



# IRIS INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE

## Whispers of the Heart E-Newsletter

**Please NOTE:**

IRIS will no longer be printing and mailing every newsletter. This will allow funds to be allocated to higher priorities. Our newsletters will be emailed, posted on our website, and on Facebook.

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

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Diana Sundwall

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## National Quilt Gathering in Washington D.C.

This year IRIS is delighted to be part of the National QUILT conference held on October 15, 2014. QUILT, (*Quietly United In Loss Together*), is a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Campaign started by Nneka Hall from Massachusetts.

Hall's vision for October 15, 2014 is one which includes thousands of families touched by the loss of an infant coming together in Washington, D.C. to

walk from the White House to the National Mall where

tion through the first 24 months of life.

"On October 15, we will walk as a united body to remember babies who may otherwise be forgotten and to raise awareness about the many causes of pregnancy and infant loss." said

**May 16, 2014 ~ Sundwall Resigns from National Quilt Committee.**  
"This will have no affect on IRIS or the IRIS Memorial Quilts" said Sundwall.

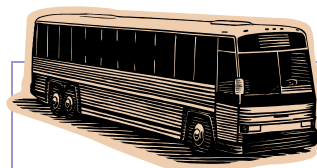
**May 17, 2014 ~ Washington DC Quilt Gathering Postponed.**

our memorial quilt will be on display.

The goal is to raise awareness about losses that occur from concep-

Hall.

Additional gatherings and events are being held in the UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand on October 15th (International Pregnancy and Infant Loss

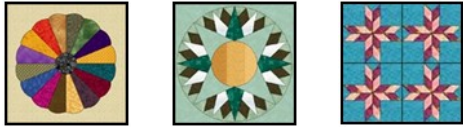


### Join us in Washington D.C. !

Plans are being made for an IRIS bus trip to Washington D.C. for the QUILT Gathering. The price has not yet been determined as we are waiting for hotel rates. Space is limited to 40 for this

Adult-only trip. Tentative plans departing October 13th from the IRIS House in Faribault MN and returning October 19th. Plans include the QUILT Walk and QUILT Displays. You are also invited to join us in visiting many of the Free National Monuments, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian, the Holocaust Museum, etc. Everyone is welcome to join us on the bus regardless of where you live. Remember we will be leaving from Faribault, MN. If you are interested in joining us, you are asked to contact IRIS.

**April 2, 2014 - IRIS Bus Trip Canceled**



## “Infant Loss Memorial Quilt”

The Infants Remembered In Silence “Infant Loss Memorial Quilt” is designed to honor, remember, and celebrate an infant or young child that has died. We will be bringing the IRIS Memorial Quilts to the National Quilt Conference in October 2014.

### Who can contribute a quilt square?

Anyone who has had an infant or young child die.

### How many blocks can I make?

Due to the tremendous overwhelming response to this project and the size of each block, we request that each family honor their child by creating one (1) block per child that has died.

### General Requirements for IRIS Quilt Block

- ♥ Finished quilt block must be 12 inches by 12 inches square.
- ♥ Each block will have a center square that will hold information such as name, date of birth, date of death, pictures, etc. (color of your choice) See pattern.
- ♥ Your entire design must fit inside the 8 inch center square of your block.
- ♥ Each block will have a 2” boarder on all sides. (color of your choice) See pattern.
- ♥ Block must be made of a durable washable fabric. It is our experience that the quilt will be touched, handled, and folded often. 100% cotton fabric is recommended to ensure that your child’s block will withstand normal wear and tear.
- ♥ Inkjet printable fabrics are acceptable.
- ♥ Finished quilt block should NOT be “hemmed or finished” in any manner.

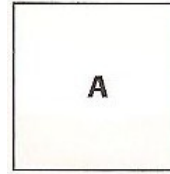
### ONLINE INFO

Helpful Hints, Deadlines, Mailing Information, Quilt Release Form and Pattern Available at [www.irisRemembers.com](http://www.irisRemembers.com)



## IRIS Memorial Quilt Block Pattern

1. Cut pieces as indicated below.



Cut 1 of Piece “A”  
9 ¼” Square

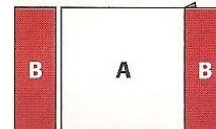


Cut 2 of piece “B”  
9 ¼” X 2 ⅝”

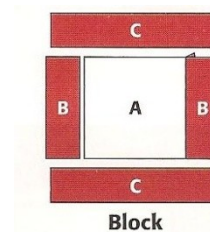


Cut 2 of piece “C”  
12” X 2 ⅝”

2. Decorate piece “A” being sure to leave ⅝” boarder for the seam allowance on all sides.
3. Sew pieces “B” to the right and left side of piece “A” as indicated.



4. Press seam allowance toward piece “B”.
5. Sew pieces “C” to pieces “A” and “B” as indicated below.



6. Press seam allowance toward piece “C”.
7. Complete paperwork and mail to:

218 Third Ave NW  
Faribault, MN 55021



# Past Events



## Silent Vigil Lantern Lighting October 15, 2013

Lanterns from the IRIS Silent Vigil were lit on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in honor of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. The weather was not favorable so we placed the candles in the Lanterns and set them in the windows of the IRIS House. The candles (battery operated) were still going the evening Oct. 22, 2013. These candle lights burned for 120 hours (5 days).

# 2013 Luminaries



## Balloon Release



Over 110 people showed up for the 11th Annual Balloon Release and Potluck at Kinder Park on Sunday, October 6, 2013 in Faribault, MN. We have had many balloons returned to the IRIS house and sent back to the parents. Thank you to all who attended and participated. Hope you can join us again in 2014!

## Little Black Dress



Vintage Flair Affair, Nov. 16, 2013  
Monterey Ballroom, Owatonna



A portion of the funds raised at this event will be given to IRIS. As you can see the ladies who joined us for this event had a marvelous time!

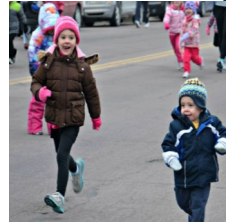
# 5th Annual IRIS Turkey Trot



Infants Remembered In Silence received a lot of love at the 2013 Turkey Trot. We were certainly blessed with the weather which made for a great turn out with nearly 1,600 participants! We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers and would like to extend a warm Thank You to all who contributed, especially our sponsors!. Hope to see you out there again on Thanksgiving, 2014!



Viking Cheerleaders & Diana

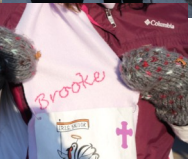
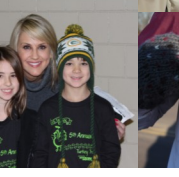
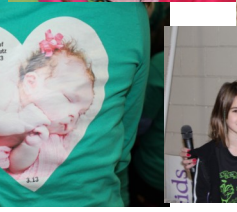
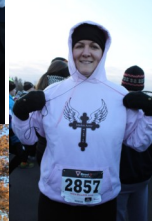


2013 Tot Trot/Gobble



## Thank You 2013 Turkey Trot Committee

- Deanna Kuennen— Chair Person
- Angie Sundwall—Registration & Volunteers
- Katie Favro—Memorials
- Jenni Umbreit—Kids Events
- Aundrea Vogelsberg—Kids Events
- Diana Sundwall
- Jason & Angie Petricka
- Hailey Harn
- Courtney Wolff
- Tonya Dunn
- Tom Helgeson
- Renee & Rob Kleeberger
- Stacy Chmelik
- Katie Mann
- Angie Neubauer
- Jennie Vargo



## 2013 Sponsors

### DIAMOND: (\$2,000 +)

- ♥ Blue Sky Mechanical
- ♥ Kinetico
- ♥ SouthernMinnScene.com

### PLATINUM: (\$1,000—\$1,999)

- ♥ Angie's Kettle Corn
- ♥ District One Hospital
- ♥ Fette Electronics
- ♥ Rent-N-Save

### GOLD: (\$500—\$999)

- ♥ Allina Health
- ♥ Bauer Plumbing & Heating
- ♥ Boldt Funeral Home
- ♥ Brown Printing
- ♥ Cable Connection & Supply
- ♥ Cedar Chiropractic
- ♥ Cenneidigh, Inc.
- ♥ Federated Insurance
- ♥ Parker Kohl & McRaith Funeral Homes & Crematory
- ♥ Principal Financial Group, John Priebe, Financial Advisor

- ♥ Tru Vue
- ♥ Ztechs

### SILVER: (\$250—\$499)

- ♥ Bruzek Funeral Home
- ♥ Dennis Funeral & Cremation
- ♥ Grand Stay
- ♥ I & S Group
- ♥ K of C Council 889 Faribault
- ♥ Kenyon VFW Post 141
- ♥ Mayo Health Clinic of Owatonna
- ♥ Midwest Dental
- ♥ Morristown Firemen's Relief Association
- ♥ Rice County Sheriff's Deputies Association Citizenship Fund
- ♥ State Bank Faribault (SBF)
- ♥ Tom's Lock & Key

### BRONZE: (\$100—\$249)

- ♥ Bosch
- ♥ Faribault Transportation
- ♥ Fit For Life
- ♥ G & H Sales
- ♥ Glenn's Towing
- ♥ McDonough Truck Line
- ♥ Reliance Bank
- ♥ Wottreng Family Dental

### OTHER TROT CONTRIBUTORS:

- ♥ American Legion Aux., Faribault
- ♥ Basher's Bowling
- ♥ Boston's
- ♥ Braden Law Office
- ♥ Connie DeGroot
- ♥ Culligan Water
- ♥ Depot Bar & Grill
- ♥ Fareway Foods
- ♥ Faribault Foods
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- ♥ Faribault Moose Lodge
- ♥ Faribault Park n Rec
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- ♥ Goodhue County Abstract
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- ♥ Kathy Hallanger
- ♥ Moose Lodge
- ♥ MRG Tool & Die
- ♥ Northstar Bottling
- ♥ Owatonna VFW 3723
- ♥ Redstar Eyewear
- ♥ Sports Authority
- ♥ Tom & Irene Helgeson





The Holiday Service of Remembrance was held on December 1, 2013. The holiday season is often the hardest time of year for families who have a child die, this breathtaking service gives parents, family, and friends a chance to remember and honor their precious children.



**Butterfly and Poinsettia Memorials**

- ♥ Alaina Grace Rohloff
- ♥ Piper Jo Woodford
- ♥ Jake Michael Schaffran
- ♥ Vicki Graves
- ♥ Our Baby Angel
- ♥ Derek Joseph Sundwall
- ♥ Trevor Pint
- ♥ Maddie
- ♥ Cohen & Calla Hoisington
- ♥ J.J. Wolf
- ♥ Kelly J. Vandereide
- ♥ Erica K. Vandereide
- ♥ Anthony Michael Zimprich
- ♥ John William
- ♥ Jacob Lynn Slama
- ♥ John Paul Slama
- ♥ Glen Bolduan
- ♥ Marilyn Marti
- ♥ Brian Jacobson
- ♥ Brooke Marie Bauer
- ♥ James R. Brown IV
- ♥ George David
- ♥ Graham David
- ♥ Lucy Jane Dowd
- ♥ Aubrey Corionna Dozark
- ♥ Blake Robert Stadler
- ♥ Arlo & Job Gustafson
- ♥ Blake W. Wilson
- ♥ Jayden Anne Krohn
- ♥ Gus Kuennen
- ♥ Hope Kuennen
- ♥ Joseph Thomas Markman
- ♥ Sara Jane Murray
- ♥ JL & JL
- ♥ Angel Brooke
- ♥ Nicholas J. Moravec
- ♥ Jameson Reid Stigder
- ♥ Allison Mary Prechel
- ♥ Jacob Connor Mack
- ♥ Michael Strampe
- ♥ Brandt Babies



Plaque that hang inside of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd reads:

This Chapel is dedicated to the glory of God And in loving memory of Eunice K. Sumway second daughter of Augusta Johnsoton and the late Horatio G. Shumway Died Aril 19, 1859 Aged 13 months and 18 days Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven

**Give to the MAX**  
Give to the MAX day this year brought in approximately \$3,020 for IRIS. This event is held every year to raise money for charities in Minnesota. Thank you for all donations and big thanks to volunteers who promoted for this event.

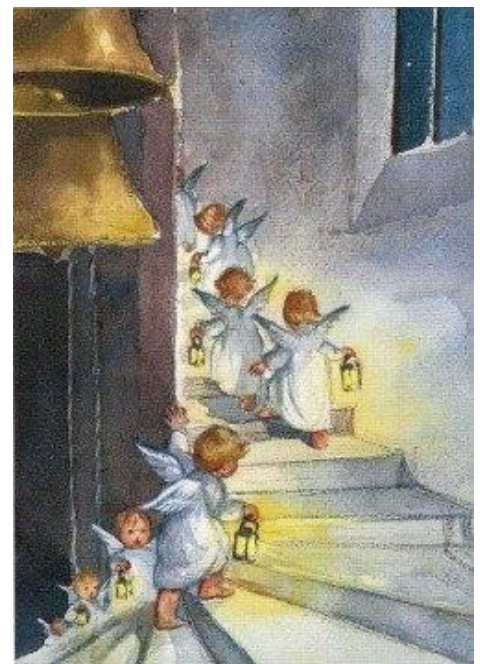
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  - ♥ Diana Sundwall
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## *Infant Memorials*

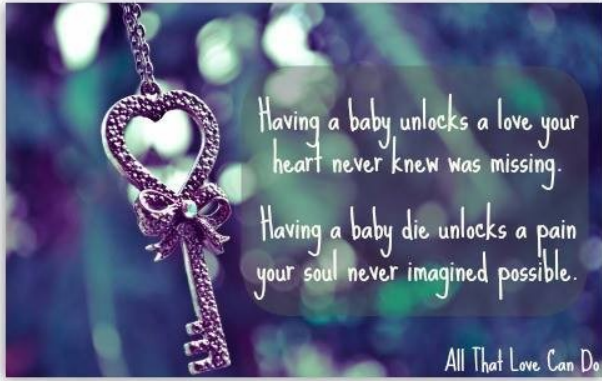
- ♥ **Brooke Marie Bauer**  
Aaron & Britt Bauer
- ♥ **Joshua Neubauer**  
Josh Neubauer Memorial Fund  
Angie and Dan Neubauer
- ♥ **William Thomas Wagner**  
Tim & Sheri Wagner
- ♥ **Garrett Robert Sterling's  
11th Birthday**  
Amy & Bradley Sterling
- ♥ **Joseph Thomas Markman**  
Lori Jo & Todd Markman  
Harold & Toni Amundson
- ♥ **Sara Murray**  
Harold & Toni Amundson
- ♥ **Merissa Mueller**  
Gladys Barsness
- ♥ **William Robert DeGroot**  
Connie & Joe DeGroot
- ♥ **Bethany Agnes DeGroot**  
Connie & Joe DeGroot
- ♥ **Daniel Piepho**  
Kenneth & Kathleen Ryks,  
Marvin & Beverly Ryks
- ♥ **Nicholas Moravec**  
Denise Moravec  
Kenneth Benkowski
- ♥ **Jayden Anne Krohn**  
Jason & Jessica Krohn
- ♥ **Brooke Nicole Mier**  
Heather & Kevin Mier
- ♥ **Blake Robert Stadler**  
Cheryl Fleck
- ♥ **Arlo & Job Gustafson's 1st  
Birthday**  
Ryan & Mary Gustafson
- ♥ **Hope Kuennen**  
Allyn & Deanna Kuennen
- ♥ **Gus Kuennen**  
Allyn & Deanna Kuennen
- ♥ **Baby James Brown IV**  
Laura & Jimi Brown III  
Nancy Tannehill Dupont  
Charitable Fund
- ♥ **Isaiah Shoop**  
Dean & Lu Ann Shoop
- ♥ **Lizzy Sammon Dienst**  
Beth & Dominic Dienst
- ♥ **Chase Douglas LaCanne**  
Melanie & Nick LaCanne
- ♥ **Finley Rae LaCanne**  
Melanie & Nick LaCanne
- ♥ **Corbin Lawrence Wall**  
Theresa Szczublewski
- ♥ **Baby Bedford**  
Stacy Bedford
- ♥ **Derek Joseph Sundwall**  
Diana Sundwall  
Margaret & JD Walker
- ♥ **Scott Arthur Carver**  
Judy Carver  
Christine Petricka
- ♥ **Ethan Patrick Culhane**  
Gwen & Patrick Culhane
- ♥ **Sara Connelly Jones**  
Diane Connelly
- ♥ **Alexus Brooke Kuglin**  
Kristine & James Kuglin
- ♥ **Taylor O'Connor**  
Laura & Nicholas O'Connor
- ♥ **O'Connor Babies**  
Laura & Nicholas O'Connor
- ♥ **Lily Grace Petricka**  
Angela & Jason Petricka
- ♥ **Angel Petricka**  
Angela & Jason Petricka
- ♥ **Issac Petricka**  
Angela & Jason Petricka
- ♥ **Samantha Opal Rolstad**  
Christine Petricka
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Amy & Brad Sillanpa
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- ♥ **John Paul Slama**  
Jacqueline A Slama
- ♥ **Jacob Lynn Slama**  
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- ♥ **Ada Mae Froman**  
Dr. Josh & Molly Froman
- ♥ **Jazmine Arianah Duruji**  
Davina & Quinten Duruji
- ♥ **Baby Lenway**  
Molly & Tim Lenway
- ♥ **Christian Joel Kriesel**  
Julie & Larry Kriesel  
Joel & Tiffany Kriesel





- ♥ United Way of Faribault \$1,750.00
- ♥ Dodge County United Way \$2,250.00

**United Way Contributions**



**General Donations over \$2,000**

- ♥ Suzy's Smile Shines Golf Tournament
- ♥ ABC Bus, Inc.

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

- ♥ Women's Club of Owatonna
- ♥ Nancy Tannehill Dupont Charitable Fund

**General Donations \$500 - \$999**

- ♥ Haunted House put on by Julia & Jeremy Baynes

**General Donations \$250 - \$499**

- ♥ Faribault Evangelical Free Church
- ♥ Divine Mercy School—Dress Down Day

**General Donations Under \$250**

- ♥ Hope United Methodist Church
- ♥ Richie Eye Clinic Employees- Dress Down Day
- ♥ St. Dominic's Church Anonymous
- ♥ Dollars for Doers—Allina—Erin Reinhard
- ♥ Community Shares of Minnesota—Allina—Marianne Vandereide
- ♥ Braden Law
- ♥ Julie Lewis
- ♥ Lisa Knack
- ♥ Sara Jackson
- ♥ Bob & Lori Mickelson
- ♥ David & Kathryn Duchene

LOVE



**Capital Campaign Donations**  
(Donations to pay for IRIS house)

- ♥ Noah & Samuel Priebe Memorial Fund \$20,000
- ♥ Jim's Stained Glass \$200
- ♥ Boldt Funeral Home \$2,000
- ♥ Kathryn Raidt \$100
- ♥ Lan & Tim Anderson \$50

**Thank You for Your In Kind Donations**

- ♥ Embroidered Quilt Squares from Carol Kaune
- ♥ Tools for repairs and maintenance from Jason and Jessica Krohn in Memory of Jaydon Krohn
- ♥ Fabric from Marcia Steffen
- ♥ Copy Paper from Cedar Chiropractic
- ♥ Yarn from Melanie & Nic LaCanne in Memory of Chase & Finley LaCanne
- ♥ Copy Machine from Faribault Daily News
- ♥ Baby Caps & Bracelets from Amy Kincaid in Memory of Lil 'T (Thor Malinko Schweertmann)
- ♥ Kitchen & Bath Towels, Laundry Basket, Towel Rack, Yarn, Pots & Pans, Office Supplies, and Computer Ink from SCC Student Nursing Association
- ♥ Pizza Pan from Britt and Aaron Bauer in Memory of Brooke Marie Bauer
- ♥ Handmade Wooden Toys— Planes, Cars, & Doll Cradles from Dean Fahrendorf
- ♥ House Renovation and Maintenance from Blue Sky Mechanical
- ♥ Shine Grant to help with Printing Needs



*Donations given in Honor Of:*

- ♥ Eleanor Raidt  
JD & Margaret Walker
- ♥ Our Grandchildren & Loved ones  
Stan & Kathie Hanson



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## Daddy



Daddy, please don't look so sad,  
Mama please don't cry—  
Cause I am in the arms of Jesus  
and He sings me lullabies.  
I'll always be there with you,  
and watch the sky at night.  
Find the brightest star that's gleaming,  
that's my halo's brilliant light.  
You'll see me in the morning frost,  
that mists your window pane.  
That's me in the summer showers,  
I'll be dancing in the rain.  
When you feel a gentle breeze,  
from a gentle wind that blows,  
That's me, I'll be there  
planting a kiss on your nose.



### IRIS Wish List

- ♥ Iron and Ironing Board
- ♥ Baby Yarn
- ♥ Trash Bags (tall kitchen and yard)
- ♥ Avery Labels 5160
- ♥ Toilet Paper
- ♥ Swiffer Jet Mop Cleaning Solution
- ♥ Yard Rakes
- ♥ Kleenex
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Dawn Dish Soap
- ♥ Furnace Filters 16X25X1
- ♥ Computer Ink - HP 61 Black & Color

### Support Group Meetings:

**Midday Meetings** are held the second Wednesday of the month from 11 am —1 pm

**Evening Meetings** are held the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7— 8 pm

All IRIS Support Group Meetings are held at the IRIS House.  
Anyone in need of support is encouraged to join us.



## Sunday, February 9th Faribault American Legion

The 17th annual Pancake Breakfast, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, and Bingo Bash was held at the American Legion on Sunday, February 9.

IRIS Volunteers served breakfast to over 410 people, arranged for over 225 silent auction items, and baked countless goodies for the bake sale. We also had over 150 people playing bingo all afternoon for cash prizes.

A special donation for the IRIS capital campaign was received during the event in the amount of \$20,000 from the Noah and Samuel Priebe Memorial Fund. Thank you to their mother, Michele Priebe, for setting up this fund in remembrance of her angels.



Left to Right: Chris Petricka of Kenyon, IRIS treasurer; Diana Sundwall of Faribault, IRIS founder & Executive Director; Michele Priebe of Waseca, IRIS board member; Anna Kettering of Faribault, IRIS board president; and Denise Gillen of Faribault, IRIS board member.

*Thank You*





## ♥ Children with Heart

Earlier in February, IRIS received a cash donation from a little girl named Ella. Ella celebrated her birthday this year with a birthday party. Instead of gifts, Ella's only wish was to collect money that she could donate to IRIS. Between all of the girls who attended her birthday party, they brought in a generous \$60 to give to IRIS. This really goes to show the thoughtfulness and compassion our youth possess. Ella, who seems to be wise beyond her years, wishes someday to become a Neonatologist to help newborn babies.

### I Love You, My Little Baby

I love you, my little baby,  
my companion of the night.  
Wandering through my lonely hours,  
beautiful and bright.

What does it mean to die before  
you ever were born,  
to live the lovely night of life  
and never see the dawn?

Ah! My little baby,  
you lived like anyone!  
Life's a burst of joy and pain.  
And then like yours, it's done.

I love you, my little baby,  
just as if you'd lived for years.  
No more, no less, I think of you,  
the Angel of my tears.

### Brown Eyed Girl

I thought of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new.  
I thought about you yesterday,  
And the days before that, too.  
I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name.  
Now all I have is memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake,  
With which I'll never part.  
God has you in His Keeping,  
I have you in my Heart.

I love & Miss You, My Brown-Eyed  
Girl.  
Love, Momma



We continue to update the red pins on our Map at IRIS House. Red pins represent where balloons have been found across the United States from our annual Balloon Release.



## IRIS Website Hits



IRIS's website, [www.irisremembers.com](http://www.irisremembers.com), has reached 136,000 web hits from 179 countries around the world, these numbers continue to climb daily. It also has been translated into 118 languages.



## Suzy's Smile Shines Golf Tournament



Infants Remembered In Silence Inc. received a donation of \$3,000 from the Suzy's Smile Shines Golf Tournament (a 2013 memorial golf tournament). Pictured left are family members of Suzy Kaderlik's: Steve Winkels, Chad and Brecken Kaderlik, Diana Sundwall - IRIS Executive Director and Christine Bothun (Winkels).

## Hopes and Dreams So Early Lost

By Nana's Corner, 2008

My dear, dear grandchild,  
Brought together at such a cost,  
Hopes and dreams so early lost.  
The moon and stars belong to you,  
But I don't know what to do.  
Heaven shines your resilient love,  
As I look for you above.  
Wait for me by the garden gate,  
I promise I won't be late.  
Our memories will be my guide,  
Your bright love will be my light.  
Remember, the one I adore,  
Together, we'll be once more.



## Joy and Pain and Lack of Same

By Mary Klomps - 1985

You never knew the joy of life;  
the sound of birds that sing.  
You'll never feel the  
warm sunshine,  
the smell or sounds of spring.  
You'll never feel the sting of pain,  
the joy of butterflies,  
or feel life's heartaches either,  
feel hurt when someone cries.  
You'll never know if you've  
done wrong,  
or know when something's right.  
You'll never have a loss,  
or see the stars at night.  
You'll never feel the joy of touch,  
the hurt of withholding the same.  
We'll never know the  
"full joy of you."  
You'll never know our pain.  
You'll never know any of these;  
we'll never forget your name.  
We'll glory in the lessons  
you taught because you came.



## Labor of My Heart

Author Unknown

I would have given anything  
to be the one  
to know the pain of bringing  
you into this world but it  
couldn't be  
Though I did not bring you here still  
labored in my tears through the  
long nights I prayed you would  
come to me  
You are the labor of my  
heart Child,  
you are the labor of my heart with  
all my strength I prayed till  
they laid  
you in my arms Child, you are  
the labor of my heart  
Blessed be the maker of  
bone of other bone  
He made flesh of my desire  
and today I take you home  
You are the labor of my  
heart Child,  
you are the labor of my heart with  
all my strength I prayed  
till they laid you  
in my arms Child,  
you are the labor of my  
heart Child,  
you are the labor of my heart

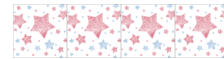


## My Secret Garden

By Sarah Eby

In memory of Ricky

My sorrow is  
my secret garden  
where I go  
when I feel alone.  
There I find  
the brook of tears,  
the soft blossom of a broken heart,  
and fields of emptiness.  
My secret garden  
grows freely  
in the darkness  
of my baby's death.  
Where do I find  
a single bud of hope  
watered by tears  
in a meadow of despair?  
I am alone  
in my garden  
because I've lost  
my way, my baby.



## A New Star Shining

By Darren's uncle Paul

In memory of

Darren Russell Joseph Leahy  
June 22, 1994 – October 25, 1994

If you look up in the skies tonight,  
you'll see a new  
star shining bright.  
We will miss Darren's  
gentle touch,  
we will miss his sweet little smiles.  
We all wonder why?  
With a million tears we cry.  
We will always remember him,  
even though he was here for such  
a short time.  
There's a new  
ittle angel in heaven.  
So when you look up  
in the skies tonight,  
you'll see a  
new star shining bright.  
It's our little angel, Darren,  
shining his loving light  
on us tonight.