

# 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

**SUMMER BREAK- NO GROUP JULY & AUGUST**

**Next group - Sept 4th, 2019**

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

### June Dates of Birth

Allen Qualls	06/03/1979
George Edward Haynie, Jr.	06/12/1977
Mi'Angelo Cordero	06/08/1982
D. Johnson	06/02/1982
Andres Martinez	06/12/1975
Timothy Donaldson, Sr.	06/12/1961
Derek C. Mathis	06/13/1978
Donte' M. Rogers	06/11/1984
Steve Morris Smith	06/29/1981
Jerry Johnson Jr.	06/13/1969
Juan Jose Guzman	06/10/1968
Lonnie L. Taylor	06/09/1965
Eirka Renee Barrios	06/18/1980
Jonathan Giurbino	06/02/1987
Paul Ray Cousins III	06/19/1987
Patrick Razaghzadeh	06/17/1984
Shawn Chaney	06/30/1969
Francisco Jesus Medina-Tomas	06/11/1993
Thomas Massie	06/10/1988
Lanajah Nachele Dupree	06/03/1996
Monica Anderson	06/13/1983
Pamela Johnson	06/25/1955

### June Dates of Loss

Brandon Timmons	06/04/2003
Otilla Carrington	06/04/2003
Freddie Rodriguez III	06/29/2003
Wesley Hunter	06/07/2003
Jesus J. Morales	06/30/1998
Derek C. Mathis	06/15/2003
William Gomes	06/26/2004
Carl J. Johnson	06/15/2004
Sha Tavia Leann Westbrook	06/22/2003
Damon Jacob	06/21/2004
Michael Anderson	06/23/1996
Juan Jose Guzman	06/07/2006
Travis Leon Hempstead	06/30/2005
Erick Anthony Young	06/11/2006
Augusto E. Lopez-Garcia	06/16/2006
Gabriel Martinez	06/25/2006
Aaron M. Strauthers	06/10/2007
Joseph Roneel Dutt	06/29/2007
Mary Ourk	06/02/2007
Marie Buchanan	06/10/1990
Damon Jacobs	06/21/2004
Floyd Wehe	06/04/2006
Travis Smith	06/18/2008
Braeden Gardner	06/17/2009
James Arthur	06/03/2009
Anthony Lamar Barnett	06/17/2010
Avery Sanders	06/17/2010
Alvin Saivon Valentine	06/23/2013

# Love



Your smile is missed just as much as your presence  
Love Always your #1fans - Mother & Brother



# Losing my son was

more than losing a piece of me.

My son thought of me as his hero.

He said he wanted to be the dad

I was for him when he has his own kids. I failed him.

Dan Noordman

I couldn't save him and be the hero he

thought I was. The natural instinct to protect ones off spring runs through virtually every species on earth. And I failed to protect my son. There is nothing I can do now except share his story. We were not able to donate our sons organs in order to save a life, so I donate his story in hopes that it saves a life and some else can be a hero.

The weight of loss never goes away,  
we just learn how to carry it.

[www.whatsyourgrief.com](http://www.whatsyourgrief.com)

## DAD

*By an Unknown Author*

We'll always remember  
that special smile,  
that caring heart,  
that warm embrace,  
you always gave us.  
You being there  
for Mom and us,  
through good and bad times,  
no matter what.  
We'll always remember  
you Dad because  
they'll never be another one  
to replace you in our hearts,

**Dedications** to your loved ones can be featured in the newsletter. Please submit them to Michelle Husbands at [husbandsm@sacda.org](mailto: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:** Summer break July & Aug — No group  
Sept 4th, 2019 @ 6:30 pm  
Oct 2nd, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

**Children's Support Groups:** Sutter Memorial Children Bereavement Art group for ages 4-16 contact Peggy Gulshen @ 916-454-6555 for various locations in Sacramento County. [www.sutterchildrens.org/childbereavement](http://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. Sessions are every other Tuesday Jan 22nd, Feb 5th & 19th; March 5th & 19th; April 2, 16th and 30th; May 14th.

**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.



# 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. **Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at 5770 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento CA 95822.** For additional info. call (916) 879-4541

**Crime Victim's United of California** sponsors a victim's support group **the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.thecompassionatefriends.com)

[www.1800victims.org](http://www.1800victims.org)

[www.crimevictimsunited.com](http://www.crimevictimsunited.com)

[www.cvactionalliance.org](http://www.cvactionalliance.org) Crime Victims Action Alliance

[www.pomc.org](http://www.pomc.org)

[www.pomc.org/sacramento](http://www.pomc.org/sacramento)