



BASIS is
a ministry to
bereaved parents
and their families.

Renew

"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

Such a Love

By Tim Sheetz, Interim Director of BASIS

Recently, many of our H*VMI staff attended the memorial service for Shirley Cook. God worked through Shirley's life and her love for Him to begin H*VMI's BASIS Ministry.



Shirley never married, never had a child of her own; but, oh, how she loved children! She ministered to them wherever she encountered them, but especially at her church and also through the H*VMI Sunday school programs she began at Children's

Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Over a twenty year span in the ministry at CHOP, whether directly under Shirley's oversight or under the oversight of other H*VMI missionaries who followed Shirley in her leadership role there, hundreds of children received Christ as Savior.

Shirley not only had a love for the children to whom she ministered, but, she loved their parents as well. Her heart was deeply touched when some of the parents she met at CHOP experienced the death of their child. She wanted to comfort them. She wanted to give them opportunity to talk about their grief and share stories about their children.

She found a way to do that, and it became the foundation for the BASIS ministry. Five mothers, whose children had died at CHOP, got together with each other and with Shirley for three hours to talk, laugh and weep. It was the first BASIS Support Group!

The foundation of Shirley's life was a deep and abiding love for Jesus. She lived her 100 years and 4 months to share Jesus. Her life was all about Him.

In the 104 verses of Philippians, Paul mentioned Jesus' Name 40 times. That means that Paul spoke (wrote) about Jesus an average of once every 2.5 verses. Paul's passion was to know Christ and to make Him known. Shirley Cook wouldn't be far behind Paul in the many ways she proclaimed Jesus. She loved Him—her Husband, Jesus—with all her heart. What she had in Him far outweighed what she didn't have in this life. I am convinced that, when her graduation day came, there was a vast number of her "adopted" children who, along with Jesus, welcomed her Home.

May all that has been and could be said of Shirley and her love and commitment to Jesus Christ also be said of you and me.

H*VMI Upcoming Events

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| April 18 | H*VMI South Jersey Ministry Fundraising Luncheon
11:30AM–1:30PM, The Grove, Pittsgrove Township NJ 08318 |
| May 2 | Annual BASIS Breakfast
9:30AM–12:30PM, Yoder's Restaurant and Banquet Center, New Holland PA |
| May 27 | Handi*Camp begins |
| July 17&18 | HV*MI Annual Yard Sale
7:00AM–5:00PM, 28 Heritage Road, Akron PA 17501 |
| August 8 | Annual BASIS Picnic, Akron PA
11:00AM–3:00PM, <i>Save the date</i> —details to come later |

Visit the H*VMI website or call our office for event details listed above. hvmi.org • 717.859.4777

The Legacy of Memories

By Doug and Ann Bennett

“Although we seem so far apart, you’re always here within our hearts. You filled our lives with joy and pleasure; you were such a precious treasure.”

From: Next Gen Memorials

Keeping the memory of a departed child within our hearts, recapturing the joy and pleasure they brought, can take on many forms as time passes. For the newly bereaved parent, recalling memories of a child in heaven can at first be difficult as “first anniversaries” of special days come and go. Yet, with the passage of time, memories of a child lost through death can be maintained in a variety of ways that can be treasured by all family members.

Memory keeping for our 19 year old daughter Patty, began 25 years ago as a result of a car accident. Through the years, and through shared experiences from our facilitating Griefshare, we extend some “memory legacies” that may be helpful.

Creating a memorial wall with significant photos and special achievements of a departed child can be very meaningful. For us, this was very helpful within the first few years after our daughter’s death. As time passed, the wall changed. Photos that were initially part of the wall found their way into other locations in our home. Suggesting here that memories that are very profound initially may take on a different meaning with passage of time. And that’s ok. Because the memory of your child will forever remain in your heart regardless of how the “memory legacy” changes over time.



“Patty Bear”

Patty was born on June 6. During the years since her passing we have sponsored a number of children through various child - supporting agencies. There is one prerequisite for each child we support. The prerequisite is that their birthday

has to be on June 6. Now each year we are able to send a birthday gift to the children we support on Patty’s birthday. We do it in memory of Patty. This is one way we can still remember her birthday as a “special day.”

Parting with belongings after a child’s death can be difficult. A suggestion we have modeled is to create a quilt or memory figure from some of their clothing. Our daughter was a competitive gymnast. We took three of her competition leotards and had them made into memory bears. One bear remains with us and the other two were given to her two sisters. You will see our “Patty Bear” displayed in this article. Our youngest daughter also has a memory quilt made up of many of Patty’s T shirts she wore over the years.

Another way of keeping a child’s memory alive is to talk about them. You can make them “come alive” through conversation. The model for me came from my grandparents who lost their youngest son, Samuel; who was in a car accident when he was 26. Although I never met my Uncle Sam, being born nine years after his accident; my grandparents made my Uncle Sam come alive to me through their references about him through their conversation. We have done the same with our grandchildren, Making frequent references to their Aunt Patty as often as we can.

If the loss of a child has been recent, it is helpful to do some journaling to record special things about your child. If journaling is not your thing, taking the time to write down bullet points or short sentences about your child can be very meaningful as time passes. This exercise can be very helpful because memories have a way of changing with the passage of time. Things that are important shortly after a child’s death



have a way of changing in significance over time. Again, that’s ok. Know the child that now resides with Jesus will forever remain in your heart. For sure! The legacy of your child’s memory will endure.

Doug and Ann Bennett have been involved in BASIS and H*VMI since losing their daughter 25 years ago. Doug currently serves as board chairman of H*VMI. They also facilitate Griefshare in their church in Charlotte, NC. Ann is also very involved in Umbrella Ministries for Moms who have lost a child.

Share your memory legacy. In the next edition of RENEW we will be sharing additional ways parents have maintained a memory legacy of their child. Additional contributions to this article can be sent via email to: cwhiting@hvmi.org

BASIS Monthly Support Groups

for Bereaved parents and their families —Join us at one of these locations.

- Akron, PA** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM (Sept-May)
- Aldan, PA** 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 PM
- Lavelle, PA** 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Lebanon, PA** 1st Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Oct-June)

- Paradise, PA** 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM (Sept-May)
- Quarryville, PA** 3rd Monday, 3:00 PM
- Harrington, DE** 1st Thursday, 7:30 PM

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- Your prayers
- Referring other bereaved parents to our ministry
- Participating in BASIS sponsored events as you are able
- Placing your child on the “Wall of Remembrance”
- Using resources provided by BASIS
- Your financial donations



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Ministering to bereaved parents and their families through a support system of personal contact, newsletters, support groups and other activities.



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Dates to Remember



A Prayer Plan

The plan is very simple. Use the dates below as your guide. Keep *Renew* in a handy place and pray for the parents of the children remembered on each day. You will be blessed and so will the ones for whom you pray.

MARCH

- 1: Daniel Hayes-date of birth and death
- 2: Kyler Owens-date of birth and death
- 2: Bailey O'Neill-birthday
- 3: Bailey O'Neill, David Parrillo-died
- 6: Jonathan Teets-died
- 7: Mark Lueder-birthday
- 7: Scott Hickman-died
- 8: Glenn Auld-died
- 9: Stephen Wildasin-birthday
- 10: Haleigh Kappre-birthday
- 10: Patrick Hastings, Colleen Heron, Joe Pilotti-died
- 11: Kristan Lefferts-died
- 11: Barbara Peifer, Victoria Peifer-birthday
- 14: Hershel Scriven-died
- 14: Chuckie Magee-birthday
- 15: Hershel Scriven-birthday
- 15: Jay Delp, Shawn Walsh-died
- 17: Barbara Lang, Collin Peters-birthday
- 18: Joseph Tucker-birthday
- 18: Michelle (Wells) Patch, Joel Shrum, Sara Yorty-died
- 19: Susan Alexander, Tyler Hamvas, Rose Rogers-died
- 20: Maurice Williams-died
- 21: Nathanael Beiler, Haleigh Kappre-died
- 22: Tommy Burke-birthday
- 23: Gerard Dooley-died
- 23: Peter Hallinan, Mark Meher-birthday
- 24: Jeannie Ellis Wilkins-died
- 25: Logan McKinney-died
- 29: Winifred Ellis-died
- 29: Darin Findley, Joel Haines-birthday

APRIL

- 1: Robin Hull-birthday
- 3: Nathan Peters-birthday
- 5: Ryan DiGuseppe-died
- 5: Brandon Lock-birthday
- 6: Jason Dempsey-died
- 7: Edith Sullivan, Terri Ann Wilson-birthday
- 7: Stephen Jones, Justin Mayer-died
- 8: Scott Bartholomew-birthday
- 8: George Radcliffe-died
- 9: Kevin Barto-birthday
- 9: Robert Reedy, Ninel Zaharia-died
- 9: Grace Peruski-date of birth and death
- 10: Hannah Cohen-birthday
- 11: Joseph Hansell, Dolores Jewell, Joel Shrum, Marcus Smith-birthday
- 11: Steven Butts-died
- 12: David Benster, Jeffrey Rhinehart-birthday
- 12: Mirela Zaharia-died
- 13: Michael Smoyer-died
- 14: Mark Lefever, Ashley Meyers-birthday
- 14: Chad Bettinger-died
- 15: Peggy Ann Floyd-birthday
- 16: Jonathan Teets-birthday
- 17: Dusty Auld, Peter Toebe-birthday
- 18: Chelsea Denham, Laura Reyburn, Richard Singmaster-died
- 19: Craig Austin, Ashley Sankus-birthday
- 19: Paul Stranix, Brittany Wrigley-died
- 20: Victoria Peifer-died
- 21: Scott McTyier-birthday
- 22: Sam Cook, David Steiner-died
- 25: Stephen Jones, Richard McAfee, Jason Thomas-birthday
- 26: Alexandru-Valentin Zaharia-birthday
- 27: Jessica Baransky, Stacey Gutz-died
- 27: Landon Vels-birthday
- 28: Rachel King-birthday

MAY

- 1: Lydia Cameron-died
- 2: Annie Marie Craven-birthday
- 3: Corinne Harris-birthday
- 4: Dusty Auld, Emily Porter, Philip Wilkins-died
- 5: Amanda Vonderhorst, Daniel Weaver-birthday
- 7: Jessica Baransky, Chad Bettinger, Jimmy Nowasielski-birthday
- 8: Brittany Wrigley-birthday
- 10: Kathleen Fullam-died
- 11: Tyler Hamvas-birthday
- 11: Tina Genovese-died
- 12: Gala Hershey-birthday
- 14: Tina Genovese-birthday
- 14: Terri Ann Wilson-died
- 15: Anthony Lepera-died
- 16: Ashley Sankus, Edith Sullivan, Sakina Wilson-died
- 18: Timothy Flocco-died
- 18: Robert Ranck-date of birth and death
- 19: Scott Wolff-birthday
- 20: Ryleigh Canham, Chuckie Magee, Abie Schneck-died
- 21: Robbie Gillis-birthday
- 21: Presley Robinson-died
- 22: Sarah Ann Cole-died
- 22: Glenn Auld, Gioanni Cole-Birthday
- 23: Gioanni Cole, Jason Herr-died
- 25: Aaron Wilbur-birthday
- 26: Amy Parker-birthday
- 26: Sheila Hollinger-died
- 27: Nathan Swymer-birthday
- 27: Jerry Legg, Tim Wolfe-died
- 28: Susan Alexander-birthday
- 28: Thomas Lavin-died
- 29: Jessica Simrell-birthday
- 29: Anna Diffenderfer-died

NOTE: If you received *Renew* and your child's name is not shown in their birth and death month, please notify us immediately so we can make those corrections. Thank you for your understanding.