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Whispers of the Heart Newsletter



IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary in 2017

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www.irisRemembers.org

Offering parents, families, friends and professionals support, education and resources on the death of a child in early pregnancy, or from premature birth, stillbirth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), illness, accidents, and all other types of infant and early childhood death.

2017 Board Members

Leif & Natalie Crooks - Faribault
Denise Gillen - Northfield
Anna Kettering - Faribault
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Michelle Priebe - Waseca

Founder and Executive Director
Diana Kelley

Founded in 1987

My Little Angel

By April Westlake © 2013

I never got to hold you,
Or kiss your little head
Or watch you sleeping soundly,
All snuggled in your bed.

I can't count your tiny fingers,
Or your even smaller toes
I won't see your smile,
Or your cute little button nose.

You're gone too soon - we don't
even know

If you're a girl or boy,
Our hearts are filled with sorrow
When they should be full of joy.

I know you are in heaven,
Where there is no pain or tears.
You'll never get hurt or sick,
In heaven there are no fears

And though I'm sad you're not
here right now
For us to hold today
I know we'll hold you in our arms
When we're in heaven with you
someday.



IRIS 20th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 12th, 2017

Faribault American Legion

112 5th St. NE

8 am - 12 noon

Adults \$8 Age 2 - 6 \$4



Proceeds benefit Infants
Remembered In Silence (IRIS)
More Info visit:
www.irisRemembers.org
Or call: (507) 334-4748



All Ages Welcome!

1 - 3:30 pm

Cash Prizes!

SILENT AUCTION

8 am - 2:30 pm
(Ends during Bingo Break)

IRIS is currently accepting donations for Goods and Services for the Silent Auction. Please contact the IRIS office to arrange for drop off / pick up. Call (507)334-4748 or email: support@irisRemembers.com. Connie DeGrood will again be running the Bake Sale at this event. Feel free to bring your baked goods to the Am. Legion by 8 am on Sunday Feb. 12th or drop off at the IRIS office by noon on Friday Feb. 10th.

IRIS Christmas Ornaments with lost tags ~ Help Needed!

These lovely ornaments have lost their name tags. If you have donated them, or know who has, please let us know so that we can properly tag them.



IRIS receives \$5,000 donation from the 2016 Suzy's Smile Shines Golf Tournament

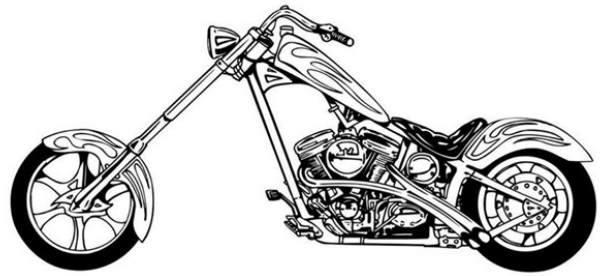


Suzy Kaderlik and her unborn baby, both passed away on Thanksgiving day, November 24, 2011. Suzy's family and friends hold an annual Golf Tournament called Suzy's Smile Shines. Proceeds from this tournament are donated to area charities. Suzy's husband, son, and family requested that the IRIS 2016 donation be used to help pay for the "I Knew You In The Womb" Life Size Statue that will be placed at the IRIS House/Office. Watch this page for more info about the 2017 Tournament in the IRIS newsletter, website, and on our two FB pages. Learn More about the Bronze Angel Project at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/parentsloveproject>

2nd Annual

Heaven's Angels Bike Run & Show



Benefitting Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS)

July 8th, 2017

The 2nd Annual Heaven's Angels Bike Ride and Show is scheduled for July 8th, 2017. This event will start and end at the Faribault Harley Davidson shop. Marc Hallin and his committee would love to have your help with this event. If you would like to join the Committee or Volunteer to help on July 8th please contact Marc by calling the IRIS office at (507) 334-4748.



Volunteers of all kinds,
with all levels of experience needed!
Volunteers are the
heart and soul of IRIS.
We welcome your help!

Current Needs:

- ♥ General Maintenance
- ♥ Spring Cleaning
- ♥ Office work
- ♥ Assembly of Clothing Sets
- ♥ Assembly of Bereavement Support Packets
- ♥ A Parent's Love Never Dies - Bronze Angel Committee
- ♥ Memorial Garden Committee
- ♥ IRIS Board Members (4 meetings a year)
- ♥ And Much More!

wish list

- ❖ Baby Yarn in pastel colors
- ❖ Yard Trash Bags
- ❖ Avery Labels 5160
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Furnace Filters (16x25x1)
- ❖ Cleaning supplies
- ❖ Volunteers

2016 IRIS Turkey Trot

Thank you so much for supporting IRIS at the 8th Annual IRIS Turkey Trot.
We had over 1500 paid Participants with over 2000 participating.



Tot Trot Participants



Gobble Wobble Participants



10K Runners



5K Runners

**Thank you very much to
the 2016 Turkey Trot
Committee members!**

Jennifer Vargo - Chairperson
Jeff Anderson
Stacy Chmelik
Tom Helgeson
Sue Jandro
Meredith Johnson
Diana Kelley
Renee Kleeberger
Lori Mickelson
Holly Moullin
Stacy Murphy
Angie Sundwall
Ben Wegner
Jon Zimprich

Join us at the 9th Annual
IRIS Turkey Trot
November 23, 2017
New Committee Members &
Ideas Always welcome!



5K Walkers

A Heartfelt Thank You to:
Our MC, Warm up guru, & selfie photographer
Derek Hoffman,
The Lakelander Barbershop Chorus who sang
the National Anthem, and all of our Sponsors!

Top Sponsors

Diamond - \$2,500+
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Angie's Kettle Corn

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Faribault Rent-N-Save
Fette Electronics
KGP Companies
Parker Kohl Funeral Home
Seven Sundays
Tree House Foods
Zechs

"A Parent's Love Never Dies"



The "I Knew You In The Womb" sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz is a commanding bronze statue that will be installed at the Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. © (IRIS) Office in the spring of 2017.

An angel weeping over an empty cradle is a powerful image and a touching memorial for any children that have been lost. This solid resin-stone cast is coated in a realistic bronze finish and is mounted on a solid matt black base. Timothy personally sculpts every original small masterpiece complete with his signature or monogram. Each replica is detailed by hand to the exacting standards of this modern day master sculptor. Each miniature replica is 7.75" H x 4.5" W X 8" D, weighs approx 5 pounds 8oz and can be personalized with your child's name, date, etc.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your City/State/Zip: _____

- I will pick up my miniature statue(s)
 Please ship to the address indicated above
 Please ship to this address: _____

Qty	Item	Cost Per Statue	Price
	I Knew You In the Womb Miniature Statue	\$69.99	
	Personalization	\$10.00	
	If you need the statue Shipped	\$20.00	
		Subtotal	\$
	To calculate Tax, multiply subtotal by 7.375%	Tax	\$
		Total Due	\$

1. Statue #1 Personalization: _____

2. Statue #2 Personalization: _____

3. Statue #3 Personalization: _____

Order online at: www.irisRemembers.org

Checks Payable to: IRIS Angel (Please mail to: IRIS 218 3rd Ave. NW, Faribault, MN 55021)

Credit Card Payment: Card Number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Number on back: _____

Zip Code Associated with Card: _____



The Angel

As grieving parents, we believe we have found the ideal way to tangibly honor the memories of millions of children.

Our Goal: To raise \$100,000 to purchase the "I Knew You In The Womb" bronze statue for the IRIS Office.

Please consider Donating Today to honor the memory of your child and of all children gone too soon. Donations accepted at: www.irisRemembers.org, at [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com) Search: A Parents Love Never Dies or by cash/check.

Statue Description: An angel weeping over an empty cradle is a powerful image and a touching memorial to children. The statue is life-sized. It is pure bronze, 50" tall, 36" wide, 66" long and weighs over 700 pounds.

Questions:

Please contact Ciera "A Parents Love Never Dies" Committee Chairperson at the IRIS Office: Phone: (507) 334-4748 or by Email: Support@irisRemembers.com. All funds raised go to Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. © a 501 (c)3 non-profit org., making your Donation tax deductible.



Ciera Federly - A Parents Love Never Dies Chairperson, and Diana Kelley - IRIS Founder and Executive Director, signing contract for Life Size Bronze "I Knew You In The Womb" Statue that will be placed at the IRIS House

A Mother's Love

I didn't have to look into your eyes
To fall in love with you.
I didn't have to hear you cry,
To know you loved me too.
I didn't need to hold your hand,
To cherish you always.

Within my womb we shared our hearts
You touched my soul, You sweetened my spirit
You gave me memories I'll always hold very dear.
Yes, my heart aches since you departed so soon,
But a mother's love does not end with death
For you are my child, My Love Is Forever Yours.

3rd Annual

Mothers Day Angel Brunch

Saturday

May 6, 2017

10 am

More info on the brunch, and painting of this beautiful forget-me-not painting can be found at: www.irisRemembers.org or on the Infants Remembered In Silence Facebook pages.

Infant Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...



- ♥ **Michael Lee Hughes**
Katie & Tyler Yearby
Gina Cibuzar
Julie & Brian Hughes
- ♥ **Alex Michael Buenger**
Lori & Bob Mickelson
- ♥ **Amy Cibuzar**
Gina Cibuzar
- ♥ **Anthony Michael Zimprich**
Jean & Dennis McBride
- ♥ **Aubrey Dozark**
Lori & Peter Dozark
- ♥ **Carolyn Ann Dozark**
Lori & Peter Dozark
- ♥ **Baby Havumaki**
Christina & Bryson Havumaki
- ♥ **Baby Kaderlik**
Chad Kaderlik Family
Suzy's Smile Shines Golf
Tournament
- ♥ **Baby Passer**
Tim Passer
- ♥ **Bethany Agnes and**
♥ **William Robert DeGrood**
Connie & Joe DeGrood
- ♥ **Blake Stadler**
Cheryl Fleck
- ♥ **Daniel Robert Novak**
Karen & Donald Novak
- ♥ **Garrett Robert Sterling**
Amy & Brad Sterling
- ♥ **Grace Reker**
Lori & Bob Mickelson
- ♥ **Hazel May Mielke**
Hailey Harn-Warner & Eric
Warner
- ♥ **William Graham Warner**
Hailey Harn-Warner & Eric
Warner
- ♥ **Hope Kuennen**
Lori Shook
- ♥ **Augustus Kuennen**
Lori Shook
- ♥ **Isaac Mayzlik**
Danita Mayzlik
- ♥ **Isaiah Elzen**
Margaret & Gary Elzen
- ♥ **James Brown IV**
Laura & James Brown
Mary Ann & Bill Brown
- ♥ **Jayden Anne Krohn**
Sharon Krohn
- ♥ **Jessica Jandro**
Amy & Brad Sillanpa
- ♥ **JJ Wolf**
Amy & James Wolf
- ♥ **John William Sillanpa**
Amy & Brad Sillanpa
- ♥ **Joseph Thomas Markman**
Lori Jo & Todd Markman
Tony & Harold Amundson
Mary Lipinski
Theresa Pofahl
Debra Casserly
Laura & Alex Sammon
Karen Flom
- ♥ **Joshuah Neubauer**
Angie and Dan Neubauer
Joshuah Neubauer Memorial
Fund
- ♥ **Kelly Jean Vanderiede**
Marianne & Jay Vanderiede
- ♥ **Erica Kay Vanderiede**
Marianne & Jay Vanderiede
- ♥ **Kristen Stortz**
Carol & Bernhard Gluth
- ♥ **Logan Joseph Babcock**
Belinda Larson
- ♥ **Lucas Robert Bevilacqua**
Gail Hart
- ♥ **Maren Elise Schieck**
Jacquee Schieck
- ♥ **Merissa Mueller**
Gladys Barsness
- ♥ **Andrew Hughes**
Gina Cibuzar
Julie & Brian Hughes
- ♥ **Michael Matthews**
Lori Jo & Todd Markman
- ♥ **My Brother's Children**
Shana Olsen
- ♥ **Peyton Bennett**
Kara & Todd Bennett
- ♥ **Sara Connelly**
Diane Connelly
- ♥ **Sara Jane Murray**
Tony & Harold Amundson
- ♥ **Scott Arthur Carver**
Judy & Gary Carver
- ♥ **My 3 Angels**
Susan Grace
- ♥ **Trevor Richard Pint**
Mary Kotek
- ♥ **Trisha Elzen**
Margaret & Gary Elzen
- ♥ **William Thomas Wagner**
Sheri & Tim Wagner
- ♥ **Derek Joseph Sundwall**
Diana Kelley
- ♥ **Kayden James Federly**
Holly and Jesse Caudillo
- ♥ **Angel Little Ones**
Lani Embury





Thank You For Your Donations of Time, Talent, and Supplies

- ❖ **Baby blanket, Hats, Prayer Shawls, & Sewing** - FCI Women, Vivian and Roger Cripe, Jean Farr, Shari Pofahl, Ciana Neeley, Donna Rolls
- ❖ **Iris Bulbs** - Karen Petersmeyer and Sandra Thomas
- ❖ **ISG** - Four drawer file cabinet
- ❖ **Jim Trotman, in memory of Arianna Trotman** - Wooden boxes
- ❖ **Kelly and Travis Buenger, in memory of Alex Michael Buenger** - Christmas wreath
- ❖ **Lisa Southwick** - Porcelain guardian angel figurine
- ❖ **Brianna and Ryan Prechel** - Repairs to IRIS trailer and fender
- ❖ **Connie DeGrood** - Cookies, cider, and water for Holiday Service and many other events
- ❖ **Fr. Doyle and Shattuck St Mary's Campus** - Use of chapel and Fr. Presiding at service



Angel Baby

A is for "a baby",
a mothers pride, a fathers joy
N is for your natural beauty,
if only viewed from inside
G is for the gentle touch of the
one we love so very much
E is for everlasting,
the memories we must trust
L is for the one we will always
love so much.

Friends of IRIS

Cash Donations

Capital Campaign Donation

- ❖ Suzy's Smile Shines Golf Tournament \$5,000
- ❖ Bruzek Funeral Home (Mary and Steve Frost) \$500

Donations \$1,000 - \$1,999

- ❖ Premier Bank

Donations up to \$250

- ❖ AgStar Financial Services
- ❖ ISG
- ❖ Rice County Community Corrections Employees - Casual Day Fund

Give MN Donors

- ❖ Jo Axness
- ❖ Kara Bennett
- ❖ Diane Connelly
- ❖ Lani Embury
- ❖ Scott and Jill Finstuen
- ❖ Brian and Ellen Haefner
- ❖ Kris Jenson
- ❖ Kelly McCarragher
- ❖ Camille McCarthy
- ❖ Lori and Bob Mickelson
- ❖ Megan & John Parker
- ❖ Caren Putrah
- ❖ Amy & Brad Sillanpa
- ❖ Anonymous



Personal Donations

- ❖ Anonymous
- ❖ Michele Berg
- ❖ Robyn Wagner
- ❖ Margaret & JD Walker
- ❖ Sarah and JR Walker
- ❖ Patricia Vogt
- ❖ Cathy Kytold
- ❖ Sheryl and James Hebel
- ❖ Dr. Sarah & Dr. David Beckmann
- ❖ Carol Anderson
- ❖ Lynette Charlton-Rose
- ❖ Steve Nusbaum
- ❖ Ryan Jirele
- ❖ Laurel Stewart
- ❖ Staci and Joseph Martin
- ❖ Joanne and Jim Pichner
- ❖ Kelly McCarragher

Donations in Honor of

- ❖ Eleanor Raidt
- ❖ Sue Jandro
- ❖ Margaret and JD Walker
- ❖ Claire Passer

IRIS Support Groups

Support Group meetings are held on the 2nd Wed of the month from 11 am - 1 pm and on the 4th Tue of the month from 7 - 8:30 pm at the IRIS House/Office - 218 3rd Ave. NW , Faribault MN 55021



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IRIS

Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Bingo Bash

Feb. 12, 2017



A Father's Grief

By Eileen Knight Hagemeister

It must be very difficult
To be a man in grief.
Since "men don't cry" and "men are strong"
No tears can bring relief.

It must be very difficult
To stand up to the test.
And field calls and visitors
So that she can get some rest.

They always ask if she's alright
And what she's going through.
But seldom take his hand and ask,
"My friend, how are you?"

He hears her cry in the night
And thinks his heart will break.
And dries her tears and comforts her
But "stays strong" for her sake.

It must be very difficult
To start each day anew.
And try to be so very brave-
He lost his baby too.



Tears of Love

By Jesse & Stacy Pike

*In memory of Makayla Lynn Pike, April 8, 2001 - May 4, 2003
Died of complications of Krabbe Disease*

Listen, listen, over here
I have a little secret for you to hear.
Take a moment and look around,
My mommy and daddy are flooding the ground.
Their tears are real; their tears are true,
for I have broken their heart into two.

I know it's not fair, I know it's not right,
that God the Father has chosen me tonight.
For my time was short and all too fast,
I guess it simply was not meant to last.

So, I'm very sorry that I could not stay
to carry out your hopes, and dreams of today.
For your love for me was so very strong
It is what kept me going each daylong.

But no matter when, no matter where
I will be available, just look up here
For my spirit is strong, my spirit is wide
Amongst all the clouds up in the sky.

So mommy and daddy please don't cry,
for I took your advice to fly higher than the sky.
Just look at me now I am very much at peace
As an Angel I have no more pain to release.