# Support Group Meeting Schedule

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

All Meetings 7:30 – 9 p.m. Davis Hospital Classroom 1

• September 4 •

Topic - Subsequent Choices

• October 2 •

Topic - Grief and Marriage

• November 6 •

*Topic - Handling the Holidays* 

December 4 •

Topic - Stress Relief

If you wish, please bring a memory item of your baby to share. (Pictures, stuffed animal, poem, etc.)

For more information about support meetings, please visit www.utahshare.org

Due to limited resources, Utah Share only mails out a hard-copy newsletter to parents who experienced a recent loss. For the next edition of the bi-monthly newsletter, visit www.utahshare.org/newsletter to view the online version or download and print off a copy. 1

## BABIES WHO HAVE TOUCHED OUR

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<b>Grayson Beck Schilling</b>
June 24, 2014

Leelynn Michael Henderson June 24, 2014

> Molly Sue Thomas July 3, 2014

Kolokie L Vailahi Longani July 4, 2014

Brytan Curtis Matue July 6, 2014

Monica Lucy Vogel July 8, 2014

Saylor Skye Cragun July 23, 2014

Enzley Hope Warner July 22, 2014 -July 25, 2014

> **Ricardo** July 26, 2014

Sarah Elisabeth Olson July 27, 2014

#### **Brennan David Wilson**

July 29, 2014

Baby A Vernon

August 1, 2014

Baby B Vernon

August 1, 2014

**Rydel Ann Amlin** 

August 4, 2014

Lucas William Allen

August 6, 2014

**Baby Spackman** 

August 6, 2014

Jackelynn Pulido

August 19, 2014

**Boedy W. Stauffer** 

August 21, 2014

**David Brett Thurgood** 

August 23, 2014

# NEWS & EVENTS

### **Summer Social Success**

Share friends and families had a great time at Hooper Park last month at the annual Utah Share Summer Social.

Thank you everyone who made this year's social a great success!

Thank you **Rachael Price** for organizing the event and for her family members who helped put together and run all of the games.

Thank you to **Toni Dursteler** and **US Foods** for the food donation. Thank you **Christine Damitz** and **Cindy McCracken** for painting faces. Thank you **Tanya Price** and family for renting the pavillion.

Thank you to everyone who brought delicious side dishes to share and thank you to those who donated prizes for the games.

The summer social is a great way to visit and mingle with families who have angel babies. Save the date for next year's social, which will be held the first part of August 2015.

# OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

THOSE WE LOVE WE NEVER LOSE, FOR ALWAYS THEY WILL BE LOVED, REMEMBERED AND TREASURED ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORY.



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#### Safe Arrivals



#### Lucy Marie Baker

April 29, 2014
Sister of Abigail and angel Camry.
We are grateful your sister watched over you in heaven until you could join our family.

Tyeson Wayne Engstrom born to Derek and Erica August 12 at 7:11 am 8 lbs. 11 oz. 20 inches

# Wave of Light

As part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, everyone is invited to light a candle on October 15 at 7 pm in ALL time zones, ALL over the world.

If everyone lights a candle at 7 pm and keeps it burning for at least one hour, there will be a cotinuous WAVE OF LIGHT over the entire world.

For more information visit: www.october15th.com



## Trial by Fire - 9 Tips for Grieving Couples

by Lisa Church

You will often hear that grief and loss bring couples together,

but it can actually do just the opposite. It is possible to emerge on the other side of grief with a closer marriage, but it does take work.

Here are some tips adapted from the book "Hope is Like the Sun: Finding Hope and Healing After Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Death" that can help your marriage survive the stress of loss:

#### 1. Give each other the freedom to grieve in an individual way.

Resist the temptation to feel that your way is the only way to handle loss.

Do not be fooled if it seems that your spouse has not been affected by the loss.

#### 2. Remember the good times.

Think about activities you enjoy as a couple and make time to do them - even if you do not feel up to it yet.

#### 3. Expect tough times.

Be tolerant with your mate and understand that you are both going to fail each other during this turbulent time.

#### 4. Do not lash out at one another.

In a weakened state of grief, this will only push you apart. Find constructive ways to release the stress and anger or grief.

#### 5. Prepare for change.

Loss and grief change people and it will change the face of your marriage.

Decide together that this trial will bring you closer and commit to your relationship.

#### 6. Reach out.

Resist the urge to spend time away from your mate or reach out to others who better understand your grief.

#### 7. Avoid placing blame.

Tossing accusations at your spouse will only place a wedge in your relationship. Understand that feelings of guilt, anger, and confusion are normal during this time.

#### 8. Love each other.

Be sure to offer the hugs, cuddling, and love that each partner needs to feel secure and supported. Be sure to resume your physical relationship as soon as possible.

#### 9. Seek information and support.

Educate yourselves on grief and try to understand one another.

If you are having difficulties resolving your grief as a couple and you feel your marriage is in trouble, get help immediately! Do not wait until it is too late to seek help.

There are no easy answers for couples dealing with pregnancy loss. It is crucial that you make the decision to put your marriage first and then do it!

# Inspirational Messages

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#### For Chloe...

There'll be no rock a bye baby, At our house today No feeding, no diapering No peek a boo play. No sweet songs of lullaby, Or holding her tight. For God kept our wee one In His arms that night.

There'll be no first tooth, or first steps At our house today. No presents, no smash cakes No party games that we'll play. No sweet birthday songs And holding her tight. For God kept our wee one In His arms that night.

There'll be no dress up, no makeup At our house today. No dancing, no singing, No make-believe play. No tea party time Or turning on her night light. For God kept our wee one In His arms that night.

There'll be no candles, no presents At our house today. No Baptism dress No hearing her learn to pray. Our hearts are still broken, The tears we can't fight, As God holds our wee one, In His arms tonight.

- Written by Nola Spicer in memory of her granddaughter Chloe Faith Price

You came into this world alive and well
learning and growing only I could feel
Inside the womb you said goodbye
I wasn't ready but had no choice
God had called you home no time to say goodbye
I love you with all my heart
There will be a time I will see you again
Until then I will keep you in my heart.

- Written by Heidi Fames in memory of her daughter Ila May Fames

You've played, and learned, and seen, and done, Now rest, and sleep awhile. Mom and dad now watch your head So sleep now through this while.

Close your eyes, breath deep and calm, And stretch and lay right down, And feel the warmth of your little bed And the love we share inside.

Now if you fuss right out of your dreams Just raise up your voice to heav'n And the angels will come and aid you by the light of the moon and stars.

Now if you fuss right out of your dreams Just raise up your voice to heav'n Mom and dad will come and aid you by The light of the moon and stars.

- Written by Jon Thomas in memory of his daughter Molly Sue Thomas

# Inspirational Messages

## Heaven's Rocking Chair



Are there rocking chairs in Heaven where little babies go?

Do the angels hold you closely and rock you to and fro?

Do they talk silly baby talk to get a smile or two, and sing the sleepy lullabies I used to sing to you?

My heart is aching for you, my angel child so dear. You brought such joy into my life, the short time you were here.

I know you're in a happy place, and in God's loving care. I dream each night I'm rocking you in Heaven's rocking chair.

by Ron Tranmer ©

## MOVE ON?

to "move on"
is to put something
behind you
forget about it
... and never look back

to "go on"
is to forever
carry it forward with you
and never forget

a bereaved parent will never move on we simply go on...

Tammy Brown in loving memory of Larry Brown found on Grieving Mothers Facebook page

# My Butterfly

I long to feel the soft weight of you to welcome you home, with kisses on silky round cheeks.

Instead my arms ache with the weight of your absence, the empty places that were meant for you to grow into.

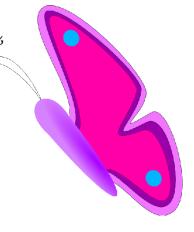
My love for you will last an eternity

My hopes and dreams now carried

on the fragile wings of each butterfly passing compelling me to pause, to savor each moment,

each flutter in my heart - your wings.

- Unknown



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# Birthdays In Memory Of



#### Deke W Dursteler Oct 2, 2009

Happy 5th Angel Day little Man! I think of all those things and events we should be doing, and how I will miss out on those opportunity.

Sure do miss you. Love forever and ever, Mom, Dad and big sister Shayli.

#### **Benson Russell Engstrom** September 12, 2013

Can't believe it's almost been a year! Thank you for watching out for your brother and helping to get him here safely! We love you and think of you every single day!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mason, Carson and baby brother Tyeson

#### **Ila May James**

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born August 4th, 2011 3 angel years Daughter of Ryan and Heidi James Sister to Cohen, True, Avin, and Ivrie

It's been 3 years since we held our baby girl. I felt her there with us comforting us and telling us everything would be ok. She makes us better and reminds us to help others and love. She truly is our Angel. We love her and miss her so much and remember her every day.

Love you Ila May James.

#### **Landen** - 9/27/13

We love you baby boy and wish you were in our arms daily, but we know you were kept for more important tasks, and we know we will see and hug you again one day!



Miss you always, Love you forever!

Love Always, Daddy, Mommy, Jaycee, and Callee



August 9, 2012

Baby Aaron 2 years have passed since I held you in my arms. We look forward to meeting you again.

Happy Birthday mi Amor.

We will always miss you Mommy, Daddy, Juanito, Diego and Julietta

#### **Camry Louise Baker** September 24, 2012

We can't believe it has been two years since you became our angel in heaven. We are looking forward to the day we can meet you. Your sisters love you and miss you.

Mommy misses you so much and so does Daddy.

> Love, Daddy, Mommy, Abigail and Lucy

#### To Mary Clara Lewis,

Happy 6th Angel Birthday, on September 16.

We love and miss her very much. She would have been starting Kindergarten this year and making lots of new friends. Cousin Maddie wishes she was here to take ballet together.

We love you forever and ever, Mommy, Daddy, Grandma and Grandpa Parry, Grandma and Grandpa Lewis, Aunt Allison, Maddie, Harrison and your furry sister Paris.

#### **Abby Price** Sept 15, 2004 Happy Birthday! From Mom, Dad, Carson, Caleb and Corbin

#### September 7th -**Corban Tyler Kent**



Three years ago today You took our breath away. We smiled and cried. Our helloes were goodbyes. We love you, dear Corban Love,

Dad, Mom and Callan.

Happy 1st Birthday **Payson** October 16, 2013 We will see you again someday. we love and miss you our angel son. Love Mommy, Daddy, and Cheyenne 7

# Utah Share would like to thank...

#### The Washington Terrace 9th Ward Youth

donation in memory of Bryan Milton Doxey.

#### **Sherie Marsh**

donation in memory of Bryan Milton Doxey.

#### **Michelle Doxey**

donation in memory of Bryan Milton Doxey.

#### **Kathy Hackford**

donation in memory of Letha Hackford.

Dana Smith and Jessica Lynn McGuigin donation in memory of

Dakota and Kabrie.

#### Helen McGowan

donation via Angel Outfitters.

Donation in memory of **Brent Clifford** 1966-2012.

#### Tamiko Brewster

donation in memory of Monica Vogel.

#### **Carolyn Batie**

donation in memory of Kelsie Carolyn Plescia.

#### **Janet Ammodt**

donation in memory of Addison JoAnn Woffinden.

#### Ryan, Heidi, Cohen, True,

**Avin** and **Ivrie** James donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Wendy Funk

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Erin Madsen

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Phoebe Fournier

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Callie and Mary Leigh Hill

donation in memory of Ila May James.

## Lindsi, Brooklyn and Olivia Baldwin

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Steve & Minnie Whitaker

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Verne and Lori May

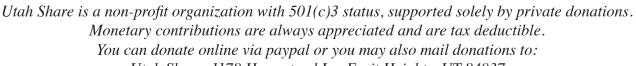
donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### **Natalie Clemens**

donation in memory of Ila May James.

#### Janica Lee Cheney-Whitaker

Teresa Seufer Melissa Carey Kristin Price Lynnette Pickett Erika Vicker



## Please join $Utah\ Share$ for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual

### WALK TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Registration starting @ 1:00 p.m. Program @ 2:00 p.m.

Ed Kenley Amphitheater, Layton Park (437 N. Wasatch Drive, Layton, UT)

Memorial Service - Walk - Balloon Release - Refreshments

# SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY: THE SALT LAKE CITY MASS CHOIR

Each year, to commemorate Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Utah Share holds the Walk to Remember. This event gives parents an opportunity to remember and honor their babies who have gone too soon. Family and friends are invited and encouraged to attend.

Seating is available on a first come first serve basis. A grassy area is available for blanket seating.

Please visit our website for information on how to submit a baby name and/or to order t-shirts/hoodies.

www.utahshare.org



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#### Our Mission

The mission of Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc. is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth or in the first few months of life.

The primary purpose is to provide support toward positive resolution of grief experienced at the time of, or following the death of a baby. This support encompasses emotional, physical, spiritual, and social healing, as well as sustaining the family unit.

The secondary purpose of Share is to provide information, education, and resources on the needs and rights of bereaved parents and siblings. The objective is to aid those in the community, including family, friends, employers, members of the congregation, caregivers, and others in their supportive role.

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