

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 PURPOSE

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:

Wednesday March 1st, 2023 @ 6:30 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

February Dates of Birth

Elizabeth Anne Morris Herrback	02/04/1960
Adam Todd	02/24/1980
Christine Cheatham	02/01/1985
Carlos Enciso	02/01/1982
Francis Smith	02/04/1960
Keith Andrew McDade	02/18/1967
Mary Ann Ligon	02/12/1970
Henry Green	02/27/1925
Denia Nicole Crawford	02/25/1970
Angel Evonn Dixon	02/15/1976
Jena Louise Henkel Wagner	02/16/1962
Mariet Ford	02/06/1993
Dina Linda Jimenez	02/01/1983
Peter Trujillo	02/23/1963
Mathew Erwin	02/28/1973
Nicholas Jason Bateman	02/15/1978
Andrew Montano	02/04/1960
Carl J. Johnson	02/15/1959
Sha Tavia Leann Westbrook	02/01/1988
De'Antwan T. Thomas	02/10/1988
Ian Duarte	02/02/1979
Albert Alexander Sandoval	02/05/1990
Kevin Moore	02/03/1983
Michael Dewatt Smith	02/21/1980
Travis Leon Hempstead	02/18/1966
Erick Anthony Young	02/11/1985
Johnny Edward Lewis	02/13/1974
Frank Brown III	02/11/1987
Santhatamath Leh Powanich	02/03/1976
Laura Steward	02/19/1976
Jose Segura	02/15/1984
John Kenneth Green	02/03/1981
Raul Velasquez	02/23/1987
William Goldsbury	02/16/1958
Chio Saechao	02/03/1964
Juan Carlos Sanchez	02/10/1988
Gabriella Gold	02/25/2015

February Dates of Loss

Ronald Westley Swift	02/08/2003
Jerry Kaiser	02/06/1998
David Clinton Guerrero	02/16/1994
Kimberly Ray	02/26/2000
Billy Champ, Jr.	02/02/2000
Adam Todd	02/24/1980
Kelly Dyan Hendershot	02/20/2001
Joan LeFeat	02/24/2001
Christopher A. Navarro	02/22/2004
James Eugene McMillen	02/22/2002
Doris Tharp	02/22/2002
Dante' M. Rogers	02/10/2005
Javier A. Chavez	02/23/2005
Fredrick Karl Johnson	02/20/2005
Jay'Lon Wilfort	02/01/1997
Chai Ta Saechao	02/13/2006
Wang Meng Lee	02/17/2006
Damien Louis King	02/06/2007
Ramona Gonzales	02/18/2007
Frank Brown III	02/25/2007
Lee Michael Candelaria	02/18/2007
Jesse J. Fernandez	02/05/2007
Santhatamath Leh Powanich	02/10/2007
Lee Candelaria	02/18/2007
Dominique Dupree Hickman	02/23/2007
Jonathan Giurbino	02/15/2007
Valeeya Brazile	02/05/2008
Rebecca Layson	02/11/2010
Pamela Johnson	02/05/2011
Richard Ward	02/13/2011
Robert Corpus	02/13/2011

Dear Robby,

It shattered my heart to find out last September that you were murdered 29 years ago. You were loved as my little brother from the day you were born. With a mind that struggled with mental illness, you disappeared from our family over 30 years ago, but never from our hearts. You missed so much of life that you deserved to live. On this Valentine's Day, I just want to say I love you and I'm looking forward to visiting your gravesite in Arizona in April and meeting the people who helped our family find you.

Your sister, Patti

Love letter to David Valdez (R.I.P 01/17/91 -03/20/11)

As every day that goes by there's a deep hole in our hearts that misses David. There's no way to explain how we can go thru everyday of our lives without him. He was a young great son, brother, cousin, nephew and friend, that had a great heart in helping many people. His intention was to never hurt anyone, he lived his life with love and respect. Unfortunately we have to move on with life knowing he's not here in person but spiritually. Our Guardian Angel David Valdez may he Rest In Paradise forever and ever! We miss you a lot, and hope to see you soon!

-With great love sincerely,

Your Family & Friends

Monica Anderson -(R.I.P 6/13/1983-3/13/2010)

Monica, my precious daughter. If only you knew how much I miss you. I want you to know how many people have poured out their love in your honor. You have touched so many people's lives even after your vicious murder, people say how you continue to bless them. You have always had a very tender heart. I realize that even though we are apart, I often think of the good memories we shared. Remembering us playing on the same adult baseball league always puts a big smile on my face. I love you baby, Love always Mom (Vee Arroyo)

P.S You were always such a joy to compete with, mother and daughter competing in running and baseball.

Cheryl Ann Brinkley "Strawberry"

Hi my Pooh, Happy Valentines Day

You will always be part of my

Love from Grandma Joan

Grief Reminds Me

<https://thegrieftoolbox.com/artwork/grief-reminds-me-poem>

Grief reminds me
To Love more openly
To express more freely
To feel more deeply
To live more fully

Grief reminds me
Of all that I have lost
And All that I still have
Of all that I was
And all that I can be

Grief reminds me
The memories made
The memories still to make
Of what has been done
Of what is left to do

Grief Reminds me
That Love Never Dies

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 & Times: March 1st, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
 April 5th, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
 May 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

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 Don Lewis @ 916-734-1139. Closed group which meets once a week for 8 sessions.

SNOWLINE Healing All Together provides FREE groups for children, teens and their families at the Sacramento Children Museum, 2701 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 Contact their Bereavement Services section at 530-621-7820 or 916-817-2338 to enroll in group.

<https://snowlinehospice.org/our-services/grief-services/grief-support-services-grief-support-groups>

REMEMBER 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

Crime Victim's United of California sponsors a victim's support group **the 2nd Tuesday of each month** beginning at 6:30 pm at St. Teresa of Avila's Church in the preschool buildings at 11600 Atwood Road, Auburn CA. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please call and confirm time and place at 530-885-9544.

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.

Grace Beren: 916-730-5640; Earline Harris: 916-204-3399

www.thecompassionatefriends.com

www.1800victims.org

www.crimevictimsunited.com

www.cvactionalliance.org Crime Victims Action Alliance

www.pomc.org

www.pomc.org/sacramento