

HOMICIDE SUPPORT NETWORK

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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<http://www.sacda.org/helpingvictims/victim-witness/>

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GROUP MISSION & PURPOSE

Sacramento Homicide Support Network is a support group that offers emotional support to individuals and families facing the trauma of having a loved one murdered.

We strive to provide a safe, caring, non - judgmental and confidential space for grieving families that emphasizes hope and healing through a most difficult journey.

The Network consists of the District Attorney's Victim Witness Program, Law Enforcement Chaplains and concerned individuals who, like you, have faced this tragedy.

Why are we here:

To support persons who survive the violent death of someone close as they seek to recover;

To provide contact with similarly bereaved persons and establish self-help groups that meet regularly;

To provide information about the grieving process and the criminal justice system as they pertain to survivors of a homicide;

To communicate with professionals in the helping fields, about the problems faced by those surviving a homicide and to increase society's awareness of these issues.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Meeting:

November 5th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Kaiser Building across from Sacramento's DA's office
906 G Street, Sacramento CA

Please park behind the DA's office for free or on G
street which has metered parking.

In Loving Memory

Oct Dates of Births

Tamar Puccinelli	10/08/1974
Zephriah Johnson	10/02/1975
Roberto Treadway	10/03/1987
Ryan Smith	10/31/1978
Jasmine Leon	10/27/1973
David Ortiz, Jr.	10/08/1972
Michael S. Trout, Jr.	10/19/1974
Anthony Keith Robinson	10/04/1959
Shannon Leigh Long	10/28/1981
Ruben Esquivel	10/13/1974
Richal Shelly Dillion	10/15/1959
Sylvia Diaz	10/18/1933
Frank Contreras	10/15/1969
Marsha Runyon	10/27/1979
Keyonta Deon Thornton	10/15/1977
Carl Anthony Wright	10/03/1975
Andrew Jackson Lewis	10/23/1976
Michelle	10/10/1972
Nina-Rose	10/20/1997
Prem Chetty	10/30/1955
Ronald Carpenter Singleton Jr.	10/14/1968
Deborah J. Williams Brown	10/06/1957
Danny Hickman	10/03/1980
Darryl LaMont Harris	10/22/1974
Raymond Lee Robinson	10/13/1957
Jonah L. Williams-Simms	10/05/1988
Marcus Houston Mayes	10/23/1989
Chester Corser Jr.	10/08/1946
Jeremiah Josiah McRath	10/05/2006
David Endres	10/23/1965
Vern Saeturn	10/13/1991
Jerry Saeturn	10/16/1988

Oct Dates of Loss

Michael Ross	10/25/2003
Michael Jason Moore	10/24/2003
Tommy Lee Deorosan, Jr.	10/23/1999
Thomas Calvin Rambo	10/01/1994
Oletha Bradford	10/25/1997
Robert	10/30/1995
David L. Sargent II	10/11/1999
Shawna Edgar	10/23/1995
Brittany Aardahl	10/01/1997
Marc Heron	10/11/1994
John Heringer	10/20/1995
Brit C. Bahn	10/11/1995
Toni R. Shull	10/02/1997
Frank Champion	10/22/2003
Manuel Alexander	10/03/2004
Michelle	10/15/2004
Nina-Rose	10/15/2004
Samantha	10/15/2004
Jerry Sarnowski	10/04/2004
Bart Santiago	10/23/2005
Xochitl Djeda Martinez	10/16/2005
Eddie Holman	10/25/2005
Ronald Carpenter Singleton Jr.	10/04/2005
Nina Guess	10/01/2006
Joseph Proctor	10/04/2006
Darryl LaMont Harris	10/21/2006
Robert Grimes, III	10/02/2007
Ebony Kight	10/25/2007
Emanuel Michel	10/18/2008
Gustavo Lopez	10/31/2008
Steve X. Lo	10/15/2008
Tammula Robbins	10/10/2009
Joshua Scott Trahan-Mays	10/10/2009
Kevin Burks	10/11/2011
Jacklyn Sue Arata	10/22/2012
Kathleen Joy Arata	10/22/2012
Chizuko Kaneshi	10/22/2013
Dolly Badiali	10/04/2014

Four Candles Unknown Author

The first candle represents our grief.

The pain of losing you is intense.

It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

This second candle represents our courage.

To confront our sorrow, To comfort each other,

To change our lives.

This third candle we light in your memory.

For the times we laughed, The times we cried,

The times we were angry with each other,

The silly things you did,

The caring and joy you gave us.

This fourth candle we light for our love.

We light this candle that your light will always shine.

As we enter this holiday season and share this night of

remembrance with our family and friends.

We cherish the special place in our hearts

that will always be reserved for you. We thank

you for the gift your living brought to each of us.

We love you. We remember you

GRIEF IS LIKE A RIVER

By Cinthia G. Kelley

My grief is like a river,
I have to let it flow,
but I myself determine
just where the banks will go.
Some days the current takes me
in waves of guilt and pain,
but there are always quiet pools
where I can rest again.
I crash on rocks of anger;
my faith seems faint indeed,
but there are other swimmers
who know that what I need
Are loving hands to hold me
when the waters are too swift,
and someone kind to listen
when I just seem to drift.
Grief's river is a process
of relinquishing the past.
By swimming in hope's channels,
I'll reach the shore at last.

Dedications to your loved ones can be featured in the newsletter. Please submit them to Michelle Husbands at husbandsm@sacda.org by the 10th of the previous month you would like the dedication to appear. Eg. Dedications for the May's newsletter should be submitted by April 10th

Memorial Quilts: If you are interested in having a picture of your lost loved one placed on a quilt, please contact your victim advocate for instructions on how to complete that process.

Meeting Dates & Time October 1st, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
November 5th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
December 3rd, 2025 @ 6:30 pm - Holiday Potluck

Children's Support Groups: Sutter Memorial Children Bereavement Art group for ages 4-16 contact 916-887-5275 for various locations in Sacramento County. www.sutterchildrens.org/childbereavement

UC Davis Hospice young adult group for ages 17-24. Please contact Wendy Nguyen @ 916-731-6854.

SNOWLINE Healing All Together provides FREE groups for children, teens and their families. Based on The Dougy Center method. Contact their bereavement services section at 530-621-7820 or email Grief@snowlinehospice.org for more information or to register. See description below from their website . <https://snowlinehospice.org/grief-support/#grief-support-groups>

"Kids and teens are placed in groups alongside similar-aged peers who have suffered a similar loss. Art, music, motion, and play are selectively utilized to promote healing when words aren't enough. Pre-registration required."

REMEMBEAR ME BEARS: Anyone interested in having a bear made from an article of clothing, blanket etc. that holds special memories of your loved one, may contact Ms. Sharon Bell at 707-678-3738. The cost is \$30 and she is willing to work with those who may have financial difficulty. The materials should be mailed to her at 1380 West F street, Dixon CA 95620. Here is a link of her sharing her journey <https://vimeo.com/353432975>

Grief Support and Resources

Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) is a national self-help organization designed solely to offer emotional support and information for anyone (not just parents) about surviving the loss of a loved one to murder. **They meet the first Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00 pm, at Antelope Springs Church, 4555 PFE Rd, Roseville, CA** For additional info. call (916) 879-4541

Sacramento Valley Compassionate Friends meets every third Friday of each month 7:30-9:30 pm at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, Sacramento CA 95864. Use the parking lot on Lusk in front of the Education Bldg. Meeting is upstairs in room E- 26 also accessible by elevator. Please contact the general number with questions pertaining to the group or email them at tcfsacvalley@gmail.com

Sacramento Valley Compassionate Friends Men's Sharing meeting is every second Tuesday of the month 7:30-9:00 pm at Christ Community Church 5025 Manzanita Ave, Carmichael in Rm 15. Parking is in the back.

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES: DO NOT TRY TO DEAL WITH IT ON YOUR OWN
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) or 1-800 784-2433 (1-800 suicide); Sacramento Suicide Crisis Prevention line @ 916-368-3111;
National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide: <http://www.nopcas.org>

The following members of the support group are willing to lend a listening ear during your time of grief.

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www.thecompassionatefriends.com

www.1800victims.org

www.crimevictimsunited.com

www.cvactionalliance.org Crime Victims Action Alliance

www.pomc.org

www.pomc.org/sacramento