



BASIS is a support ministry for bereaved parents, children and their families.

Renew

"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

Learning to Grieve Together

Don Allison, Director of BASIS



Over the months following our daughter Crystal's death, my wife, Iris, and I shared many moments together. We tried to be sensitive to each others' feelings and emotions. We cried together, and fondly reminisced together. For the first few months we were not ready to look at videos or picture albums of Crystal. Then after a few months, we began to find healing and comfort in sharing pictures and moments of the past.

We were fortunate to have so many wonderful family memories and experiences. In reviewing past pictures and memories of Crystal we realized how fortunate we were to have had such a wonderful daughter.

Iris and I have been healing ever since as we continue our journey together. We have helped each other at certain moments. Moments of sadness and heartbreak often come unannounced and unexplained. Grief doesn't follow a logical course. Sometimes we don't know what brings the tears. Sometimes

there is joy in the moments of remembering. Always there is regret that we can no longer share the memories with our daughter ever again in this life, and that thought can bring unimaginable pain at times. Grieving is a lonely, personal experience. There is no hiding place.

No one understands our grief like we do. Yet, as a mother, Iris's grief is different than mine and in some ways more intense. That was

something I needed to learn, and I believe God helped me to see that more clearly. I loved Crystal as much as her mother did, but my grief was not as intense as hers. I had to recognize that there is a special bond between a mother and daughter.

To let her know how much I loved and appreciated her, I wrote the following poem to Iris about seven months after Crystal went to heaven:

Crystal, Your Precious Jewel

Crystal was your precious jewel.
Her beauty was so rare.
Now that she is gone from you,
The loss is hard to bear.

I know you dearly loved her
So very, very much;
That was always Crystal clear
In your motherly touch.

But you must surely know.
It was not a one way street,
For Crystal's deep love for you
Was shared with all she'd meet.

Not only were you her mother.
You also were her friend.
This was so easy to observe
Right up to the very end.

You were very proud of her
In all that she could do.
But this you must remember,
She was also proud of you.

We both miss her very deeply.
It's hard to believe she's gone.
We'd like to think she'll be there,
When we wake up in the dawn.

Of course, we know that isn't so.
Our daughter is no longer here.

But that she still lives on in us
Is also Crystal clear.

When I see you crying,
I know you are so sad.
It's something I can understand,
Because I am her dad.

Yet, your love is so special
As only a mother's love can be,
And that will never ever change,
Throughout eternity.

I have often made mistakes.
That I know is true,
One thing I did get right,
Was to love and marry you.

It was our special bond of love
That formed our precious "jewel".
So, that is how we'll make it through.
This love will be our tool.

I cry for you and you for me.
We are her dad and mother.
The only way we hope to live,
Is holding to each other.

Then one day we both will join
Our daughter with no tear.
There is no doubt in our mind,
For this is Crystal clear!

Memorial Gifts

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BASIS would like to gratefully acknowledge memorial gifts from the following:

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How You Can Support BASIS?

- By your prayers
- By referring other bereaved parents to our ministry
- By participating in BASIS sponsored events as you are able
- By placing your child on the "Wall of Remembrance"
- By using resources provided by BASIS
- By your financial donations

By supporting BASIS you will help others.

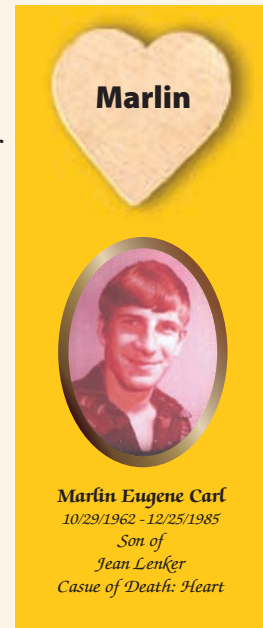
Wall of Remembrance

If you would like to include your child in our Wall of Remembrance, please fill out the enclosed slip and mail, with a picture, if you have a picture. For children who are stillborn or miscarried, we are using a butterfly symbol.

You can also email pictures and information. If you want the picture returned, please note that on the form.

We ask that you consider sending a donation to BASIS. Those who send a donation with their "Wall" request will receive a duplicate of what is placed on the wall, such as shown to the right.

Having the "Wall of Remembrance" in our office helps us identify and remember the children and to pray for the parents.



Support Groups for Bereaved parents

Akron, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM (September-May—suspended for June, July and August.)
Aldan, PA	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM
Lakeland, FL	4th Monday of the month, 2:00 PM
Lavelle, PA	3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 PM (September-May—suspended for June, July and August.)
Lebanon, PA	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM (September-May—suspended for June, July and August.)
Williamstown, NJ	To be Announced

Call us at 717.859.4777 for additional information.

Parents Share



“Greater love has no one that this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

David was our middle child with two older and two younger sisters. Early on he demonstrated seemingly tireless intensity in what he attempted. He would go through, rather than around a pile of toys, earning the nickname, “Bulldozer.” Fulfillment came upon his graduation from the police academy and a position with the Lewiston (Maine) Police Department.

David struggled with his choice of vocation. As a preacher’s kid, he wanted to please his father. But if law enforcement was God’s will for his life, then Dad encouraged him to become the best possible police officer. And he was—but only for two years. Just before his twenty-seventh birthday, David’s life on earth came to an abrupt close, ambushed and gunned down by someone he was trying to help.

David was demonstrating his tireless energy, working for fellow officers. He responded to a reported accident call to assist two other officers in their reports and investigation so that they could get off work “at a decent hour.”

That day David fulfilled the purpose the Lord had called him to and he was promoted “Home.” At his memorial service many hundreds heard the Gospel clearly presented. We later learned that David had rededicated his life to being a “more effective testimony” just three weeks earlier. David was truly a missionary.

All of our tears, including those of his young widow and two small children, cannot change what happened, but David left a legacy that is irreplaceable. Countless numbers have heard that, “God had only one Son” because of what happened to David.

Our only son’s life was given so others might live. God’s Son gave His life so that YOU might live eternally.

Ray Payne
Son, David, 26
Shot in line of duty



*Article from “Keeper of the Stars
Healer of Hurting Hearts.”*

Upcoming Events 2016

April 16	H*VMI NJ Banquet, The Mansion, Voorhees NJ
April 30	BASIS Annual Breakfast, Aldan Union Church, Aldan PA Register by April 26, 2016, See enclosed flyer.
May 30-July 8	Handi*Camp
July 22	H*VMI night at the Lancaster Barnstormers
August 13	BASIS Picnic (PA)—Annville, PA 11:00 am–2:30 PM(home of Don & Iris Allison) for support groups of Akron, Lavelle & Lebanon and all other bereaved parents and children who would like to attend.
August (tbd)	BASIS Picnic (NJ)—for support groups of Williamstown, NJ & Aldan, PA and all other bereaved parents and children who would like to attend.
August 15-19	Associate Missionary Training, Ephrata, PA (AMT)
August 20	PIP Picnic, Akron, PA
September 26	H*VMI Golf Outing, Pittsgrove Township, NJ
October 1	H*VMI PA Banquet, Yoder’s, New Holland, PA

Check our website at hvmi.org or call us 717.859.4777 for additional information or to register for events you’d like to attend.



Dates to Remember

MAY

- 2 Annie Marie Craven-birthday
- 4 Jason Brown-birthday
- 4 Philip Wilkins, Emily Porter, Lucas Thompson-died
- 5 Jessica Baransky, Amanda Vonderhorst, Daniel Weaver-birthday
- 5 Tommy Kirk-died
- 7 Dale Evans, Jimmy Nowasielski-birthday
- 8 Brittany Wrigley-birthday
- 10 Kathleen Fullam-died
- 11 Tyler Hamvas-birthday
- 11 Tina Genovese-died
- 14 Tina Genovese-birthday
- 14 Sam Harner III, Terri Wilson-died
- 15 Anthony Lepera-died
- 16 Sakina Wilson, Ashley Sankus, Edith Sullivan died
- 18 Timothy Flocco-died
- 18 Robert Howe-stillborn
- 19 Scott Wolff-birthday
- 19 William Minnich-died
- 20 Abie Schneck, Ryeleigh Canham-died
- 21 Robbie Gillis-birthday
- 21 Dale Evans, Presley Robinson-died
- 22 Sarah Ann Cole-died
- 22 Gioanni Cole-birthday
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- 23 Kyle O'Neill-birthday
- 23 Jason Herr-died
- 25 Aaron Wilbur-birthday
- 26 Amy Parker-birthday
- 26 Heila Hollinger-died
- 27 Nathan Swymer, John Witcraft-birthday
- 27 Tim Wolfe, Jerry Legg-died
- 28 Susan Alexander-birthday
- 29 Jessica Simrell-birthday
- 29 Anna Diffenderfer-died

JUNE

- 1 David Parillo-birthday
- 3 Christine Garber-birthday
- 3 Charles Robinson-died
- 4 Chuck Weir-birthday
- 5 Caleb Austin-died
- 5 Baby Manthey-miscarried
- 6 Patty Bennett, Donna Mackin-birthday
- 6 Amanda Halteman, Tamra White-died
- 8 Brianne Carter-birthday
- 8 Kevin Barto-died
- 9 Alena Hicks-stillborn
- 9 Jessica Simrell, Cindy Kelly-died
- 10 Philip Brunner-died
- 11 Sara Yellets-birthday
- 12 Jason McGill-birthday
- 12 Victor Andronie-died
- 13 Megan Hayes, Brent Bissinger-died
- 14 Crystal Allison Kline-birthday
- 14 Noah Lord-died
- 14 Melissa Adams-birthday
- 16 Melissa Adams, Lauren Antonelli-died
- 16 John Griffith-birthday
- 17 Chris R. Bender, Rachel King, David Weaver-died
- 18 Justin Mack, Michael Stone-birthday
- 18 Kara Hocker-died
- 18 Bryan Hanson-birthday
- 20 Bryan Hanson-died
- 20 Katie Nealy-birthday
- 21 Adam Davidson, Carl Henninger-birthday
- 22 Nichole Holt-birthday
- 23 Christopher Burlingame, Timothy Ward-birthday
- 24 Justin Novak-died
- 25 Brian Raske-died
- 26 Aaron Kramer-died
- 27 Joe Pilotti-birthday
- 27 Gina Peters, Jason Brown-died
- 28 Paula Nyce-birthday
- 28 Mark Meher, Jason Thomas-died
- 29 Scott Hickman, Ashley Romer, Daniel Lugo-birthday
- 29 Thomas Leidy, Dawn Wagner, Mark Lefever-died
- 30 Fred Muller, Jr.-died

JULY

- 1 Luke Searls-day of birth and death
- 2 Scott Fischer, Mary Ellen Moore-birthday
- 3 Eric High, Daniel Legg-birthday
- 4 Meisha Armstrong-died
- 4 Joshua Brown, Jay Butcher, Megan Hayes-birthday
- 5 Nathan Peters-died
- 7 Aaron Kramer-birthday
- 7 John Kirkpatrick, Maurice & Tyree Long-died
- 8 Mary Grace Drosehn-birthday
- 8 Robbie & Jamie Gillis-died
- 9 Kasey Rebstock, Adam Herr-birthday
- 10 Vincent Cellucci-birthday
- 10 Phyllis Ellis-died
- 11 Billy Bauernschmidt-birthday
- 12 Joel Haines-died
- 13 Gretchen Watts-birthday
- 14 Peter Toebe-died
- 15 Gabrielle Le'Gree-birthday
- 15 Aaron & Natalie Wilbur-died
- 16 Jamie Gillis-birthday
- 16 Gabrielle Le'Gree-died
- 18 David Steiner-birthday
- 18 Emilee Davis-birthday
- 18 Cory Golis-died
- 19 Bill VanDerbeek-birthday
- 19 David L. McIlvaine-died
- 20 Richard McAfee, Kyle O'Neill-died
- 22 William Steiner-died
- 23 Kasey Rebstock, Lynette Spigner, Eric (Ricky) Radcliffe-died
- 24 Faye Ganesin-died
- 26 Jeremy Bickling, Joshua Ewing-birthday
- 27 Janice Arrell, Nancy Schiavo-birthday
- 29 Lucas Thompson, Doug Palouian, Ava Perkins-birthday
- 29 Mark Lueder, Ava Perkins-died
- 30 Jeremy Lavoie, Dorie Williams-died
- 30 Cindy Kelly-birthday

NOTE: If you received RENEW and your child's name is not shown in their birth and death month, please notify us immediately so we can make those corrections. Thank you for your understanding.



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