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IRIS Holiday Service Of Remembrance



The Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) Holiday Service of Remembrance has been held annually since 1993. We all know that the holidays are a special time for children, and seem to be geared for them, but as a parent whose child has died, how do we navigate the holidays?

The IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance is a unique service that can help with the emotions, fears, frustrations, and anxiety of the season. Many parents who attend have stated "I need to remember and honor my child first, so that I can survive the holidays." You are encouraged to attend the service and are welcome to invite your family and friends to attend with you. This special service will be held on:

Sunday December 6, 2026
2 pm
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Shattuck Campus
1000 Shumway Ave. Faribault, MN

The IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance is designed by and for parents, family, and friends who have experienced or been touched by the death of a child in early pregnancy (miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, etc.) or from stillbirth, premature birth, neo-natal death, birth defects, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), illness, accidents and all other types of infant or early childhood death. Everyone is welcome regardless of how long ago the child died or the cause of death. Those attending are encouraged to participate by decorating the chapel windows, reading poems, providing music, and/or bringing treats for the reception that follows the service.

Having Your Child Remembered



If you would like to have a child/children remembered during the candle lighting part of the service, please complete the enclosed form and return to the IRIS office by November 30th. Names that are received after the 30th will be listed on an insert. Remember you must submit the name every year.

Decorating Chapel Windows



Decorating the Chapel Windows has become a very special tradition of the IRIS Holiday Service. You are encouraged to bring any keepsake items that you would like to display in the windows. You will be in charge of placing your child's/children's keepsakes in a window and clearing the area when the reception is over. Suggested items for window displays include: scrapbooks, blankets, pictures, poems, small Christmas Tree and other holiday items, etc. There will be volunteers on hand to answer questions and help you however they can. No flames or water allowed in the displays. Due to the magnitude of this project, IRIS will not be able to return items sent to us. Everyone is welcome to visit the displays during the reception that follows the service.

*The Chapel of the Good Shepherd will open **at 12 noon** for anyone wishing to come early and setup window keepsake displays.*



Your Participation Is Needed

One of the things that make the Holiday Service so very special is the participation of parents, family and friends. We would love to have your help with the reading of poems, singing, playing an instrument, reading a scripture, decorating the chapel windows, and/or providing treats for the reception that follows the service. You will find signup information on the registration form. Please help make this a very special service by sharing your time and talents.



Memorial Poinsettias

IRIS will again be selling poinsettias. Poinsettias will be labeled and delivered to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. You will be able to take them home following the reception. If you would like to order a poinsettia for yourself or as a gift for family and friends please fill out the Order Form and return it to the IRIS office by November 30th or order on our website: irisRemembers.com



Sharing Information on the Holiday Service

Please feel free to share the information on the Holiday Service Remembrance with others. You are welcome and encouraged to invite your family and friends to the service as well as other bereaved parents. If you would like, you are welcome to ask your local churches, papers, TV and radio stations to run information about the service. Please feel free to share on social media pages.





Siblings and Children at the Holiday Service

This is a difficult topic to approach, and it brings up many emotions for everyone involved. Because of concerns voiced in previous years, parents with children under the age of 6 years of age are lovingly requested to sit in the back of the chapel close to the restroom and exit. Children who can Sit Quietly for two (2) hours are welcome to attend the service. Out of consideration and compassion for other grieving parents, you are asked to take children out of the Chapel if they are crying, talking, making noise of any kind, disrupting others in any manner or are restless. If you have questions, concerns or would like to discuss the issue please call Diana at the IRIS office 507-334-4748.



"Heavenly Notes"©

"Heavenly Notes"© are letters or …"notes" written to your precious child and placed in the sleigh basket, located by the alter, at the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance.

"Heavenly Notes"© are never read by anyone, you are free to say or express whatever you like. Following the service, notes are burned and the ashes scattered at the IRIS House/Office in the Memorial Garden and by the Bronze Angel.

Because "Heavenly Notes" © program is so well received we are opening it up to everyone around the world. If you are unable to attend the IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance you, your family, and friends are invited to write a Heavenly Note and mail it to:

"Heavenly Notes"
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Annual IRIS
Holiday Service of Remembrance
Held on the First Sunday in December
2 pm
Chapel of the Good Shepherd
Shattuck Campus
1000 Shumway Ave. Faribault, MN
With "Santa and His Angels ©"



"Santa & His Little Angels"©

For parents who have lost a child, the Holidays can be one of the saddest and most anxiety producing times of the year. Instead of joy, we may feel anguish for what might have been, and an emptiness that has hollowed out our heart.

IRIS would love to make this year's holiday season a little more special for you and your family by providing a free program we call "Santa & His Little Angels"© as part of The Annual IRIS Holiday Service of Remembrance.

Those attending the Holiday Service of Remembrance are asked to bring photos of their child, a special keepsake, urn, etc. The items can be placed in the windows of the Chapel during the service if you like. You will be given the opportunity to have a photo taken with Santa holding your special items while the Memorial Candles from the service burn peacefully in the background.

It would be helpful for us to know if you will be attending, but registration is not required. If you would like your child's name listed in the service program, please make sure the form attached is returned to the IRIS office by November 30th at 5 pm. Drop off, mail, or email to: support@irisRemembers.com



Annual IRIS
Holiday Service of Remembrance
First Sunday in December at 2 pm

Registration Form

To have a child's name listed in the program, please have this form to the IRIS office by November 30th. Mail to 218 3rd Ave. NW, Faribault MN 55021 or Email, to: support@irisRemembers.com. Names received later will be listed on a program insert.

Names will be accepted through the start of the Service.

Names are NOT held over from year to year. You must submit names every year.

Parents Name:_____

Address:_____ City/State Zip:_____ Phone:

_____ Email Address: _____

- ❒ I / We will be attending this year's service. Family & friends are welcome.
- ❒ I / We will bringing pictures, keepsakes and /or holiday items to decorate the chapel windows - No flames or water
- ❒ I / We would like to take part in the Holiday Service of Remembrance by:
- ❒ Reading a poem, letter of scripture, etc.
- ❒ Singing or playing an instrument
- ❒ Donating a Christmas Ornament in memory of my child for the IRIS Christmas Tree
  Bring an ornament with your child's name and dates on it and place on the tree at the service.
  Ornaments will be used yearly at the Holiday Service & at the IRIS House during the holiday season
- ❒ Bring Treats to share during reception that follows service
- ❒ Help with Set up on Saturday before the service at 1 pm
- ❒ Help with Clean up on Sunday December 7th following the service
- ❒ Other/Suggestions welcome:_____

- ❒ I / We would like to have photos with Santa.

- ❒ I / We would like to have the following child/children's names read during the service.

_____
Child's full name — Phonetic pronunciation

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Child's full name — Phonetic pronunciation

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Child's full name — Phonetic pronunciation

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Child's full name — Phonetic pronunciation

_____
Child's full name — Phonetic pronunciation



Holiday Service of Remembrance Poinsettias

Poinsettias are $20 each, and are available in Red. You are welcome to order as many as you like. You are encouraged to take them with you following the Holiday Service, pick up at the IRIS Office, or have IRIS donate your poinsettia. Please provide the name you would like on each poinsettia.

Names for Card: _____

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☐ Please donate my Poinsettia

Notes, Special Instructions, etc:

Return with payment to IRIS 218 3rd Ave. NW Faribault MN 55021 or order online
(checks made payable to IRIS)

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

CC: #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____

Item	Qty	Price Each	Extended Total
Red Poinsettia		$20	
		Donation	
		Total	



Memorial Angel Bear

Bears are white, super soft, plush, stuffed animal with white fleece angel wings, and a zipper bottom. Each bear can be personalized. A truly special keepsake for all parents and family members. Supplies are Very Limited!

Your Name:_____

Address: _____

City: _____State: _____Zip:_____

Cell Phone #:_____

Email:_____

Type of Bear: ☐ Personalized Angel Bear

Additional Information: _____

Line 1 - Name : _____

Line 2 Optional: _____ and/or _____

Middle Name Last Name

Line 2 - Date/Dates: _____

Optional Information: Weight: _____ LBS _____oz Length: _____

Times: _____

Thread Colors:

☐ Green's and Gray ☐ Purple's and Gray ☐ Blue's and Gray ☐ Pink's and Gray

Item	Qty	Cost Per Bear	Total
Personalized Bear		$40.00	
Shipping		$12 per bear	
		Total Due	

Order Online, Send Check, or Credit Card Information

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Exp Date: _____ Security Code: _____Card Zip Code: _____ Email Receipt: Yes No

Order by November 30, 2026 for Christmas (In town pick up.) Shipping will take longer based on location.

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Memorial Angel Bear









Don't be afraid of Personalizing!

- There are many options when personalizing a bear.
- Consider Baby Angel if no name has been chosen.
- Don't know the date? Consider using the month and year or just the year.
- If you don't know the weight, length, and time, consider leaving it off.
- Need help? Call the IRIS office and we will help come up with ideas. 507-334-4748



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18th Annual Turkey Trot For IRIS

5K Walk, 5K Run, 10K Run, Tot Trot, & Gobble Wobble

100% of Proceeds benefit Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc ©
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Join us Thanksgiving Morning Thursday, November 26, 2026

Event Start Times:
8:00 am - Tot Trot & Gobble Wobble
8:30 am - 10K
8:40 am - 5K Walk and 5K Run

Early Check-In:
Wednesday, November 25, 2026: 4 - 6:30 pm
Day of Registration/Check-In: 7:00 am - 8:00 am

All Events held at the Faribault Middle School – 704 17th St. SW Faribault MN

For more info, to Register and/or to Volunteer visit: irisRemembers.com

Questions? Call IRIS at 507-334-4748
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