 1980

**Dan Suazo**, July 8, 1957

**David Wesley Stewart**, July 8, 1967

**Pamela Blandon**, July 9, 1957

**Alice Jane Hensley**, July 9, 1965

**Brandon Gushard**, July 9, 1969

**Dylan Lee Newman**, July 10, 1986

**Michael J. Loughrey**, July 11, 1954

**Kevin Johnson**, July 12, 1978

**Amber Bullington**, July 13, 1981

**Antoinette "Toni" Clark**, July 14, 1985

**Jesse Lamblin**, July 15, 1981

**Denice Ann Hightower/Benson**, July 16, 1975

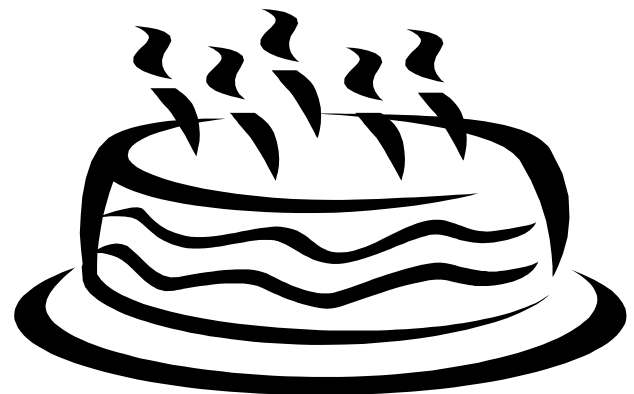
**Elvin Landrum**, July 19, 1953

**Levon George Griego**, July 23, 1984

**Ruth Ortega's son**, July 23, 1984

**Justin Maggard**, July 24, 1988

**Alexi Kaptanian**, July 25, 1972



# In Memoriam

- Latoya Cisneros** , June 1, 1999  
**David Wesley Stewart**, June 2, 1992  
**Lindsey Kay Creason**, June 3, 1993  
**James Sanchez**, June 5, 2011  
**Daniel Chavez**, June 6, 1993  
**Jeff Walker**, June 7,1997  
**Shashan S Ortiz**, June 8, 1986  
**Jodi Carrigg**, June 9, 1996  
**Miranoa Rose Linn Baca**, June 9, 2006  
**Chris Irish**, June 10, 1994  
**David Blea**, June 12, 1997  
**Edward Perez**, June 12, 2004  
**Pamela Sue Alger Stone**, June 13, 1982  
**Donna Wayne**, June 13, 1986  
**Lonnell Friend**, June 16, 1993  
**Matthew Boysen**, June 18, 1998  
**David Aric Rothrock**, June 19, 1994  
**Jason Paiz**, June 19, 1997  
**Javad Marshall-Fields**, June 20, 2005  
**Chad Ferguson**, June 20, 2009  
**PJ Pierce**, June 21 2005  
**Leslie Gonzales**, June 23, 1999  
**Rebecca Lynn Gonzales**, June 23, 1999  
**Katheryn Gonzales**, June 23 ,1999  
**Cathlynn Morse's son**, June 23, 2002  
**Robert Grau**, June 24 ,2008  
**Eddie Wayne Hairston**, June 25, 1995  
**Kip Merry**, June 26, 1991  
**Michael Julius Ford**, June 26, 2006  
**Andre` Price Jr**, June 27, 1995  
**Randy Wesely**, June 29, 1988  
**Tiffany Cuin**, June 30, 2008  
**Guy Oliver Morton**, June 1975  
**Emily Reilly**, July 1, 1998  
**Lynn Cannata**, July 2, 1987  
**Carolyn Walker**, July 3, 1987  
**Laura Hetes**, July 3, 1992  
**Angie Fite**, July 5, 1998  
**Marlon Horton**, July 5, 2002  
**Cindy**, July 6, 1999  
**Jennifer Mesa**, July 8, 1987  
**Jeffrey B. Packard**, July 8, 1991  
**Lysa Beth Stewart**, July 8, 2001  
**Leon Nuanes**, July 11, 1990  
**Tyrone Anthony Bennett**, July 11, 1993  
**Jesus Diaz**, July 11, 1998  
**Jackie Gallegos**, July 12, 1994  
**Jennifer Manchego**, July 14,1992  
**Kim Hadley**, July 15, 1993  
**Brooklyn Jean Ricks**, July 15, 1995  
**Patricia "Trisha" Green**, July 16, 2000  
**Jesse Harris Pejko**, July 17, 2008  
**Michael O'Fallon**, July 9, 1980  
**Philisia Bunting**, 19 1990  
**Brandon Hurtado**, July 19 1998  
**Martin "Marty" Lawrence Martinez**, July 21, 1976  
**Jesse Maldonado**, July 22, 1995  
**Mark Antony Wilson**, July 22, 1997  
**Thomas Hollar**, July 23, 1993  
**Cindy Wilson/Langlois** , July 24, 1986  
**Denice Ann Hightower/Benson**, July24 2002  
**Bailey Davidson**, July 24, 2008  
**Amy Hill**, July 24, 2008  
**Troy Krause**, July 27 1977  
**Jessica Morehouse**, July 30 1988  
**Dennis Sanchez**, July 30 1992  
**Kathleen Annette David** , July 31 1996  
**Sammy Burks**, July 31 2003  
**Lucinda Carbonell** , July 1999

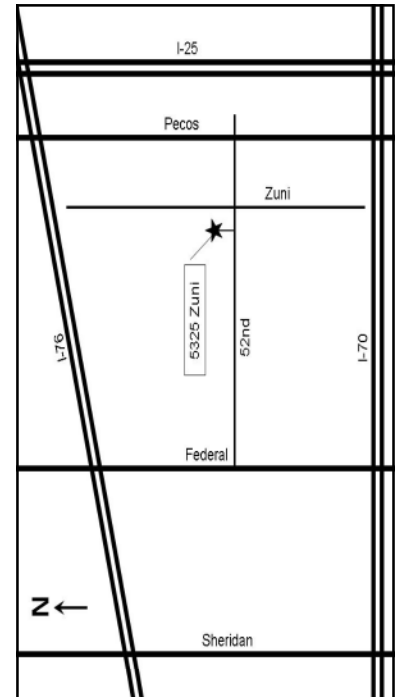


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 15 - Support Group at 7:30 PM Jordan
- July 8 - VOICE Forum dan  
(see Pg 1 for details)
- July 20 - Board Meeting at 6:00 PM  
Support Group at 7:30 PM
- August 15-18 - National POMC Conference
- September 25 - National Day of Remembrance for  
Murder Victims

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