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‘We prayed this day would come.’ Man gets life for 1998 cold-case murder of Delray shop employee

Written and reported by Marc Freeman from South Florida Sun Sentinel

Sisters Gambi Better and Robin Shores will keep yahrzeit candles lit Saturday, the 21st anniversary of the death of their beloved mother, Sondra Better. The Jewish observance this year follows a Palm Beach County jury’s guilty verdict Friday in the 68-year-old matriarch’s brutal slaying in a Delray Beach consignment store.

Todd Barket, a 51-year-old Hillsborough County man who eluded authorities for two decades, was convicted of first-degree murder and robbery charges and sentenced to life in prison after a weeklong trial. “It’s a blessing,” said John Shores, Better’s son-in-law. “It’s like God has looked down and brought closure to the family.” The victim’s loved ones say they kept their faith that someday they would get justice for their mom and grandma, who was beaten and stabbed to death on Aug. 24, 1998. She was finishing a work shift alone at Lu Shay boutique. “We prayed this day would come, and it has,” Robin Shores said, noting her sadness that her dad didn’t live to see it.

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Seymour “Zeke” Better, who died in 2015, was a longtime Delray Beach Police volunteer who was close with detectives. The Betters, of Highland Beach, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary one month before the tragedy. Gambi Better thanked both Delray Beach police for their persistence over the years and the seven women and five men of the jury. The jurors reached their decision in less than 90 minutes.

“The defendant got up on the stand and fabricated this entire story,” Better told Circuit Judge Cheryl Caracuzzo before Barket’s sentencing. “I totally understand, what else would you do when you are charged with murder? I’m grateful that the jury had reasonable minds and could see through the lies.”

In her closing argument Thursday, Assistant State Attorney Alexcia Cox said Barket decided to rob the store and wound up using his 6-foot, 175-pound frame to overpower the 5-foot-2, 95-pound employee when she resisted. “It was quick, it was brutal,” Cox said, explaining that after Barket got cut during the attack and started bleeding, he grabbed a knife from a cake box and stabbed Better repeatedly. “He made the conscious decision that he would end her life,” the prosecutor said.

Detectives testified the case turned cold despite their best efforts to find Better’s killer. They said their big break came when Barket last December applied for a job that required his fingerprints for a background check. Barket was charged in late March after authorities matched his fingerprint and DNA to evidence from the crime scene.

“It took 21 years for this crime to catch up to him,” prosecutor Cox said. “But it did.”

Barket didn’t dispute his fingerprint and blood were found inside the store. But he claimed he went shopping with his wife at the Federal Highway store and touched a decorative marble ball two weeks before the homicide. “I’ve been thinking of this since I was arrested,” Barket said.

What about the blood droppings? Barket said he was then a day laborer on construction jobs and must have cut a wound on his hand from handling car keys, before returning to the store on the day of the murder. Barket said he had come back to the shop alone to buy the decoration, as a surprise for his wife.
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And finally, what about his blood at the cash register where more than $100 was stolen? He made an impulsive decision to take the money because no employees were around, he testified.
“I’m not proud of what I did,” Barret said. “I’m sure you’re not,” shot back Assistant State Attorney Richard Clausi.
Under questioning from Assistant Public Defender Joseph Walsh, Barret said he recalled arriving at the store between 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Barket said he made a split-second decision to open the register, grab the money, and run to his car. Barret said he never noticed Better’s body on the shop floor, or he “would have called 911.”
Assistant Public Defender Courtney Wilson said her client had been framed, noting how a police composite sketch of a suspect bears no resemblance to Barret at the time.

Sondra Better and her husband, Seymour "Zeke" Better.
(Courtesy of Delray Beach police)

“The state needs you to believe with no actual proof, that a man who’s never been arrested before, married for 26 years, one day, for no reason, decides to come into a store, brutally beat a perfect stranger, for no motive other than to take a hundred dollars out of a cash register and not take anything else,” Wilson said. “And then in the past 21 years, someone who is capable of doing this has never had an encounter with law enforcement?” That doesn’t make sense. That doesn’t add up,” she said.
But prosecutor Cox told jurors to reject his testimony — and they did.
"Please believe me that there is no way that this defendant and the story that he told to you all today makes any sense or is truthful,” she told the jury.

Washington Courthouse Fundraiser

On July 27th, 2019, Sherry and Bev attended a fundraiser, “Rising From the Sky With Butterflies” in Washington Courthouse, Ohio. Some of the donations went to The National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. Kristi Lynch began the fundraiser 7 years ago in honor of her sister, Candace Lynch. The fundraiser included a motorcycle run, camping and live music. We thank the family for their generosity and thoughtfulness in choosing Parents Of Murdered Children.
A Message from the Board Room

With POMC National Board of Trustees
President
Howard S. Klerk, Jr.

On 5 August 2019 my wife Ann and I flew to Denver Colorado to attend the 33rd Annual Parents Of Murdered Children Conference at the Denver Marriott Tech Center.

The ride from the airport at Denver to the Tech Center was highlighted by some great views of the distant, and in many cases snowcapped Rocky Mountains. The facilities were excellent and the staff of the hotel were outstanding in their willingness to assist us anyway they could.

On 7 August several Board members, our Staff and I held a sensitivity training session for members of the hotel staff and management which was well received. POMC ribbons were given out and were worn by the hotel staff during the conference.

Earlier in the year we were notified by OVC that our scholarship funding was being discontinued. The funding amounted to $10,000 and was given as a reimbursement to the conference attendees to offset some of their hotel bill. The situation was brought to the attention of the OVC Director and we were told that the problem would be examined. We are happy to announce that the funding was not only restored but was raised to $16,000: As a result, more people than ever were granted scholarships.

On Thursday evening a three person film crew arrived from Glasgow, Scotland. Their purpose was to interview some National Board Members and attendees along with filming some workshops and general sessions. The purpose of their visit was to produce a documentary about POMC to be shown on BBC and in movie theaters around the U.K., and possibly starting a similar support group throughout Great Britain. We will be meeting with some people from Scotland in the future and will assist them with establishing their support group.

Overall, the Conference was a huge success. Over 230 people attended the Conference of whom there were 70 new attendees and professionals. The 2020 Conference will take place from 23 to 26 July in Atlanta, GA. The 2021 Conference will be from 15 to 18 July in Phoenix, Arizona, and the 2022 Conference will be from 21 to 24 July in St. Louis, MO. The tentative location for 2023 may be New Orleans, LA. We will pass on any new details as they become available.

It was wonderful seeing so many old friends at the Conference, and meeting so many new friends.

If anyone wishes to become a member of the POMC National Board of Trustees please contact our National Staff for more information and to apply.

Thank you to our staff and the Conference Committee for all their efforts toward making the conference the huge success that it was. Thank you also to all the volunteers who work behind the scenes; your work is unbelievably valuable. Without your efforts the conferences would not be the success that they are. Most of all, thank you to all who attend the conference: without you the conference would not exist.

Best Wishes

Howard S. Klerk Jr.
Lots of attendees said it was the best conference we have had. We had over 70 new attendees and anyone that was a resident of Colorado was able to attend for free thanks to the Denver Prosecutor’s Office and their victim assistance fund. Our keynote speaker on Friday was Ann Kechter, whose son Matthew Kechter was one of the Columbine students murdered over 20 years ago. She gave a very hopeful speech on how she survived for the last 20 years. Friday night the memorial ceremony was extra special after the memorial video was shown; we had Sue Sixkiller from Phoenix, AZ introduce her son, Sampson, who is a world champion hoop dancer and he was amazing at what he could do with those hoops. His hoop dance kept everyone in suspense. On Saturday we had three keynote speakers from the Aurora theatre shooting — Heather Dearman and Theresa Hoover, two survivors and the victim advocate, Carole O’Shea. While in Denver, many attendees took time to visit both memorials that were built in memory of survivors from the Columbine and Aurora shooting and they are a beautiful tribute to the victims.

After all the awards were given out to the deserving recipients, the DJ started the dance. DJ Roy Ballesteros donated his time in memory of his niece, Angelita Francisca Montaño, who was murdered. He had everyone dancing even himself and it was a fun time after three sad days. Conference attendees seemed to have a little fun dancing the night away. Sunday morning was our usual brunch with Karyn Ruth White the keynote speaker, who had everyone laughing so hard and it was a wonderful sound to have survivors who had cried for 3 days now laughing. She told some hilarious stories, that even now a month and a half later when I think of the stories she told, I start laughing. It was sad to say goodbye to our POMC family and go back home. If you couldn’t make the Conference this year, hopefully you can attend the 2020 Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on July 23-26, 2020. It will be a couple of weeks earlier because of the school system starting back earlier and we have gotten complaints that some can’t attend because of that. Hope the earlier date will help for many more to attend. We are already working on a grant, to help anyone who has never attended our Conference Before, to get their registration free. Keep an eye out on our website www.pomc.org as we will post it there if we receive it.

A big thank you to Claire Fielding who gave a big donation to help survivors attend the conference in memory of her daughter, Debbie Lynn Fielding. Also, we were so thankful that the Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice came through at the last minute, the very last minute, and awarded scholarships for the hotel for $16,000.00. Many of the survivors had $240.00 of their hotel bill paid by the government. You can’t beat that deal.

Another event that was successful was September 25th, the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. There were candlelight vigils and events all over the United States the whole week long. It is a remembrance day for all murder victims to be remembered and missed. It is a special day of remembering, even though they are missed every day and every minute of the year, September 25th has been proclaimed a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

In closing, I know that the holidays are right around the corner and how difficult they can be to get through. If you are having difficulty as they get closer, or on the day of the holiday please call us or call someone so you may get some support and help to get through them. Your loved one will always be with you in spirit and would want you to try to make them as best as possible.

Love,
Bev
National Day of Remembrance… for Murder Victims “Remember the past, Treasure the present, Embrace the future”

On September 25, 2019, The National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc. and countless other crime victims and survivors gathered in cities and towns across the United States for the National Day of Remembrance to pay tribute and honor our nation's murder victims and their surviving family members.

The National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims not only recognizes murder victims but also honors those organizations throughout the United States that provide services such as support, advocacy and counsel to loved ones of murder victims.

POMC Chapters and other organizations held events around the nation to commemorate the Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2020 GRIEF RETREAT WEEKEND!

What: The Courage To Grieve—A Weekend Retreat of Hope and Healing
Where: Transfiguration Spirituality Center—495 Albion Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246
When: April 17-19, 2020

The National Office of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc., is hosting our 4th self-help weekend on April 17-19, 2020 in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is a self-help weekend to face the many overwhelming and difficult emotions that are the aftermath of murder, often compounded by the intrusion and frustration of the judicial process. Beneath the explosive emotions of rage, hate and revenge lay the more primary feelings of pain, fear and helplessness.

The weekend begins with dinner on Friday night. Those attending will meet at the Beth Anna House at the Transfiguration Spirituality Center.

The cost is $154.00 for the whole weekend which includes 6 meals. We do have scholarships available if you cannot afford this. There is a deposit of $25 credit, check or money order only (non-refundable for cancellations).

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Warnock at (513) 721-5683 or by Email at bwarnock@pomc.org
The 2019 POMC National Conference was a great success. Denver, Colorado was a wonderful location, with beautiful landscapes, giving many the opportunity to visit nature in their free time.

Friday started with the Opening Ceremony and was followed by workshops from late morning to early evening, wrapping up the night with a wonderful dinner followed by the Memorial Ceremony. On Saturday, we continued with various workshops and closed the evening with the Awards Banquet (recipients on pages 6 - 8) as well as our annual dance, everyone had a great time! On Sunday attendees packed up their belongings and had a chance to attend Brunch and say their goodbyes to both new and old friends before meeting again at next year’s Conference!

We hope all attendees had a beneficial experience at the 2019 Conference and for those of you who could not attend our 2019 Conference in Denver; we hope to see you in Atlanta, Georgia for the 2020 Conference.

California Correctional Peace Officers’ Association

CCPOA staff members once again showed their support of POMC’s vision and mission with a generous $10,000 donation. Members of their staff have led workshops and have opened many doors into law enforcement circles. Victim survivors have gained much through their many efforts.

From left to right:
Howard Klerk, Dennis Greenhalgh, Jeff Medovitch, Bev Warnock, Herschel Keel, Tiffanie Thomas and Neil Pollard
2019 Award Winners

Awards presented by National POMC Executive Director, Bev Warnock and National POMC Board of Trustees President, Howard Klerk.

Lisa Hullinger Memorial Award
This award is presented to an outstanding individual(s) who has shown exemplary contributions to all survivors of homicide victims, acts of compassion that have contributed to the recovery of survivors, and dedication in supporting full rights for victims/survivors.

Carrie Freitag & Peg Kerouac!

Making A Difference Award
The Making A Difference Award is presented to an outstanding survivor in recognition of their work which promotes and supports the victims of homicide. The recipient will have shown their efforts through promoting and supporting the image of POMC and contribute to the memory of those who have died by violence.

Misty Foster!

We also want to thank those who volunteered or donated at the conference whom we were unable to get into the Conference Booklet. You Are All So Very Much Appreciated!

Gloria Astudillo  Carol Leonhardt  Ruth Eason
Debra Harris  Paulino & Sandy Navarro  OVC
Paul Paulsen  Dave & Linda Rein  Laura Reinert
Mike Sheely  Susan Ventura
Nancy Aguilar/PIP  CPD- Victim Liaison Unit

We’d also like to thank the SouthWest Florida Chapter for their donation!
Dorothy Lobes Memorial Award
The Dorothy Lobes Award is presented to a POMC Chapter for their outstanding achievements in the area of public awareness, superior programs of assistance to survivors, success in Chapter fundraising and their unfailing support of National POMC and compliance with its bylaws.

Southeast Minnesota Chapter!
(Represented by Chapter Leader’s Connie Sheely and fellow Chapter members)

Extra Mile Award
This award is given to an exceptional individual for their dedication and outstanding compassion in support of National POMC’S mission to help all survivors. Thank you for going the extra mile.

Carolee Holbrook!

John W. Gillis Leadership Award
This award is given to a professional who fights for the rights and dignity of crime victims and survivors of homicide victims.

Bill Jenkins!
Maintaining the Beauty of the 
MURDER WALL...Honoring Their Memories

Time and much travel have put stress on the many panels of the Murder Wall... Honoring Their Memories, and scratches, nicks, and dents need to be repaired. Many of the cases that are used to transport the Wall have split or broken, handles have fallen off, and the protective material inside each case needs to be replaced.

Currently, the Wall is made up of 33 panels, displaying over 4,000 victims’ names, dates of birth and dates of death.

In order to maintain the beauty of the Wall, POMC continues to seek donations to help make some of the repairs. To help, please use the form below.

Donations made in memory/honor of, will be in the next issue of Survivors.

POMC-Wall Repair
(Please Print)

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635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104
Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

Donations to Maintain the Beauty of the 
Murder Wall… Honoring Their Memories

Thank you for your donation to maintain the Murder Wall:
- Henry & Audrey Bosley
  in memory of Robert Bosley
- Denise Coleman
  in memory of Timothy Staunton
- Michael Goldstein
  in memory of Daniel Fox
- Howard & Ann Klerk
  in memory of Lisa Marie Weaver
- Jean Lewis
  in memory of Scott Lewis
- LC & Sherry Nolan
  in memory of Shannon Marie & Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe
- Randolph Reyes
  in memory of Linda Kay Hess

WALL BOOKLETS HONOR THEIR MEMORIES

POMC’s Murder Wall...Honoring their Memories is a beautiful memorial to the more than 4,000 murder victims whose names appear on the Wall. Behind each name there is a face and a story of a person whose life was taken prematurely. It is time to tell those stories.

Memorial booklets, which travel with the Wall, are compiled as an ongoing project of National POMC. Cost is $20.00 to include one page, front and back without a photo, or $30.00 if you wish to have a photo included. The photos are non-returnable and must be no larger than 2 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.

Forms are available on the POMC Web Site at: www.pomc.org or by calling National at (513) 721-5683.
The names that appear in this issue of *Survivors* are those that have been submitted to the National Organization of POMC, Inc., with full or partial payment before **September 1, 2019**. Names after this date will appear in the next issue.

The Wall consists of solid walnut panels with each holding 120 brass plates inscribed with the name of the victim, along with the date of birth and the date of death. A donation of $75 is required before a name will be inscribed on a plate and permanently mounted on a panel. (See order form inside this edition.) Not only is this donation a tribute to the memory of your loved one, but it is a tribute that will guarantee that the memory of those we miss so deeply will survive forever. The Wall is a powerful statement of the violence in our society and of the numbers of loved ones senselessly killed by others. Not only does it give comfort, but also hope, because every name on it cries out silently for awareness, prevention and justice.

### Murder Wall...Honoring Their Memories Order Form

Anyone interested in having their loved one’s name inscribed and permanently mounted on the Wall should fill out the order form below. Make checks payable to “POMC Wall,” or for your convenience, Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are accepted.

Send to: Parents Of Murdered Children, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

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The name will be added to the panel upon payment in full. Once your plate has been permanently mounted on the panel, you will be notified. New panels join the Wall as they are completed.
Parole Block™ is a program of the National Organization of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Parole Block Program

Support for the Parole Block Program

In memory of:
- Jarrod Chrisman from Susie & Rodney Chrisman
- Dwayne Chubb from Albert & Dorothy Chubb
- Gary Chase from Brenda Ambrose
- Jennifer Miller from Marsa Anderson
- Timothy Staunton from Denise Coleman
- Lisa Marie Weaver from Howard & Ann Klerk

Hearing Results:

Denied Petitions:
- Douglas Hinton Bell
- Eddie Belton
- Vernon Harcourt

Released from Prison:
- Richard Ashley
- Released in 5 years: Kenneth Haase Sr.

Letters from The Parole Block Program

Thanks to your help we have secured a five-year denial on the parole of Steven Burns. Your ongoing support means the world to our family, we could not have had this successful outcome without the community of family and friends.

Sincerely, Harriet Salarno, Nina Salarno Besselman & Jim Besselman, Jr., Regina & Lance Novello, and Alyssa Novello

When Mary Eileen Hughes-Cornwell's murderer was sentenced those long 30 years ago, we were told the average years spent in prison after such a sentence was 23 years. We really never believed we'd have to fight to keep the coward behind prison walls. We walked the grief trail, holding your hands for support all these years. In the fall of 2018 we began in earnest our work to fight the release of Mary's murderer. A Parole Block Petition was started with the National POMC office. Chapter Members signed and returned the petition; other Chapter's across the country and their members signed and returned the petition. We gathered signatures at the National Conference. A petition drive was begun with Change.org and ultimately gathered over 2,700 signatures world-wide. Family members of Mary Eileen Hughes-Cornwell spent time before a Parole Hearing Officer on June 24 sharing their emotions and journey since their sister, aunt, and wife was murdered on September 23, 1989. Other family members and friends waiting in another room, not able to sit with us in the hearing room and share their support. But we felt it. We submitted our statements, tears running down our cheeks and literally left it all on the table that day. The day was heart wrenching, troubling and exhausting for many reasons. And then we had to wait. And wait. We waited for him to have his say before the Parole Board. Originally scheduled for July, the hearing was moved to August 14. We waited some more. It was excruciating waiting for the official word to come down. September 6 at 11:10 AM was when the call was made. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED. DENIED.

Parole denied for 10 years, the maximum allowed. Our relief was instant, and we could finally let out the breath that we had all been holding in for so long. The tears flowed throughout the day. And if we are honest, some of us are still pinching ourselves to confirm it wasn't a dream about the denial. All because of you. All because of you who wrote letters against the coward's release. All because of you who signed our petition. To say we are grateful seems so inadequate. But truly, we are simply overwhelmed with gratitude. Your support over the years has helped us gain some little piece of normalcy. But to have been given such support during the experience of a parole hearing is life-changing. The bittersweet moment comes when you realize so many of our chosen family let us stand on their shoulders when they themselves have never had an opportunity to see someone charged with the murder of their loved one. And yet, they held us up and opened their hearts to us. For that we are grateful. Thank you. Such simple words, but powerful ones. Thank you. We believe it is only with your support that we were successful in our fight to keep Mary's murderer in prison for another -TEN- years. We are humbled and blessed to have had such support. THANK YOU and MARY HUGS, -Marcia Tucker and Debbie Scott and all of Mary's family members.
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<td>On December 24, 1989, and after being released from prison in 1989 and while on parole, Rene Enriquez, AKA Boxer, ordered the murder of Cynthia Figueroa Gavalon over $10.00. Her body was found in a vacant lot in Boyle Heights, CA, shot between her eyes with her arms crossed over her chest. Cynthia was only 27 years old and the mother of two small children ages 8 and 6. They have grown up without a mother. Enriquez was a strong member of the Mexican Mafia since the age of 12 and he has led a life of crime. Enriquez pled guilty to 2nd degree murder and was sentenced to 20 years to life. He will have served only 16 years when he is up for parole.</td>
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Board of Parole Hearings
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<td>On September 21, 2005 Charles Finley brutally bludgeoned to death his girlfriend’s son, Christopher Beck (1) with his hands and then bit him multiple times. Charles then drove Christopher to his mother’s house, passing Children’s Hospital, and when Charles laid him down, his mother noticed that the baby was not breathing and called 911. The murderer has no remorse and has contacted the family from jail pretending to be someone else. Finley was convicted of murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life. He will have served only 15 years when he is up for parole.</td>
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Ohio Parole Board Office of Victim Services
4545 Fisher Rd. Suite D
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<td>On July 22, 1991, 28 year old Kim Martello was brutally strangled by her business partner, Richard Lockridge. She had gone to the authorities and was about to &quot;Blow The Whistle&quot; on the shady business dealings he was trying to involve her in. After strangling Kim, he put her in a cardboard box and transported her in the back of her own pickup truck and dumped her on a trash pile in the extreme heat of the Palm Springs desert area. Her decomposed body was discovered by transients 3 days later and she remained a Jane Doe for another 12 days until she could be identified with dental records. After delaying the trial for 42 months because he kept changing attorneys Lockridge was convicted of 1st degree murder and was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. He will have only served 24 years and 7 months when he is considered for parole BUT KIM’S FAMILY HAS GRIEVED HER FOR 25 YEARS.</td>
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<td>On December 27, 1996, Edward Smith shot to death Eugene Jenkins who was in the drivers seat of his truck, parked at the side of the road. He was discovered by two women who were walking by. Smith had been employed by Mr. Jenkins for a recent masonry construction project on the Jenkins’s home. Smith had argued over the amount of money that Smith was due for his masonry work. Smith was convicted of murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life plus three years for the gun specification. He will have served only 22 years when he is up for parole.</td>
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**** These have been reports recently from families who have gone up for a parole hearing that petitions have not been signed and sent into the board. To those families we apologize. It is the goal of Parents Of Murdered Children to circulate and gather signatures for all parole block petitions and we never want to hear that didn’t occur. Therefore, we are stressing that all members sign please take the time to sign the petitions sent through their Chapter Meetings or take the time to write the parole boards that are listed on the newsletters. We know what this would mean to each member for their own loved one so please take the time out of your day to help another. **** We are all in this together ****
Thank You

Thanks to all those who have chosen POMC as their charity of choice. Your donation has helped thousands of surviving family members; stopped the early release of 1,699 convicted murderers; assisted in POMC’s Second Opinion Services; provided the National newsletter, Survivors, to those who cannot afford it and so much more. POMC’s outreach would not be able to exist without your continued support.

### In Memory of

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Thanks to all those who have chosen POMC as their charity of choice. Your donation has helped thousands of surviving family members; stopped the early release of 1,699 convicted murderers; assisted in POMC’s Second Opinion Services; provided the National newsletter, Survivors, to those who cannot afford it and so much more. POMC’s outreach would not be able to exist without your continued support.

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Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.’s National Board of Trustee Member Lori King Awarded the Interstate Compact Commission’s Peyton Tuthill Award!

Congratulations to Lori King who is on our National Board of Trustees and a member of the Greater Cincinnati and Central Ohio Chapter of POMC. We are so proud of her for not only being nominated but winning this award! Lori was nominated by a member of the National Organization of Victims Assistance’ Board of Directors who had the following to say in her nomination: “Lori King suffered unspeakable tragedy before starting her career as a crime victim advocate in Ohio when her sister, Geneva Ann O’Dell was murdered by her husband in 1994. Her sister’s murder was the catalyst behind Lori founding “My Sister’s House” Domestic Violence Shelter in Washington Courthouse (Fayette County), Ohio, which she named in her sister’s memory. She served as a board member for My Sister’s House and her involvement was a promise kept to her sister to bring something positive from personal heartache and tragedy. That promise led Lori to a career in victim assistance. She also initiated and held the first Director’s position with the Fayette County Prosecutor’s Office Victim Assistance Program in 1996. Since, Lori has now served most of her career as a Victim Advocate for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), Office of Victim Services. In her role as a Victim Advocate with ODRC, she assists crime victims at the state level, post-conviction, providing crisis intervention, community referrals, support and notification services related to offenders under the Department’s jurisdiction and offers information regarding the status of offenders in prison or under supervision of the Department’s Adult Parole Authority. Lori assists the Parole Board and the Adult Parole Authority’s parole staff in identifying victims’ issues and provides input into the decision-making process as appropriate. Perhaps one of her most valuable contributions is providing community education to organizations such as homicide support groups, domestic violence and victim assistance programs. In addition, Lori provides ODRC staff and the community at large with outreach and education on victim-related issues. A shining star for Lori is her work for many years, with the help of a committee, to bring awareness to crime victims’ issues, producing posters and several annual printed books of poems collected from crime victims across the state recognizing National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. Lori has involved incarcerated inmates in the program by using their printing service for the book of poems, the banners and other materials for the special commemorations. As a survivor and a victim advocate with ODRC, Lori has assisted in the coordination of Victim Impact Panels, recruiting crime victim/survivors to speak to inmates about the impact of crime on its victims. Lori’s contributions and expertise extend beyond her position with ODRC. She is a National board member of Parents Of Murdered Children’s National Board of Trustees and a member of the Greater Cincinnati and Central Ohio Chapters. Lori is a registered advocate through the Ohio Advocate Network (OAN) and a nationally Credentialed Victim Advocate through the National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP). She holds the designation as both a Domestic Violence and Homicide Intervention Specialist. Lori is also a member of the Ohio Victim Witness Association (OVWA). Her list of awards and recognitions exemplify how special she is to the field and the victims she serves. They include: Special Achievement Award– Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery; Dr. Marlene Young Leadership Award– Ohio Victim Witness Association; Special Achievement Award– Attorney General Jim Petro; Gold Star Award– Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; Certificate of Appreciation and Accommodation– Governor Bob Taft; Hope and Heels Award– Highest Heel Award for Ohio, Indiana & Kentucky and the Impact Award– Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.
Lori is a kind and compassionate advocate who has moved forward as a survivor after her sister’s brutal murder turning tragedy into triumph. She is a comfort for others who have suffered the unthinkable and offers competent guidance as they maneuver the post-conviction world of Ohio’s corrections system. Lori gives victims a voice and helps to provide their perspective to Ohio’s incarcerated so they might learn how their choices impacted others. Lori King embodies the activist spirit of Peyton Tuthill and would be an ideal candidate for this prestigious and meaningful award recognizing those to whom public safety is paramount. The Peyton Tuthill Award goes to a legislator, victims’ advocate, law enforcement officer or other individual with demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the Commission. While recipients are not professionally involved in the Compact, their outstanding contributions uphold ICAOS’ mission to promote public safety, improve offender outcomes, and protect victims. Peyton Tuthill became an unfortunate symbol during the development of the Compact. Her tragic death served as a daily reminder to policymakers across the nation as to why this Compact and its tenets were critical to the preservation of public safety. Today, her memory continues to shape discussions and policies regarding public safety. This award pays tribute to the success of the Compact and its mission, and it honors Peyton and her family.
Contact Person/Chapter Leaders/State Coordinator Corner

With
Sherry Nolan

We want to take this opportunity to thank the following volunteers for the valuable services that they provide to other survivors on behalf of POMC, Inc. If you would like more information about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Sherry Nolan, National Volunteer Coordinator, at: 513-721-5683 OR snolan@pomc.org

Thank you to the following Chapters for dedication, compassion and selflessness shown through their continued efforts to provide on-going emotional support to others through phone calls, email, support group meetings, court accompaniment, local events bringing about awareness, education, and advocacy to victims of crime, and remembrance programs for the survivors family members whose loved ones lives were taken from them.

In this 2019 anniversary, POMC acknowledges those Chapters with Articles of Association that were signed between September 1 and December 31 of the year they became a probationary POMC Chapter:

- Monterey County Chapter/California - 9 years
- South Carolina Chapter/South Carolina - 18 years
- San Diego Chapter/California - 13 years
- Wichita Kansas Chapter/Kansas - 31 years
- Contra Costa County/East Bay Chapter/California - 32 years
- Houston Chapter/Texas - 38 years
- Greater San Bernardino-Riverside Area Chapter/California - 2 years
- Minnesota Hope Chapter/Minnesota - 34 years
- North Bronx/Westchester Chapter/New York - 25 years
- Albany, New York (Capital District) Chapter/New York - 37 years
- Peninsula/South Bay Chapter/California - 36 years
- Houston Chapter/Texas - 38 years
- Central Arkansas Chapter/Arkansas - 29 years
- Tri-County Chapter/Florida - 6 years

CP/SC/CL UPDATES

If you have a message of interest, a great fundraising idea, upcoming Chapter events, special awards or recognitions received or ideas that you would like to share with our “POMC family”, please mail them to my attention: Sherry Nolan at National POMC or email them to snolan@pomc.org. The deadline for receipt of the next newsletter articles is January 15, 2020. Please note: due to deadlines or overflow of articles, etc., we may not be able to include all of those received in the next SNL, but may keep them for future newsletters.

Thanks for all that you do on behalf of others through POMC.

There are hundreds of survivors across the U.S. who volunteer for the National Organization of POMC as Chapter Leaders, Co-Leaders, Contact Persons and State Coordinators. If you are at a point in your life where you are ready to reach out to others who have suffered the loss of a loved one due to violence, please contact me.

The following states need someone to offer support services through phone, email, support group meetings, & court accompaniment, etc.:

Alabama
District of Columbia
Hawaii
Mississippi
Montana
Nebraska
North Dakota
Oklahoma
Rhode Island
Tennessee
Utah
Vermont
Wyoming
Volunteers are essential in fulfilling our mission!

Nothing teaches hope, kindness, courage, and compassion like helping others.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time…they just have the heart.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many Contact Persons and State Coordinators throughout the U.S. who also offer invaluable services to those survivors in their state who reach out to them for additional support, especially when there is not a POMC Chapter nearby. These volunteers are willing to spend time talking, and especially listening, to others about their loss. Let us recognize some of our Contact Persons who have offered continuous supportive services to others for more than 15 years.

We Honor...

Tom Mathias - Contact Person since 2003, Arizona
In Loving Memory of His Son

Ted Mathias
Age: 24 Years

Maureen Kane Bratton - Contact Person Since 2004, Florida
In Loving Memory of Her Son

Justin Kane Valenzano
Age: 23 Years

Sherry And Babe Nolan - Contact Persons Since 2004, Ohio
In Loving Memory of Their Daughter And Granddaughter

Shannon Marie Nolan-Broe Age: 24 Years
Alexandra Jordan Nolan-Broe, Unborn

Stephanie Belgard - Contact Person since 2005, Louisiana
In Loving Memory of Her Daughter

Courtney Megan Coco
Age: 19 Years

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NEW ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP THROUGH FACEBOOK.

Are you on Facebook? If so make sure to join our Facebook support group which is being used as a topic forum to talk among one another, share stories of your loved one and lean on one another for support. You can join the group at www.facebook.com/groups/POMCOFFICIAL

Please note, this is the ONLY official online POMC support group. If you belong to other groups claiming to be POMC please be aware that they are not affiliated with or representatives of POMC.

We still have our National page on Facebook as well which is used for updates within the organization and National Office as well as other important information. Again, this is the ONLY official page for POMC (besides Chapter pages) so please be aware if you are linked with other pages claiming to be a POMC Facebook account. You can access our National Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/National-Organization-of-Parents-Of-Murdered-Children-Inc-145164118873865/

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The catalog provides color photos and a listing for all POMC items: books, bumper stickers, brochures, clothing, magnets, music, etc.

Information on items for POMC’s National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, special gifts, memorials, and tributes are also included in the catalog.

Contact POMC today for your free copy.

Dedication Page Information
Dedication Pages are included in each publication of the Survivors Newsletters. Not only is this a way to memorialize our loved ones, it also helps to defray the cost of publishing the newsletter. We offer this opportunity to pay tribute with poems, photos (black and white only), letters/loving thoughts or special requests.

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Send item and appropriate donation to “Dedication Page,” POMC, 635 W. 7th Street, Suite 104, Cincinnati, OH 45203. Please include your name and daytime phone number in case we have to contact you for clarification.

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