

SIDS Safety Net



Sudden Infant Death Support Network of Kansas, Inc.

Lessons In Dying

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The first time I was in the presence of a dead man, I wasn't afraid. He had been terribly sick. And everyone knew he was nearing the end. What I noticed most of all was how still his body was: there was no soft up-and-down motion of the chest and belly that parents instinctively look for when they check on their babies during the night. His skin was ashen and tinged blue. His family members stood silently at his bedside. I remained in the room for only a few minutes while offering my condolences.

The next time was when I escorted a man into the viewing room where his deceased brother's body was laid out. The man began to punch the air violently, and I took a step backward, a little afraid I might get in the way of his fists. Tears flowed down his cheeks, and he rocked forward and back, wailing.

"Can I give you some privacy?" I asked, poised to step out.

"No, please stay. You can stay."

The man seemed to need a witness to his grief. So I stood by and witnessed his tears, the rapping upon his chest with his fist, as if to knock the pain out of himself. I watched him gradually quiet down, then reach out and touch the emaciated cheek of his brother. He stroked the dead man's forehead tenderly and kissed his face, telling me how his brother had always been as strong and healthy as an ox, how unexpectedly he'd gotten sick.

"He was such a goof brother to me," he said. "Such a good brother..."

"He has a kind face," I said. "Anyone can see that."

The man smiled and took my hand. "Thank you," he said.

I often encounter people who are at the end of life in my work as a hospital patient advocate. I was drawn to this work as a way to shine a light on my fears, death being one of them.

Each dying person has his or her own way of leaving the world, and each mourner has his or her own way of dealing with being left behind. I have watched a gray-haired, newly widowed woman grasp her dead husband's foot and plead, "Don't go! You said you'd never leave me. How can this be happening?" I have met another gray-haired widow who wore her wedding ring on a heavy chain about her neck. She told me that in all their years of marriage, her husband had never once taken her in his arms and told her that he loved her or that everything would be all right. "I'm glad to be rid of him," she nearly spat. "If only it had happened sooner, I could have had a second chance at life."

I have seen a husband grow angry at the doctors, at the world, when his wife was pronounced dead. "Keep everyone away from me!" He cried. "If Jesus himself wants to talk to me, I swear to God, you keep him away!" He finally unclenched his fists and pulled his wife's hairbrush out of his pocket. It still had a few strands of her hair in it. He began softly brushing the hair away from her face. No one dared disturb him as he remained at her side, sighing and brushing.

As a healthy young woman, years before I came to work at the hospital, I gave death a little thought. Then my firstborn son, Joshua, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor right about the age most babies are taking their first steps, and the fear that he might die smacked me in the face. His father and I brought him home from the neurologist and sat in the parking lot in front of our apartment for a long while, not wanting to get out of the car. The next day we would be taking out baby to the

hospital, and he might not be coming home again. I think we wanted to believe that if we stayed there, motionless and silent in the car, everything would remain as it had been.

After we went inside the apartment, I held our son. I got out the tape recorder and sang to him and recorded his cooing noises, the little babbling sounds he made, and a baby chuckle or two. I got out my sewing scissors and cut a lock of his hair and placed it in an envelope. I held him close for a long while

—as if by that gesture I could protect him— and inhaled deeply, memorizing the scent of his skin.

I was in a state of continuous mourning during the invasive surgeries and brutal chemotherapy treatments that followed. I wondered what the stream of young residents thought of me, the weeping mother, as they stood there and discussed their "case" in quiet, clinical tones as if I weren't in the room. Sometime during the complications, fevers, infections, and subsequent surgeries, I was transformed from a courteous, civilized human being into a fierce mother tiger, complete with claws and fangs. I stopped crying and started throwing people out of the room, or giving them such a hard time that they wished they had never come in. I summarily fired the surgeon who'd sutured through the chemotherapy catheter she'd inserted into my son's chest, rendering the device useless. I regarded all unfamiliar nurses or physicians as a potential threat until they proved themselves otherwise.

Midway through the chemotherapy, Josh was so weakened that he had to be put on a feeding tube. Worried that he couldn't tolerate the rest of the chemo, one of the doctors visited me at the bedside to discuss measuring him for radiation treatments as a backup plan. I told him to get out of the room. I would take my son out of that

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hospital and dig up wild roots in the desert to cure him myself before I'd let anyone radiate his brain. Thankfully, Josh's condition improved, and we never had to discuss the backup plan again.

During the two years that it took to complete Josh's chemotherapy, there was a period when I woke each morning and seemed to sense death close by. I saw it all around me. A flower wilting in the garden or the evaporation of the morning dew on the grass could cause me to break down. Nothing lives forever, but it seemed wrong that a child should have to face death. Death was for people who had lived their lives, tasted happiness, made mistakes, and had chance to make amends; it was not for babies.

Wanting to understand the enemy, I began reading books and asking doctors and nurses about the process of dying. I needed to know what could happen to my child if his treatment didn't go well. As his mother, I was supposed to test the waters for him, to have some idea of what could be ahead. I wanted to know about the final moments of life: Would it hurt? What shuts down first: the beating of the heart or the breathing of the lungs? Would it be fast or slow?

One day a fat envelope arrived in the mail. I was from the secretary of a church I no longer attended. I barely knew the woman, but apparently Josh was on her prayer list. Her note said she thought I would appreciate the enclosed article. That was all.

I read the article, which was about life after death. It said the body is like a womb for the spirit: just as a newborn baby doesn't need the womb after it is born, so the spirit sloughs off the body at the moment of death and passes into the next realm. As alienated as I felt from churches, this concept appealed to me. It didn't stop me from feeling sad or afraid, but it helped me make a kind of peace with what I could not control.

Josh completed his treatments, and in the years to come I would watch him grow stronger and eventually walk, go to school, play baseball, hold his baby brother.

Two Christmases ago a baby girl came into the emergency room. She wasn't breathing. The doctors and nurses worked on her for a long time, but she didn't make it. I sat stroking her father's back as he sobbed. There was nothing any of us could say or do to fix it.

The rest of the family filtered in: the mother and the baby's older brother, just a toddler himself; an aunt, an uncle, a cousin. The nurses went to work, gently cleaning and wrapping the baby's body, placing a new pink stocking cap on her head and laying her in her mother's arms. Then came the ritual cutting of a lock of the bay's hair, the ink prints of the hands and feet. The nurses softly murmured, "What pretty hair she has," and, "Look at her delicate fingers." The baby's brother, not understanding all the commotion, gave a tug on his sister's gown. He must have thought she was sleeping. Someone handed him a teddy bear. We all stood there at the edge of the family's grief, bearing witness with our quiet presence.

When I went to a recent Andrew Wyeth retrospective in Philadelphia, I should not have been surprised that my favorite painting was of a dying woman: Wyeth's neighbor, who had battled a terminal illness. She is resting outside on a wintry, nighttime landscape of rolling hills, and her body appears to be glowing, like snow reflecting moonlight. You can sense the woman's essence melting into the earth, into the hills. In the distant background I thought I could see a ghostlike figure walking upright toward a brilliant star hanging low in the sky. The painting is titled *Christmas Morning*, and it comforted me for a long time after I returned home.

The mission of the SIDS Network of Kansas is to serve those who are or may be touched by the tragedy of SIDS by providing supportive services for all those affected, community awareness, professional development and support for medical research efforts.

Network News



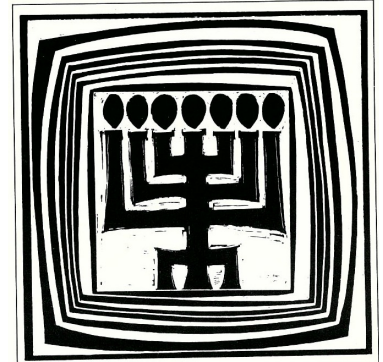
2nd Annual SIDS Walk of Topeka was Saturday, October 6, 2012, at the Kansas State Capital Building. The event promoted safe sleep education and support for grieving families. Thanks to the volunteers who planned the event and everyone who participated.

Farewell: The Network is grateful to Lindsay Smith, Program Administrator, for the six years of service to the SIDS Network. We wish Lindsay much success as she begins a new phase of her career. Thank you, Lindsay.

New Staff: On November 5th, the SIDS Network welcomed Libby Baumgartner into the positions of Bereavement Specialist and Art Therapist. Libby

began her work with the SIDS Network in 2009 as an art therapy intern working on a master's degree from Emporia State University. Libby will be in contact with families to provide grief support throughout the state. Welcome, Libby.

Kingdom Jam SIDS fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 13 at the CrossRoads Church in Salina. Christian music festival with over eight bands. For more information go to: <http://www.facebook.com/KingdomJam>.



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Dear Families:

On January 15th of the new year, the SIDS Network of Kansas, Inc. will change its name to Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network, Inc. (KIDS Network).

Time is often measured by holidays, anniversaries and birthdays. As we ready ourselves for the holidays and the new year, many of us are reminded of changes we have gone through; some were of our own choosing, while others were not. The SIDS Network also goes through transitions.

The SIDS Network of Kansas began as a resource for families living with the tragedy of SIDS. As a network, we continue to remember these families and their children. They will not be forgotten. At the same time, we are pleased to report that since the Back to Sleep Campaign began in 1994, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome has decreased significantly. However, many other infant deaths still occur. Our name change allows for the inclusion of Sudden, Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), deaths due to SIDS as well as stillbirths and all sleep-related, sudden, unexpected infant deaths.

KIDS Network will continue to offer bereavement services to those affected by a sudden, unexpected infant death. These services include counseling, grief resources, peer contact, support meetings, memorials, newsletters, and our memorial website. We will also continue to promote prenatal care, safe sleep, breastfeeding and other ways to help infants survive. Even though our name is changing, we remain committed to healthier infants and fewer infant deaths. We feel confident that this transition will help us better serve all families touched by sudden infant death.

Sincerely,

Christy S. Schunn, LSCSW
Executive Director



Birthday babies — December, January, February

Brandon Adolph
12-24-00 to 1-20-01

Peyden Alcanter
1-8-04 to 3-27-04

Domani Allen
2-29-12 to 4-20-12



Trevor James Allen
2-13-97 to 6-28-97

Henry Armijo
12-20-06 to 4-29-07



Charles Banks IV
1-2-96 to 4-19-96

Aonesty Alana Barkus
2-3-02 to 5-30-02

Isaiah Barnett
1-26-11

Dustin Barrientos
2-23-85 to 3-19-85



Skye Nicole Berntsens
12-29-05 to 3-13-06

Carara Blackywell
12-28-09 to 3-5-10

Isabella Nicole
Blankenship
1-20-09 to 3-16-09



Mason Lee M. Blicht
12-1-99 to 1-14-99

Taylor Bonner
1-9-01 to 5-28-01

Cetan Nahgin Bradford
12-15-03 to 4-20-04

Thomas Brumm
12-17-07 to 3-29-08

Jesse Jose Bueno, Jr.
12-9-03 to 2-14-04

Amarion Byrd
12-7-06 to 7-20-07

Allissa Joy Campbell
1-10-92 to 4-10-92



Carissa Rose Cobal
1-25-86 to 3-2-86

Trae Henri Coffman
2-12-08 to 4-30-08

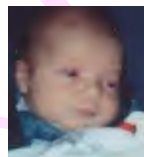
Tre Shon Andrew Collins
12-30-00 to 3-12-02

Christian Alan Lee Cook
12-11-02 to 12-20-02

Kayante Duke Cook
1-6-00 to 9-29-00

Madison Danielle
Cunningham
12-20-01 to 1-2-02

Kile Mae Darnell
2-11-08 to 7-2-08



Zachary William Davied
2-23-00 to 3-15-00

Devin Davis
12-21-07 to 5-31-08

Brandon C. DeZwarte
2-26-02 to 5-10-02

Carla Dominquez-Ortiz
2-13-07 to 5-24-07



James P. A. Donnally
2-12-07 to 7-16-07

Christian Douglas-Turner
12-4-95 to 2-27-96



Garett V. D. Stimpson
1-27-94 to 7-20-94

Jasmine Erbe
12-15-06 to 2-27-07

Mackenzie Fair
1-31-08 to 3-16-08

Johnathan Fleshman
1-11-10 to 3-6-10

Jakaida Ka'Sarria S.
Franklin
1-7-04 to 2-22-04



Charles Scot Fry
12-13-03 to 3-29-04



Hanna Hanine
12-23-07 to 2-1-08

Kaleb Harden
1-22-03 to 6-11-03



Jackson Miller Harnett
12-20-06 to 2-20-07



Destiny Rayn Hart
1-24-00 to 7-7-00

Jesse Hartley
2-2-04 to 2-10-04



William Lesley Hayden
1-25-10 to 2-24-10

Destenie Olivia Maria
Heller
2-7-08 to 3-27-08

Shayle Hendrix
2-4-97



Jessica Rose Hensley
1-23-00 to 4-17-00

Matthew L. Herndon
2-20-12

Kajen Hill
2-2-03 to 5-24-03



Matthew Logan Hoffman
1-21-00 to 7-4-00



Natalie Jo Howerton
12-1-00 to 3-15-01

Harmon C. P. Hutchison
1-25-04 to 5-19-04



Caylea Arica Inglett
12-21-00 to 3-22-01

Syr Jackson
12-9-05 to 1-18-06



Mahnesha Dee' Lucia
James
1-17-00 to 6-9-00



Arianna MaRae Johnson
12-20-00 to 8-28-01

Malachi Johnson
12-10-07 to 4-22-08

Braylon W. Jones
1-12-12 to 3-9-12

Giselle S. Jones
12-23-08 to 6-6-09

Madyson R. D. Jones
1-21-00 to 4-6-00

Osceola Matthew Jones
2-6-08 to 9-27-08

Trevion J. King
12-14-08 to 2-6-09

Brooklyn Paige LaGree
1-3-06 to 3-3-06

James Curtis Lee, Jr.
12-18-90 to 3-19-91



Anthony Lilly
12-5-06 to 3-14-07

Birthday babies — December, January, February

Siraya Opal Lovelace-Simmons
12-23-04 to 4-22-05



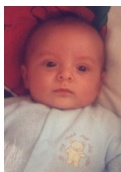
Christopher Luebbert
2-2-90 to 9-3-90

Domanic Martinez
2-22-00 to 7-21-00

Tiffany Jasmine McCanles
2-22-97 to 4-28-97



Gary S. McLendon
1-2-06 to 1-7-06



Isaac "Max" B. Morgan
2-5-98 to 5-17-98

Kenneth Morgan
12-18-92 to 3-15-93

Abraham Nash-Collins
2-12-12 to 2-24-12



Jeremiah Aiden Neal
12-6-07 to 6-18-08



Justice Orion Nelson
1-24-00 to 5-16-00

Luke Nelson
2-6-06 to 5-3-06

Gabriella Marie Parra-Kanady
12-28-04 to 3-28-05



JayLee Ann Pennell
2-11-09 to 4-21-09

Julio Cesar Perez
2-17-11 to 4-22-11

Colton W. Phelps
1-8-02 to 4-10-02

Haley Pierce
12-18-08 to 8-10-09

Toshua Ann Marie Poole
2-6-04 to 5-17-04

Paige M. Rabourn
12-6-95 to 2-17-96



Kristopher Dylan Reed
12-21-03 to 2-5-04

Brayden Lane Renollet
1-6-07 to 5-15-07

Nicholas Vaughn Roberts
2-12-03 to 4-10-03

Aiden Rogers
12-10-08 to 4-26-09

Keyana Noel Sanborn
1-29-04 to 4-6-04

Olivia Scales
12-28-09 to 3-26-10



Logan Tobias Schmidt
2-8-08 to 3-30-08

Xavier William Shuler
1-2-12 to 2-12-12

Ryder K. Skillings
12-7-09 to 12-9-10



Haley E. Slaymaker
12-9-96 to 6-16-97

Micaiah Smith
1-5-96 to 6-5-96

Zenzi T. M. E. Snowhawk
12-22-07 to 4-24-08



Alejandro J. Soto
1-5-08 to 7-21-08

Arianna Rochelle Starr
2-17-12 to 2-21-12

Isabella M. Star-Wittman
1-13-09 to 2-20-09

Kaleb Scott Stateler
2-15-02 to 3-23-02

Michayla Stephens
1-11-97 to 5-11-97

Troy Stewart
12-24-94 to 3-23-95

Kole Stimpson
12-21-07 to 1-26-08

Lauren Tabor
2-4-97

Jaden Thi
1-30-12 to 6-9-12

Mariah Thomas
1-10-10 to 5-27-10

Jorge G. Torres
2-8-04 to 4-12-04

Bronsan Douglas Totty
12-6-10 to 1-2-11

Conner True
2-27-08 to 7-25-08

Zachary Typer
1-4-07 to 7-2-07

Alexander Jose Valtierra
12-24-10 to 3-23-11

Jessalyn Velazquez
2-11-11 to 5-3-11

Ashley Dion Walker
1-1-84 to 3-7-84

Aaron Warren
1-8-99 to 4-29-99

Marlon Jr. Washington
12-12-06 to 1-12-07

Kyle Martin Weatherly
2-8-82 to 4-4-82

Ryian Michael Webber
12-10-96 to 1-19-97

Daikiyh D. Woods
2-1-02 to 3-24-02



May tender memories
soften your grief,
May fond recollection
bring you relief,
And may you find comfort
and peace in the thought
Of the joy that knowing
your loved one brought...
For time and space can
never divide
Or keep your loved one
from your side
When memory paints in
colors true
The happy hours that
belonged to you.
~ Helen Steiner Rice

In memory of our babies — September, October, November

Kyleigh Rosalie Aguilar 3-8-10 to 11-14-10 Daughter of Luis & Destiny Aguilar	Shialy Oliaya Rain Breedlove 5-13-99 to 10-9-99 Daughter of Angela Breedlove	Courtney A. Davenport 3-18-06 to 9-24-06 Daughter of Nicole Davenport	Yovanni A. Gonzalez 7-4-08 to 10-19-08 Son of Fabian & Becky Gonzalez
Octavio Yawo Amorin 9-3-04 to 11-3-04 Son of Yawo Amorin & Melinda Edmondson	Arielle Elizabeth Jane Broadstock 7-20-98 to 11-5-98 Daughter of Steven & Tabatha Broadstock	Leah Renee Dechant 7-13-00 to 11-29-00 Daughter of Lance Dechant & Toni Jackson	Gannon J. Greenlee 9-7-08 to 11-12-08 Son of Jacob Greenlee & Brady Rebholz
Zacheriah James Anderson 7-4-06 to 9-8-06 Son of Douglas Anderson & Renea McBride	Marvin Brown 7-12-94 to 9-15-94 Son of Marcus Brown & Dorothy George	RaySean Daniel DeShazer 8-23-03 to 10-12-03 Son of Sean DeShazer & Lisa Mack	Rebekah Lee Ann S. Grisamore 11-26-02 Granddaughter of Ben Grisamore
Joshua Nicholas Antle 5-31-80 to 9-25-80 Son of Tracey McNeely	Christopher Burch 11-27-08 to 9-19-09 Son of Tami Burch	Ethan Dickey 7-12-98 to 11-30-98 Son of Trisha Waters	Kohl William Gropp 7-20-01 to 9-25-01 Son of Lance & Lisa Gropp
Alexandria Suezanne Augustine 8-8-97 to 10-13-97 Daughter of Kim & Michael Augustine	Jaqwan M. Byrd-Johnson 8-9-01 to 10-17-01 Son of Raylena Byrd & Charles Johnson	Vonteze Dixon 7-15-08 to 10-8-08 Son of Lavonte Dixon & Christy Hutton	Asher Ray Grundmeyer 11-10-05 to 11-26-05 Son of Stephanie Blair
Skyler d'Ene Austin 9-20-02 to 11-2-02 Son of Tammy Austin	Juanita Calderon-Cordoba 7-2-01 to 10-17-01 Daughter of Mauricio Calderon & Ana Cordoba	Aiden Dockens 5-17-11 to 11-10-11 Son of Anthony Dockens & Amanda Dockens-Mclair	Phay'Bein Marquis Halcrombe 8-26-05 to 9-26-05 Son of Willie Halcrombe & Tenika Marquis
Arabelle Elizabeth Louise Baker 8-7-06 to 9-26-06 Daughter of Josh & Theresa Baker	Cloey Dawn Ann Chamberlain 8-1-03 to 10-18-03 Daughter of Daniel & Junell Chamberlain	Taileon Dunbar 9-9-97 to 10-27-97 Son of Samone Dunbar	Trenton Hanchett 8-12-96 to 10-25-96 Son of Chrystal Hanchett
Kloe Angel Barkley 7-1-05 to 9-17-06 Daughter of Brandy Barkley	Nova Ione Chapek 8-21-08 to 10-16-08 Daughter of Kabran & Drie Chapek	Rachelle Lynn Durossette 10-26-00 to 11-26-00 Daughter of Michele Durossette	Alessandra Lynn Hardwick 7-21-04 to 10-7-04 Daughter of Cassandra Hardwick
Addison R. Bartell 10-17-08 to 10-23-08 Daughter of Brian & Heather Bartell	Lakayla Patricia Denise Coleman 6-1-05 to 10-3-05 Daughter of Ashley Coleman & Mark Raya	David Edward Ellis 9-21-94 to 11-5-94 Son of Jodi Ellis	Aiden Edward Harley 10-28-09 to 10-28-09 Son of Jacie Brown
Kaia Bethel 7-28-07 to 10-21-07 Daughter of Jayson & Zan Bethel	Simone Collins 10-4-11 Daughter of Brian & Demi Webber	Laura Enloe 5-20-05 to 9-8-05 Daughter of Tara Johnson	Megan Hinton 6-24-02 to 9-13-02 Daughter of Erin Hinton
Amber Marie Birch 7-29-92 to 9-1-92 Daughter of Teresa Muniz	Kayante Duke Cook 1-6-00 to 9-29-00 Son of Johnny Cook & Tamisha Miller	Jack Austin Estes 7-19-98 to 10-23-98 Grandson of Beverly & Stanley Estes	Ethan Lamar Hippen 9-6-03 to 10-22-03 Son of Dustin Hippen & Heather Ruiz
James Lamarr Black, II 9-8-07 to 10-7-07 Son of James Black & Tammie Duvaul-Black	Kelsey Lynn Cooley 6-10-95 to 11-18-95 Daughter of Kris & Shannon Cooley	Anastasia Marie Faber 6-7-04 to 11-7-04 Daughter of Ashley & Brandon Faber	Lebron V. Hollingsworth 8-7-07 to 10-27-07 Son of LaQuetta Johnson
Levi Jeriah Bland 8-8-08 to 10-10-08 Son of Jerry & Zolene Bland	Coby Allen Cozart 8-17-98 to 10-19-98 Son of Dwayne Cozart	Alexis Nicole Ficke 7-22-07 to 10-23-07 Infant of Chastity Bennett	Ethan Wayne Houser 11-19-10 to 11-19-10 Son of Tim Houser & Andi Hall
Kayla Michelle Blanton 5-22-99 to 10-26-99 Daughter of Angie & Bryan Blanton	Chris Cuevas-Salinas 7-1-05 to 11-15-05 Son of Ofelio Cuevas & Adriana Salinas	Kordell Jacob Floyd 5-12-99 to 10-30-99 Son of Alicia Kumle	Taylor Jackson 7-21-10 to 10-4-10 Daughter of Leticia Jackson
Steven Blocher 9-20-98 to 11-5-98 Son of Christina & Earl Blocher	Avery Jeremiah Dahna 7-2-06 to 9-16-06 Son of Jasmine Dahna	Brandon George 9-1-98 Son of Patricia George	Biloxi Breeze Jacob 9-8-05 to 10-7-05 Daughter of Jace Jacob & Melinda White
Roper Edward Bloomfield 9-17-05 to 10-8-05 Son of Amelia & Charlie Bloomfield	Faith Fumiko Dashiell 9-6-09 to 10-6-09 Daughter of Robert & Edith Dashiell	Kansas JoRiah Renee Gibbs 3-7-01 to 9-3-01 Daughter of Joseph Gibbs & Latasha Townsend	Amesha T. Jones 9-22-02 to 10-14-02 Daughter of Latisha Sutherland
Daniel Lee Bockelman 6-26-05 to 10-12-05 Son of Jake Bockelman & Heather Castillo		Elena Marie Gonzales 8-9-01 to 11-15-01 Daughter of Roger & Theresa Gonzales	Austin L. Jones 9-9-01 to 10-31-01 Son of Amy Avery & Charles P. Jones

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Oseola Matthew Jones
2-6-08 to 9-27-08
Son of
Christopher & Abigail Jones

Elizabeth Renee Kates
8-17-00 to 10-3-00
Daughter of Melissa Kates

Kayden Alexander Kauffman
9-21-00 to 11-9-00
Son of
Justin & Rhonda Kauffman

Brydon Douglas Keane
7-10-02 to 10-11-02
Son of Brandy & James Keane

Gavin Michael Kennedy-Bordwell
7-13-04 to 9-24-04
Son of
Aaron & Deborah Bordwell

Eli William Krueger
8-6-07 to 9-26-07
Son of
Brandy & Kenneth Krueger

Ariah Lawrence
7-4-05 to 9-23-05
Daughter of
Mark Holley & Shanell Lawrence

Christopher Luebbert
2-2-90 to 8-3-90
Son of Mary Luebbert

Justus N. Madden
7-17-07 to 9-19-07
Son of Jennifer Jones &
Michael Madden

Erlan Maldonado-Ortiz
8-26-05 to 11-17-05
Son of Gelacio Maldonado &
Yolanda Ortiz

Tina Ann Marshall
10-27-09 to 11-27-09
Daughter of
Eric Marshall & Kyla Colbert

Arianna Maskrid
5-20-95 to 10-19-95
Granddaughter of Dana Maskrid

Landry Kathleen McClaskey
7-2-95 to 9-6-95
Daughter of Mary McClaskey

Eshay D'Juan McCular, Jr.
8-13-04 to 11-11-04
Son of Eshay McCular

Alyzae Marie McCulley
9-4-05 to 10-8-05
Daughter of
Jeremy McCulley & Elise Strobel

Jayden E. McNealey
8-29-07 to 11-30-07
Son of Miranda McNealey

Alexis Cory Meeds
6-10-03 to 10-4-03
Daughter of
Amara Meeds & James Epps

Abigail Ann Moody
8-29-02 to 9-18-02
Daughter of Curtis Moody

Malakai Malikk Mosley
8-18-04 to 11-10-04
Son of Rikki Mosley

Remico Charles Munoz
6-20-02 to 9-5-02
Son of
Howard Bradley & Tamica Munoz

Joshua Murphy-Williams
7-13-06 to 9-17-06
Son of
Jason Murphy & Brandy Ridge

Amera Marie Myers
8-28-08 to 9-29-08
Daughter of
Zachary & Brittany Myers

Samuel Lorence Myers
7-25-05 to 9-13-05
Son of Brian & Jami Myers

Mikaila Nikole Nevergall
9-22-02 to 10-10-02
Daughter of
Casey & Melissa Nevergall

Eli Norman
10-8-01 to 11-9-01
Son of Elesia Norman &
Karlton Williams

Lance Elie Oakley
8-7-03 to 10-2-03
Son of Daniel & Vanessa Oakley

Adian James O'Brien
8-13-07 to 9-1-07
Son of Meagan O'Brien

Cody Olson
8-24-02 to 10-21-02
Son of Wendy Olson

Waylan Doyle Omstead
9-3-03 to 11-29-03
Son of
Rusty Omstead & Vicky Robey

Gunner Dean Owen
9-17-07 to 10-21-08
Son of Morgan Owen

Kyng D. Paschal
8-14-09 to 11-10-09
Son of Breana Trotter &
Travell Paschal

Brandon Dean Pearce
8-24-94 to 9-27-94
Son of Adam & Shelly Bauman

Lauren Phillips
9-7-02 to 10-3-02
Daughter of Rachael Sizemore

Abigail Phillips
5-16-11 to 5-24-11
Daughter of
Danny & Melissa Phillips

Elly Ann Pippitt
5-26-04 to 9-9-04
Daughter of
Stacy & Tammy Pippitt

Jordan M. Pressler
7-27-01 to 10-20-01
Daughter of Tabitha Taylor

Dillon Robert Reece
8-20-99 to 11-15-99
Son of Ginger & Mike Oroke

Avery Marie Reno
7-5-99 to 10-6-99
Daughter of Kenneth Reno

Shawn Alan Roy
5-16-97 to 11-9-97
Son of Michelle Roy

Destiny Dawn Ruddle
10-19-99 to 11-6-99
Daughter of
Patricia & Travis Ruddle

Andrew Patrick Sargent
6-30-95 to 11-27-95
Son of Kerry & Pete Sargent

Kaden Schroeder
7-8-06 to 11-20-06
Son of Kristin Rexroad &
Richard Schroeder

Naomi Nicole Segrest
10-1-02 to 11-27-02
Granddaughter of Donna Wolf

Sergio Migel Solis
7-26-04 to 9-26-04
Son of Michelle Davis &
Sergio Solis

Aaron Stallbaumer
9-18-08 to 10-31-08
Son of Tommy Day &
Jessica Stallbaumer

Evans Ray Stumblingbear
11-26-01 to 11-26-01
Son of
Mark & Megan Stumblingbear

Abella Swan
9-22-06 to 10-9-06
Daughter of Sarah Swan

Layla Mae Vaughn Tacy
8-1-07 to 11-15-07
Daughter of
Jeanne Clinton & Kyle Tacy

Kala Jade Tegethoff
5-18-04 to 10-24-04
James & Tonya Tegethoff

Korbin A. Thomas
7-7-07 to 9-5-07
Son of Rebekah Thomas

Tank Tyler Thornton
6-15-03 to 9-10-03
Son of
Stephanie Bell & Bart Thornton

Iain Michael Tinsley
5-28-02 to 10-19-02
Son of Erin Jones

Lilly Madgeline Treat
8-25-09 to 10-27-09
Daughter of Jason & Amy Treat

Antwon I. Tucker
7-10-11 to 11-5-11
Son of Marco & Evana Tucker

Andre' Turner-Ibarra
7-2-05 to 10-5-05
Olga Ibarra & Angeno Turner

Damien Vanderhoof
8-6-81 to 11-20-81
Son of Damien Vanderhoof

Brody Ray Wallace
9-2-09 to 11-13-09
Son of Dale Wallace &
Amber Thompson

Charles Wesley Washington
9-7-93 to 9-29-93
Son of Edna Williams

Celsie Ann Webb
4-22-99 to 11-12-99
Daughter of
Cara Hosey & Phillip Webb

Harli Nicole Weber
6-18-04 to 10-11-04
Charles & Natasha Weber

Draven Michael Whitley
7-12-98 to 9-17-98
Son of Christy English

Ayden Levi Wilder
5-10-08 to 9-1-08
Son of
Devan & Stephanie Wilder

Gabriella Ashlynn Wiley
7-20-92 to 9-9-92
Daughter of Cathy & Tom Wiley

Christopher T. Williams
9-24-09 to 11-30-09
Son of Rachel Smalley &
Duane Williams

Joshua James Winze
8-21-96 to 9-12-96
Son of Douglas & Susan Winze

Our deepest sympathy for the recent unexpected death of:

Baby Aiden
10-14-12
Son of Amanda

Miracle Yvonne Allen
11-23-12
Daughter of Maelee Tolbert &
Brandon De'von Allen

Chad Matthew Grado
11-21-11 to 3-15-12
Son of Alicia Hill

Terrell Leonte
3-3-12
Son of La'Shae Terrell

Abraham Nash-Collins
2-12-12 to 2-24-12
Son of Elizabeth Nash

Bri'Lana Powers
7-13-12 to 10-10-12
Daughter of Kevin Powers
& Abbi Warman

Jaden Thi
1-30-12 to 6-9-12
Son of Jane Thi

Jayme VanHouten
9-17-12
Daughter of Jamison &
Heather VanHouten

Davion Wagner
2007
Son of Heather Wagner

Jayden Scott White
9-28-12 to 12-3-12
Son of Desire White & Matt Vestering

Lillie Wright
9-3-12 to 11-24-12
Daughter of Lindsey Likes

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Troy & Janice Coon
Donna Davis
George Frisbie
Mark & Tina Saylor

Community Education Across the State

November 3
Buhler Mennonite Church
Buhler, KS
Safe Sleep 10:15-12:15 A.M.

November 7
Perinatal Conference 2012
Kansas City, KS
Safe Sleep

November 8
Wesley Medical Center
Wichita, KS
Safe Sleep noon-1 P.M.

November 14
Bethel College
North Newton, KS
Career Fair 7:30-9 P.M.

November 28
Exploration Place
Wichita, KS
Safe Sleep for grandparents
1:30-2:30 P.M.

April 11
Geary County Fire Department
Junction City, KS
SUIDI Training 1-5 P.M.

April 12
Geary County Fire Department
Junction City, KS
SUIDI Training 1-5 P.M.

Congratulations to the following families...

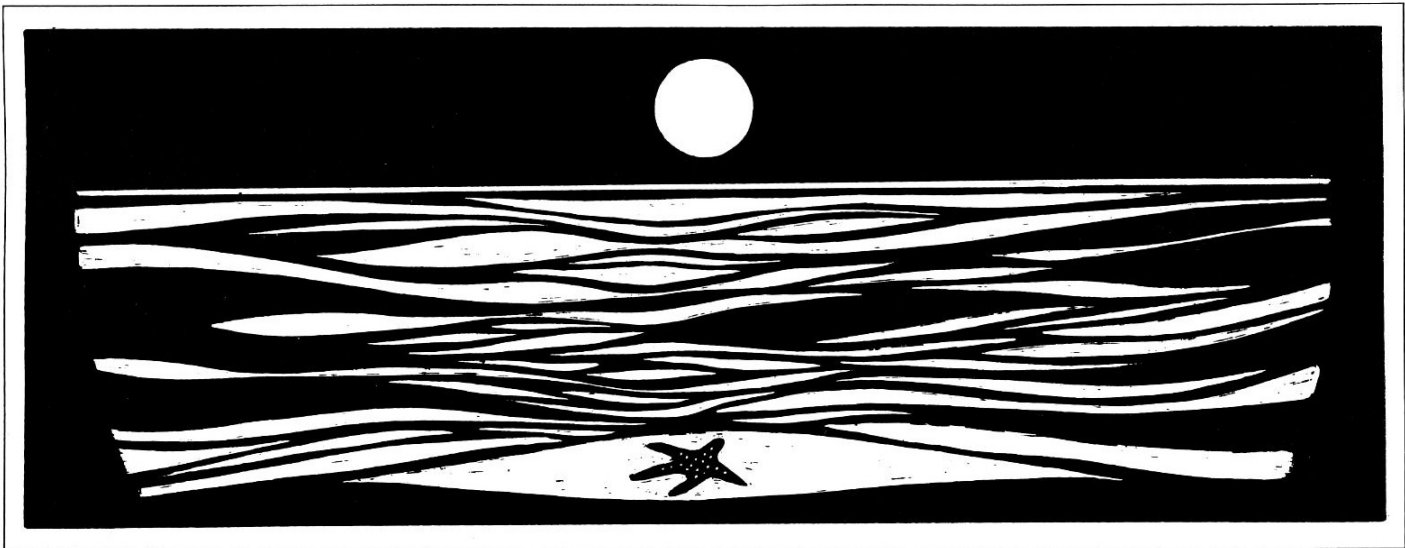
Adam & Kara Millican welcomed
a new baby boy,
Hayden Patrick Millican
on November 12, 2012.

Anna & Noah McLaughlin welcomed
a new baby girl,
Hope Elizabeth McLaughlin
on December 3, 2012.

We apologize for any errors made.

Please call the office (1-866-399-7437) and we will make the necessary corrections.

If you would like a picture of your child in the newsletter and/or on the web site, please send us a picture via e-mail or US mail. (We plan to return pictures, but please keep a copy just in case.)



16.1 Ocean Sun

Craighead, M. (1988). *Liturgical art.* (pp. 4-16).
 Kansas City: Sheed & Ward.

Dear Family and Friends:

Thank you for not expecting too much from us this holiday season. The absence of our child when the “whole family” gathers seems to accentuate our incomplete family. It is difficult to cope with the “spirit” of the holidays on the radio, TV, in the newspapers and stores. We will need the patience and understanding of our family and friends to help us through the holidays as best we can.

Our family traditions may be too painful for us to continue this year. We may want to change the way we spend Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Hanukkah. Please understand this and maybe some time in the future we will have these traditions again. Whatever our thoughts are for coping with the day, please take our feelings into consideration when you make your plans.

Please allow us to talk about our child, if we feel a need. Perhaps the single most helpful thing you can do for us is to include our child in the holidays. We want to hear his/her name, to have you recall fond memories of their lives, to know that you, too, are feeling their absence and remembering them with love.

As we work through our grief, we will need your patience and support, especially during these holiday times and the “special” days throughout the year.

Thank you for not expecting too much from us this holiday season and thank you for caring so deeply about us.

With Love,
 A bereaved parent/family

- Mark your Calendar-

December 9, 2012
 Memorial Candle Lighting
May 4, 2013
 Step Up for KIDS

Songs of the Wind
 Mattie J.T. Stepanek
 July 1998

*Listen to the wind.
 If you listen carefully,
 You will hear soft notes.
 Listen with your mind and
 Heart—you will hear a song.
 A soft, relaxing song that
 Reminds you of peace,
 Harmony, and love.
 If you hear this song,
 Always remember it.
 For if you do,
 You can teach it
 To other people,
 And they, too, will forever
 Remember their Heartsongs.*



SIDS Network of Kansas 2012 Annual Candle Lighting Memorial

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2012
Where: The Wichita Boathouse
515 South Wichita Street
Wichita, KS 67202
Time: 2:30 p.m.
RSVP: 316-682-1301/1-866-399-7437

*We do this...that
their light may
always shine!*

The SIDS Network of Kansas 13th Annual Candle Lighting Memorial will feature poetry, a memorial slideshow and candle lighting.

Parents, family members and friends are welcome to attend. A children's grief group and child care will be available. **Please RSVP by Monday, December 3.**

If we don't already have a picture of your child for the memorial slideshow, please e-mail or mail a picture to the SIDS office at: info@sidsks.org or US Mail, 1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10, Wichita, KS 67211.

If you are unable to attend the SIDS Network memorial, please light a candle in recognition of the Worldwide Candle Lighting, initiated by The Compassionate Friends, and place it in your window to honor all children who have died too soon. <http://www.soul-awakening.com/quotes/quotes-bereavement.htm>

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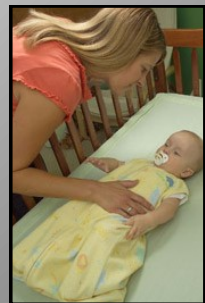


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infant wearable blankets have arrived for the fall and winter months.
Order yours now for shower or holiday gifts.



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All are available in microfleece, for the cooler months, and come in an array of colors and prints. For more information contact the SIDS Network office toll-free at 1-866-399-7437.

All profits go to SIDS research through the CJ Center without Walls.

For more information about the Halo Infant SleepSack™ please go to: www.halosleep.com/



Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual Step Up for KIDS 5K & Memory Walk

Saturday, May 4, 2013
5k Run begins at 8:30 a.m.
Memory Walk 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
WSU Cessna Stadium in Wichita

Step Up for KIDS is the signature fundraising event for the KIDS Network.

Please call, e-mail or visit the KIDS Network web site for details.
Phone: 316-682-1301
E-mail: info@kidsks.org
Web site: kidsks.org



How to contact us—

We want to hear from you. Whether you or someone you know needs services, or you want to volunteer with the SIDS Network of Kansas, we look forward to hearing from you. We can be easily reached through:

Mail: SIDS Network of Kansas, Inc.
 1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10
 Wichita, KS 67211
Phone: 1-866-399-7437 (toll-free) or 316-682-1301
Fax: 316-682-1274
Web site: sidsks.org
E-mail: General e-mail—info@sidsks.org
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Office hours: please call to ensure staff is present.

SIDS Support Meetings

Wichita

Meet 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. SIDS Office, 1148 S. Hillside, Suite 10, Wichita. Childcare available—Please call in advance so arrangements can be made.

Topeka

Meet 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Pozez Education Center—1505 S. W. 8th, Topeka. **RSVP** (1-866-399-7437) is **required** otherwise meeting will be canceled.

Salina

Meet 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m. **R.S.V.P.** 1-866-399-7437 Salina Public Library—301 W. Elm St., Salina, KS
RSVP is required otherwise meeting will be canceled.

If you are interested in attending a group in Hays, Hutchinson or Pittsburg please call the SIDS office at 1-866-399-7437.

Online Support Groups

General Web site: www.sidsfamilies.com

Support Groups:

- General SIDS Discussion:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsfamilies
- SIDS Grandparents:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsgrandparents
- SIDS Fathers:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsdads
- Expecting SIDS Moms & Moms w/subsequent babies:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/babiesaftersids
- SIDS Moms Trying to Conceive:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsmomstrying
- SIDS Siblings:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsiblings
- SIDS Parents a Few Years Down the Road:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sidsdtr
- Help with SIDS websites and related graphics:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/wsng
- SIDS Aunts:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/sids-aunts
- SIDS Awareness:
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/angelsinthemedia
- Online support (live chats or specific sessions) for parents, grandparents, and siblings (over the age of 18) grieving the death of a child:
www.compassionatefriends.org/resources/Online_Support.aspx



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Step Up for KIDS
5K & Memory Walk
Fundraiser

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Call or e-mail the KIDS Network
to volunteer

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· kidsks.org

FREE T-SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED