

# Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc.

## Whispers of the Heart Newsletter



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### My Daddy

By Becky 1997

A special Daddy chosen for me.  
A strong hearted man is what he'd be.  
A wonderful person, so full of dreams.  
A man who has fun, laughs, smiles and gleams.

Someone who'd love me through good times and bad.  
One who'd act happy even when he was sad.  
Dad, you were chosen to love me so true.  
To be there for mommy through and through.

I am your special one who changed your whole life.  
I was gone in a second without saying good-bye.  
But I know you love me – you told me so much.  
Although I couldn't see you, I could feel your gentle touch.

You're my special Daddy... I'll always love you.  
I'm sorry for the way things had to be but  
I'll be watching over you.

### A Mothers Poem

By Jennifer Wasik

I thought of you and closed my eyes  
And prayed to God today.  
I asked what makes a Mother  
And I know I heard him say:

“A Mother has a baby  
This we know is true.”

“But God can you be a Mother  
When your baby's not with you?”

“Yes, you can,” He replied  
With confidence in His voice  
“I give many women babies  
When they leave is not their choice.”

“Some I send for a lifetime  
And others for a day.  
And some I send to feel your womb  
But there's no need to stay.”

"I just don't understand this, God  
I want my baby here."  
He took a breath and cleared His throat,  
And then I saw a tear.

"I wish I could show you  
What your child is doing today.  
If you could see your child smile  
With other children and say:

"We go to earth and learn our lessons  
of love and life and fear.  
My mommy loved me oh so much  
I got to come straight here.

I feel so lucky to have a mom  
Who had so much love for me.  
I learned my lessons very quickly  
My Mommy set me free.

I miss my Mommy oh so much  
But I visit her each day.  
When she goes to sleep  
On her pillow's where I lay.

I stroke her hair and kiss her cheek  
And whisper in her ear  
"Mommy don't be sad today,  
I'm your baby and I'm here."

So, you see my dear sweet one  
Your children are okay.  
Your babies are here in My home  
And this is where they'll stay.

They'll wait for you with me  
Until your lesson is through.  
And on the day that you come home  
They'll be at the gates for you.

So now you see what makes a mother  
It's the feelings in your heart.  
It's the love you had so much of  
Right from the very start.

## **Guess What Mommy and Daddy?**

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
Heaven is great.  
Just like you said,  
There's not much longer to wait.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
I have a guardian angel who comes at night.  
I told him I wanted to go,  
But the times not right.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
My angel came this morning.  
While you were still in bed,

He came with a warning.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
When I left with June.  
So you could rest some more,  
I knew my time was soon.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
When you were finally out of sight,  
I told my angel,  
That time is just right.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
When you still didn't know I was gone,  
My angel put his hand in mine,  
And I was no longer sick, I felt so happy and fine.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
When the hospital called, I saw you crying from above.  
I saw daddy and how scared he was,  
And I knew how much I was loved.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
Oh the way to the hospital I heard you pray,  
Don't let them bring me back,  
I know you don't want God to take me away.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
I saw you walk into the ER, and ask is he gone.  
I saw the look on your face when the nurse said yes!  
It looked like you'd never go on.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
I see you holding me tight.  
I kissed you good-bye with my love,  
And tried to tell you I was all right.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
There's no more pain,  
You can go on with your life,  
And not feel so drained.

Guess what mommy and daddy?  
I'll watch you all your days through.  
And be like your guardian angel,  
Just because, I LOVE YOU!!!

## Thank You for Your Kind Donation

- ▯ Ricki Danielson – Eight baby blankets and 3 scrapbooks, supplies and books
- ▯ Sarah Behrns – Scrapbooking supplies and magazines
- ▯ Ruth Fridstrom – (Joy) – Blankets, booties, onesies and hats
- ▯ Carol Underferth – Sweaters, hats
- ▯ Kathleen and Kenneth Rykes – Baby brush & comb sets, 3 Winged Beanie Babies in memory of Daniel Piepho
- ▯ Chantell and Charlie Piepho – Baby blankets in memory of Daniel Piepho
- ▯ Christine and Scott Allen – Onesies and socks in memory of Catherine Rose Allen
- ▯ LeaAnn & Kevin Cory – 2 sleepers and hair bows in memory of Nathan Earl Cory
- ▯ Rice County Piece Makers Quilting Group for 2 blankets
- ▯ Dee and Jay Harrington – Winged Bears
- ▯ Joy Clemmensen – 28 Baby blankets in memory of Anna Lily Fridstrom

- ▮ Insty-Prints of Owatonna ~ \$750 in printing services
- ▮ Anna Kincade – baby blankets and caps
- ▮ Gayle Reineke – baby blankets and caps

## **Thank You For Thinking of IRIS**

- Thank you to the members of the Northfield Evangelical Free Church. The youth group from the church held a bake-sale and donated the funds raised to IRIS.
- Thank you to Diving Mercy Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women (CCW) of Faribault for their donation from their Lenten Soup Supper.
- Naomi Pientka for her Sunday school donation to IRIS. Thank You Naomi!

## **United Way and Donor Designations**

Thank you to the follow individuals who have made a donation to the United Way & designated the IRIS receive their donation

### **Faribault:**

- Carol Roessler
- Charles Kline
- Shelly Berens
- Theresa Morrow
- Jennifer Mullenmeister

### **Northfield:**

- Hayden
- Lewis
- Wendorff

### **Greater Twin Cities:**

- Anonymous Giver – BlueCross Blue Shield of MN
- Jody Lillie

## **From Diana Desk:**

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Sister Jane Marie Lamb, OSF. For those of you who did not know Sister, she was a wonderful, gentle, and peaceful woman who was a pioneer in Perinatal bereavement. Sister Jane Marie founded SHARE in 1997 in Springfield IL and was the author/editor of Bittersweet Hello Goodbye book that is used by many parents and churches to plan infant funerals.

I will never forget the first time I met Sister. It was at a conference in St. Louis. We were standing in front of an infant memorial quilt display when she began to talk to me. Surprisingly, she knew who I was even though we had never been introduced. She told me that she had been to the IRIS display table and began to ask me about the quilts we had on display and clothing that we had designed. She was curious about where we got the fabric, why we chose that type of fabric, and asked who did the sewing for us. After about a half hour of conversation with myself and other IRIS volunteers she said she was very impressed and would pray for IRIS and us. She left all of us totally speechless. I am pleased to say that later that day I was privileged to be included in pictures with Sister Jane Marie and Cathi Lammert – current Executive Director of Share in front of that very same quilt display.

**Sister Jane Marie Lamb, OSF**  
**Born: August 24, 1939**  
**Professed Vows: June 13, 1957**  
**At Rest: March 8, 2005**

**May perpetual light shine down upon you.**

On a different note, we at IRIS would like to say thank you and job well done to Candy McVicar, founder of the Missing Grace Organization. Candy has spent countless hours working with members of the Minnesota House and Senate for the passage of a bill allowing parents of stillborn children to receive birth certificates. Her hard work paid off and in May the bill was passed.

Please check the IRIS website [www.irisremembers.com](http://www.irisremembers.com) for more information on obtaining a birth certificate for a child that has been stillborn. The bill requires those responsible for filing a fetal death report to advise parents that they could request a record of birth, inform them the record is optional and explain how to obtain a record.

Please remember that if you would like one of the forms that is currently being issued, please apply for it in the county where you delivered today.

## Three Months

Three months was not enough  
for us to watch you grow.  
for us to let you know,  
How long we waited for you  
and how we loved you so.  
Three months was not enough  
Three months was not enough  
to hold your tiny hands,  
to stroke your soft sweet face  
and gaze into your eyes,  
And see our image gazing back  
in wonder and surprise.  
Three months was not enough  
for a little life,  
that fought so hard and was so strong  
and ended with such strife.  
Though early you were taken from us  
we want you to know,  
you are our little angel  
and we love you so.  
So play little angel with you sister in heaven  
for no matter where we are  
or where we'll be  
we are "all"  
a family.

In loving memory of  
Erica K. Vandereide  
December 29, 2004 – April 8, 2005

## Remembering

By Elizabeth Dent

Go ahead and mention my child,  
The one that died, you know.  
Don't worry about hurting me further  
The depth of my pain doesn't show.  
I'm already crying inside.  
The tears that I try to hide.  
I'm hurting when you just keep silent.  
Pretending he didn't exist.

I'd rather you mention my child.  
Knowing that he has been missed.  
You ask me how I was doing.  
I say "pretty good" or "fine".  
But the healing is something ongoing.  
I feel it will take a lifetime.

## *Memorials*

- Happy Birthday (March 17<sup>th</sup>) Sara Connelly-Jones  
Grandma (Inez Earl)  
"She is always with me in my heart."
- In loving memory of our little Daniel Peipho  
Grandma & Grandpa (Kathleen and Kenneth Ryks)
- In loving memory of Ann Margaret Paukert  
Mom and Dad (Margaret and David Paukert )
- In loving memorial of our precious Grace Ann Olson  
Mommy and Daddy (Carrie and Bob Olson)
- In memory of our precious Nicky Zeipelt  
Mommy and Daddy (Diane and Paul Zeipelt )
- In loving memory of our sweet little Erin Kriesel  
Mommy and Daddy (Tiffany and Joel Kriese)  
Grandma and Grandpa (Julie and Larry Kriesel )
- In memory of our precious son Kilian Richard Donahue  
Mommy and Daddy (Jessie and Jim Donahue)
- In memory of All the infants that I have worked with  
at District One Hospital  
Carol Pickett, RN
- In loving memory of Baby Kotcher  
Mollie and Dr. Brian Gfrerer
- in loving memory of our precious daughter Lizzy  
Mommy and Daddy (Beth and Dominic Dienst)
- In Loving Memory of June Allbee  
Carol Kath  
Micki and Diane McCorkell

## *Memorials*

- In Loving Memory of Kelly Vandereide  
August 29 – 31, 2001  
Infant daughter of Marianne and Jay  
Lorna and Thomas Staska
  
- In Loving Memory of Ericka K. Vandereide  
December 29, 2004 – April 8, 2005  
infant daughter of Marianne and Jay  
Kimberly and Ronald Kubicek  
Jessica and Ryan Halvorson  
Lorna and Thomas Staska  
Rita Michaelson  
Patricia and Robert Fischer  
Suzy and Chris Meneguzzo  
Sandra and Clark Miller  
Sharan and Roger Standke  
Kay Andrist  
Desiree Waage  
Cynthia and Steven Wiese  
Kelly and Brenton Cederstrom  
Rachel Just  
Carol Jean and Robert Reichart  
Sharon and Tom Partridge  
Sarah and Scott McCauley  
Annette and Curtis Hanson  
Constance Bock  
Toni Lynn and Mark Rustand  
Joan and Philip Thompson  
Colleen and Victor Wegner  
Jody and Daniel Wolters  
Joan and Greg Salmonsens  
Koby Johnson  
Susan and Bill Bishop  
Rita Willcox  
Sandra and Thomas Busch  
Dr. Lori and Dr. Richard Griffin  
Audry Pirlk  
Sue and Rick Gosner  
Kari Shubert  
Owatonna Hospital Radiology Department  
Families and staff of the Amazing Newborn  
Clinic in Owatonna

## Thank You United Way

- United Way of Dodge County ~ \$3,000  
Half year allocation
- United Way of Faribault, MN ~ \$750  
Quarterly allocation
- Northfield Area United Way ~ \$625  
Quarterly allocation

## Thank You For Your Generous Donation

- Owatonna Clinic Employees Club ~ \$158
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign Faribault, MN donations in the amounts of \$220, \$55, \$75, and \$50 have been made by Anonymous Donor(s)
- Northfield Hospital ~ \$450
- Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America of Minneapolis, MN ~ \$100 designation from Allianz Life Employee - Christina Larson
- Kettering Properties of Faribault, MN ~ \$350
- South East MN Association of Realtors ~ \$1,266.09
- Kettering Properties of Faribault, MN ~ \$350
- The Minnesota Valley Electric Trust of Jordan, MN from the Round Up Program ~ \$1,000
- Kettering Properties of Faribault, MN ~ \$700
- Dodge County Licensed Child Care Assn. ~ \$50
- Divine Mercy Catholic Church (Council of Catholic Women) ~ \$250
- Midwest Wireless of Faribault, MN from the phone's for funds program ~ \$ 2,392
- Faribault Eagles Auxiliary #1460 ~ \$225
- Owatonna Eagle Auxiliary #1791 - \$25
- Diane and Malcolm McCorkell
- Julie and Charles Rappe

## Kinder Park

Thank you very much to Ethan Caple for volunteering his time to rake, weed, prune hedges and mulch the memorial garden at Kinder Park (the IRIS park) located at the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave and 17<sup>th</sup> St. in NW Faribault. (behind the Faribault Country Club)

**I'll Be Watching Over You**

*By Diane Bair Gilmore*

You'll never see my fingerprints on the bookcase in the hall.  
You'll never see my autograph with crayons on the wall.

You'll never hear my small voice whisper,  
Mom and Dad, I love you so.  
Heavenly Father is calling me home, so quickly I must go.

But I will leave a fingerprint in the center of your heart  
So you will always remember me,  
I am so sorry we have to part.

I'll autograph a picture that will always be in your mind.  
Our Heavenly Father sends his love  
and assures you all is fine.

But you see, he needed me as part of his eternal plan,  
and I will lead the way for our family into the promised land.

My voice you will hear all around when each new day begins, in the cooing of a snow-white dove or the blowing of the wind.

Thank you for the chance I had to come to earth awhile  
and when you think of me, be sure to wear a smile.

I was not meant to stay, I have work I need to do....  
For now I am an angel and I'll be watching over you.

## **A Poem for Joshua**

Son of Donna and Danny Sealine  
By Joanie Sluhl

A beautiful child, fair of face,  
A mother's love, a warm embrace.  
A father's strength, yet gentle to touch.  
This child knows he's loved very much.

A love so new, and so pure,  
He hears you, I'm sure.  
For where he is, there is no doubt  
The angels sing and trumpets shout.

For God is there to guide his way,  
To bless his soul in a loving way.  
Our hearts are empty, but in his place  
Is a beautiful child, fair of face.

For nothing beautiful can ever be forgotten.

Love, happiness, and peace in Heaven.

## **Aaron's Birthday**

Today is Aaron's birthday,  
Birthday number one.  
I'm going to bake a chocolate cake,  
A very special one.  
I'll use a lot of icing,  
And write his name in blue.  
And directly underneath his name  
Will sit Winnie the Pooh.  
We'll gather 'round the table  
And sing his birthday song.  
I know I'll shed a tear or two  
Before his song is through.  
There won't be a single candle  
On this very special night,  
For the stars will be his candles  
As he joins us here tonight.  
Today is Aaron's' birthday,  
Birthday number one.  
He made my life so special  
Though his just begun.  
Some people live a lifetime  
Never knowing love  
But Aaron touched so many  
In only four short months  
Yes, today is Aaron's birthday  
It would've been his fist  
But in my heart he'll always live  
For he was Grandmom's first.

Happy Birthday Aaron!  
Love Grandmom

By Roslyn Ellis in honor of Aaron Lee Farrier

## Taking Your Name Off Mailing & Phone Lists

It can take up to six months for you to see results from contacting the address below. Be patient.

☐ Direct Marketing Association  
**Mail Preference Service**  
P.O. Box 9008  
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

☐ Direct Marketing Association  
**Phone Preference Service**  
P.O. Box 9014  
Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014

☐ Direct Marketing **Website:** [www.dmaconsumers.org](http://www.dmaconsumers.org)

☐ **DMA Phone Number:** 212-768-727

Please call the IRIS office at (507) 334-4748 for assistance in having your name removed from formula company lists.

## IRIS Wish List

- Bottled Water
- 35MM film ~ 400 or 800 speed
- Baby lotion (sample size)
- Scrapbooking supplies
- Baby yarn or sport weight yarn in pastel colors
- Baby Blankets and caps
- Folders with pockets and center tabs
- Books for the IRIS Lending Library
- Stamps
- Envelopes – Pull and Seal - letter size (4 x9.5)
- Volunteers for the IRIS program
- Volunteers for the IRIS Golf Tournament
- DVD player
- DSL Internet service
- Milk Moola
- Translators of IRIS literature
- Small stuffed bears (2 of a kind please)
- Old cell phones for the Midwest Wireless phones for funds program



### How you can help IRIS with Milk Moola

IRIS has been accepting Kwik Trip Milk Moola coupons for several months and it's been going very well but we have had a few questions:

**What is the Milk Moola Program?** Milk Moola is a logo on all Kwik Trip milk and juice containers. For every Milk Moola cap or bag top IRIS will receive 5¢. You can take part by simply mailing us or drop off your Milk Moola coupons. Students from the MN School for the Blind count the coupons and then we send them to the Kwik Trip Company and they send us a check.

**I thought Milk Moola was for schools?** Milk Moola is for any non-profit educational program, which includes IRIS. We encourage you to support your local schools during the school year and IRIS during the summer.

Visit the new IRIS website for more info.  
[www.irisremembers.com](http://www.irisremembers.com)

Special thanks to the students at the Minnesota School for the Blind who will continue counting and sorting the coupons and bottle caps for us.

## IRIS Fundraiser Huge Success!

In order to assist families who have experienced the death of a child IRIS held it's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser. On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we held our first Family Fun Night at the Faribault Community Center. The gyms and pool were open and we had activities for children including cookie decorating, face painting and valentine making. We all had a good time. On Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we held a Pancake Buffet Breakfast, at the American Legion in Faribault. Nelsons County Market catered and DONATED all the items for the breakfast. We served 420 people at the breakfast

with many of them taking part in the Silent Auction that held 107 items/baskets. The Bake Sale was also a huge success and sold completely out. BINGO was also held at the American Legion on Sunday afternoon. No one won the \$500 or the \$1000 that were the prizes for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> cover all games. But it was a great success. With the 2 new events this year we expected that the total raised may decrease slightly, however we had an increase in funds raised for IRIS" says Diana Sundwall IRIS Executive Director. "This year after all expenses have been paid we raised \$8,600."

### **Thank You to the Volunteers**

Dick and Anna Kettering, Brandi Petricka, Angie and Dan Neubauer, Anne and Joe Pientka, April Wilhelm , Arun Mannem, Brandon Nieman, Chris and Mike Petricka, Connie and Joe DeGroot  
Darel Duben, Ernesto Cartalla, Diana Sundwall, Denise and Mike Dube`, Alison Hanek, Jackie and Jason Schoenbauer  
Jennie Umbreit, Jessie and Jim Donahue  
Jim Goldsmith, John Cain, Karen Gibbins  
Kathy Hanek, Mitch Dickison, Katie Savoie  
Kelly Hausenbauer, Kelly Petricka, Kris Shuda, Krista Anderson, Libby and Thomas Schmit, Lori Chmelik, Lori Jo Markman, Lori Strouth, Margaret Paukert, Margaret Walker, Natalie and Leif Crooks, Nici Tolzman, Olive Godburg, Tom Sticka,  
Andy Sundwall, Jeff Sundwall, Caitlin Sundwall, Jason Zerck, Kayla Racine,  
Carol Underferth

And many unnamed volunteers who jumped in when help was needed!  
Thank you!

### **Bash Event Sponsors**

Anonymous donor of Ad in Montgomery/Lonsdale Area papers  
American Legion of Faribault  
Betty Mullenmeister  
Boldt Funeral Home of Faribault  
Bruzek Funeral Home of New Prague  
Cenneidigh Inc. of Faribault  
Crooks Family  
Dan and Angie Neubauer Family  
Donahue's Greenhouse of Faribault  
Dusek's Bakery of Faribault  
Faribault Community Center  
Haefner Accounting & Tax, Inc. of Waseca  
Jim and Jessie Donahue Family  
Joe and Connie DeGroot Family  
Joe and Kathryn Donahue Family  
KDHL Radio Station of Faribault  
Kettering Realty of Faribault  
L.F.R.A. of Lonsdale  
Little Critters Daycare of LeCenter  
McRaith Funeral Home and Arnoldt~McRaith Funeral Home of Waseca and Janesville  
Michaelson Funeral Home of Owatonna  
Nelson's County Market of Faribault  
Parker Kohl Funeral Home of Faribault  
Power 96 Radio Station of Faribault  
Railway Liquors of Lonsdale  
Schoenbauer Family  
State Bank of Faribault  
Steve Roerick Family  
Thomas and Libby Schmit Family

### **Cash Donations**

Keith N. Shaffer Insurance Agency, Inc. Faribault, Ruhland Electric, Inc. of Montgomery, 1<sup>st</sup> United Bank of Faribault

### **Silent Auction Donors**

Ace Hardware – Faribault  
Ace Hardware – Montgomery  
Americlnn – Owatonna  
Americo's - Owatonna  
Auto Zone – Faribault

Betsy's School of Dance Lonsdale  
Bloom Floral - Faribault  
Body Concepts 2000 - Faribault  
Burkhartzmeyers's Shoes – Faribault  
Carriage Cleaning - Faribault  
Chappuis Jewelers – Faribault  
Cole's Flowers – New Prague  
Colleen's Salon and Gifts – West Concord  
Custom Cuts – Lonsdale  
Dandelet Jewelry – Faribault  
Dee Callstrp – Kenyon  
DeGroot Joe and Connie – Faribault  
Denny's Small Engine Repair – Owatonna  
Donahue Jim and Jessie – Faribault  
Donahue's Greenhouse – Faribault  
Dube` Mike and Denise – Faribault  
Erickson Furniture - Faribault  
Faribault Woolen Mills – Faribault  
Faribo Farm and Home – Faribault  
Feuctmann Lucy – Webster  
Firehouse Liquors – Owatonna  
Hairchitects – New Prague  
Hanek Kathy – Montgomery  
Have Hope at Health Central – Faribault  
Hermann Drug – Montgomery  
Holiday – New Prague  
Image Garden – Faribault  
Jim and Joe's – Faribault  
Kay's Floral Shop – Faribault  
Kelly Velandar Pampered Chef – Faribault  
Koss, Ross & Chrissy Tastefully Simple - Lakeville  
Little Critter Daycare – LeCenter  
Lonsdale Fire Department – Lonsdale  
Lyon's Meats – Faribault  
Marquardt Jewelers – New Prague  
Massage by Linda – Wanamingo  
Midwest Wireless – Faribault/Mankato  
Montgomery Auto – Montgomery  
Montgomery Fire Department  
Navarro Chiropractic – Faribault  
Next Chapter Bookstore – Montgomery  
Northrup – Oftedahl House Bed and Breakfast – Owatonna  
Paul Swenson Photography – Faribault  
Petricka Trucking – Kenyon  
Railway Liquor – Lonsdale  
Red Lion – Montgomery  
Rickaby Lois and John – Prior Lake  
Roerick Family – Faribault  
Schmit Libby – Veseli  
Schoenbauer Heather – Nya  
Schoenbauer Roger and Angie – Jordan  
Sherwin Williams – Faribault  
Shoenbauer Jackie and Jason – Jordan  
Simpler Times – Montgomery  
South 40 Pub – Lonsdale  
Tap N' Toes Dance Studio – Faribault  
Target – Savage  
Thompson Coin / Jim Thompson – Owatonna  
Tower Liquor – Faribault  
Ultimate Tanning Salon – Faribault  
Umbreit Mark and Jennie Family – Faribault  
Underferth Carol – Veseli

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Walker Margaret and JD – Faribault  
West End Liquor – New Prague  
Western Lumber – Montgomery

## IRIS Calendar of Events

- June 8<sup>th</sup> Midday Support Group Meeting  
11 am – 1 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Evening Support Group Meeting  
7 – 8:30 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- July 1<sup>st</sup> IRIS Golf Tournament Prize and Pre-registration deadline  
Due to the IRIS office
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Scrapbooking Retreat  
10 am – 10 pm  
Registration required call (507) 334-4748 or  
[www.irisremembers.com](http://www.irisremembers.com) for  
more information and location
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Midday Support Group  
11 am – 1 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- July 19<sup>th</sup> IRIS GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Hidden Creek Golf Course in Owatonna MN  
1 pm Shotgun Start, 6 pm Dinner, Awards and Silent Auction.  
See enclosed pink brochure for details
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Evening Support Group Meeting  
7 – 8:30 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- August 10<sup>th</sup> Midday Support Group  
11 am – 1 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- August 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 World Gathering on Bereavement Vancouver, British Columbia,  
Canada. Visit [www.worldgathering.org](http://www.worldgathering.org) for more information
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Evening Support Group Meeting  
7 – 8:30 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- September 14<sup>th</sup> Midday Support Group  
11 am – 1 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- September 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> First Candle/SIDS Alliance and the International SIDS Alliance Conference  
Arlington, VA visit the website for more info [www.firstcandle.org](http://www.firstcandle.org)
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Evening Support Group Meeting  
7 – 8:30 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN
- October** **Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month**
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual IRIS Balloon Release  
12:30 Potluck Picnic  
1:30 Balloon Release

Kinder Park located at the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> St. & 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. in NW Faribault MN

October 12<sup>th</sup>

Midday Support Group

11 am – 1 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Evening Support Group Meeting

7 – 8:30 pm at the IRIS Office 101 NW Third Street in Faribault MN

### **A Parent's Heart**

With Love to Meaghan Irene from Momma

They say home is where the heart is,  
My heart is with you.

You are no longer here with us,  
And my heart is spilt in two.

God gives us two arms,  
Two legs and eyes and ears,  
But only one heart  
To bear pain through the years.

Should my heart stay here,  
With your brothers who need me,  
Or should it be above with you,  
With whom I'd love to be?

Heart and soul together,  
Must now be torn apart~

Three brothers and a sister,  
In my soul and in my heart

### **Scrapbooking Retreat**

Creating a scrapbook is a wonderful way to remember your precious child and is a wonderful way to relieve stress.

Think it's too expensive?

Not sure how to get started?

Not sure about journaling in a scrapbook?

Join us for our next scrapbooking event and we will help you! We will be holding a "Day of Scrapbooking" on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 10 pm. Because of the length of this event, it will not be held at the office. Instead an IRIS mom has invited us into her home. Please call the office at (507) 334-4748 for more info and direction for a fun filled day.

We have received several donations of Scrapbooking supplies including albums, paper, stickers, punches, etc. All of them are for IRIS parents to have free of charge. Join us!

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- Where:** Hidden Creek Golf Course  
Owatonna, MN
- Time:** 1:00 pm Shotgun start  
6:00 pm Dinner, Awards and Silent Auction
- Cost:** \$85.00 includes green fees, cart  
Polo shirt with logo, golf balls, tees & dinner
- Dinner only:** \$25.00

**Games on the Course:**

Hole in One for \$10,000  
Putting Contest for \$35,000  
Longest Drive  
Closest to the Pin  
And many others

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