

“Brief Lives - Remembered”

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Welcome to our Newsletter - *If you are receiving our newsletter for the first time, we are pleased that you have found our unique charity and hope that this newsletter brings some comfort in knowing you are not alone.*

It has been a tough eighteen months for us all as the result of the restrictions to our lives through the pandemic. We hope that you have all managed to find support and comfort either from friends & family or Brief Lives - Remembered.



"In 2012 "Brief Lives - Remembered" became a registered charity, this will enable us to move forward into the future with some exciting new projects with you your precious children at the center of all we do.

We would like to thank all those for sharing their stories, poems, and thoughts in our newsletter. I never fail to be moved and inspired by all the families I speak too and feel honoured to share all your stories.

Best wishes

Paula Jackson

Each new life... No matter how fragile or brief...
Forever changes the world."

Author unknown

Donations & Gift Aid - *It is always a privilege to receive donations towards the work of "Brief Lives - Remembered."*

Thank you to all, who have donated to our funds over the last year. Your generous donations will help us to continue our work.

Donations can now be made to one of two accounts depending on where you would like your money to be used.

Brief Lives - Remembered" - General Fund - *Is for the general running of "Brief Lives - Remembered" including Baby Traces. Website, Administration etc.*



Brief Lives - Remembered" - Memorial Fund - *Is money designated towards fundraising for our memorial campaign. that you or someone you know are considering, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

Donating Online - *We are in the process of creating an online donation page through "Give as you Live". The online donation page will be accessible from our website.*

Gift Aid - *Gift Aid is a scheme enabling registered charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a taxpayer, effectively increasing the amount of the donation.*



Wills & Legacies

A will is a legal declaration by which a person names one or more persons to manage his or her estate and provides for the distribution of his or her property at death.

By leaving a gift to Brief Lives - Remembered in your will you will be helping us to continue our work supporting and finding answers for those effected by the death of a baby. Once you have made provision for you family, we would be very grateful if you'd consider including Brief Lives - Remembered in your will.

We recommend using a solicitor to draw up your will.



Amazon Smile You can help raise funds when shopping with Amazon by signing up to AmazonSmile. Choose Brief Lives - Remembered as your charity and every purchase starting at AmazonSmile will help our charity. Join today go too

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

Publicity Database

We would like to say thank you to Yvonne, Joy, Kim, and Enid who have shared the story of their baby over the last year with the BBC, Daily Mail and You Magazine.

In the last year we have received an amazing response as result of the publicity

Including: Over eight hundred requests to trace a baby's resting place, Advice Support



We are now building up a database of family members who would be interested in telling their story in the future. If you feel you may be interested, please contact us at brieflivesremembered@hotmail.co.uk

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My Daughter

In 1968 at 17 years old I found myself pregnant to my boyfriend who was 4 years older than me and who I thought I was madly in love with. I realized years later just how naive and unworldly I was, like many others at that time.

My parents were horrified and very disappointed and there was no question other than we get married. I couldn't have the lovely white wedding I had dreamed of but just the register office. We went to live with his parents as we had no money and there was no room at my parents.

The day following the marriage he slapped me, in front of his mother and sister, because I didn't want to go to a neighbor's house on my own.



It was not a happy house, and I was very unhappy in that atmosphere. My pregnancy was not an easy one, terrible morning sickness and kidney problems. I loved being pregnant and feeling my baby kick. At 35 weeks I went into labor though didn't realize immediately. I went into Princess Royal Maternity Home the following morning and baby Jane was born at 5.15pm on 13 May 1969. She weighted exactly 4 lbs., the only time I saw her was when the staff showed me her wrapped in sort of tin foil before she was taken to Huddersfield Infirmary. I was told she

needed to go there for specialist care, and I never saw her again. I repeatedly asked to be transferred to the hospital but was told in no uncertain terms that was not possible. I was in a ward with all the mothers and their babies.

On the Friday I had no visitors and remember being very upset and hid under the covers. I asked many times for news of Jane's condition and was told she was ok but may need surgery. On the Sunday my husband visited me at evening visiting though I remember being very sad and tearful and he didn't want to talk about Jane. Later that evening, I think about 9pm a nurse came and pulled the curtains round my bed, my husband then came in and I could see by his face something was wrong. Jane had passed away. The following day I was discharged. I asked him what had happened to Jane and was told "in such circumstances the hospital take care of the dead babies". He said it was for the best as we had no money and that was how it had to be. I was naturally very upset but dare not question him further. I knew a notice of her birth had been put in the local paper and got hold of a copy. However no notice of her death was put in and I was told it was waste of money.

On returning to my in-laws' home I was greeted by my mother-in-law who was knitting a baby coat which had been for my daughter. Her words to me as I came in the door were "I know I was knitting this for you but I'm knitting it for someone else, you just have to get on with it". How cruel was that. I have to admit that my own mother never said a word about my daughter's death when I visited, I had to deal with the grief on my own.

We saved hard and put deposit on a house, but it was never a partnership, he made the decisions and I accepted that's how it was. He decided he didn't want the responsibility of children and though I adored children I accepted and made the sacrifice. I even made excuses that I couldn't get pregnant. I supported him in whatever he wanted to do and worked hard alongside him. There were

a number of times he hit me in the early days of marriage. There were happy times but also very unhappy ones too.

Over the years I mourned Jane and that I hadn't had children but kept it inside. The relationship deteriorated, the last 10 years to the point I was fearful and wanted out of the marriage. In October 2019 I discovered whilst doing the family tree that Jane's date of birth had been recorded on the wrong date. I then heard about Brief Lives and within 2 weeks with their help I discovered that she had been buried in a cemetery in Huddersfield, but no actual plot could not be identified. A number of babies are buried in an area. I wanted to put right the wrong date of birth so applied to Kirklees to correct this. I had to get evidence of her correct birth date and my doctor was able to provide the evidence which was accepted. What it did uncover however was that my husband's sister registered her birth and death, pretending to be me the mother. She obviously knew the undertaker and the date she was buried and where. She flatly denies this, but I have seen the original birth and death certificate which she signed claiming to be the mother. How can someone do this. I questioned my husband about this, and he claimed to know nothing about the burial, he couldn't even remember his daughter's name. He claims I am mental raising this after 51 and I need treatment and that he could not remember and believes his sister that she had nothing to do with it. They concocted a story that the undertaker dealt with it.



They denied me of knowing for all these years where my daughter was buried and worse that I could have actually gone to her burial. They then suggested they did it to save me from grieving.

I left my husband in December 2019 and have absolutely no regrets, only that I should have done it much sooner.

I visit the site and have made a little garden round a beautiful copper beach tree within the vicinity of where she is buried.

I refuse to tell him where she is but as he couldn't remember her name what does he care? I don't want him knowing either.



Thank You

I would like to thank Paula for dedicating her time and expertise to Helping others, our mother did not like to talk about the baby she lost so without Paula's help my sister and I would have no record at all of the date our sister was born and died or where she was buried. As our father is estranged but still alive, we were unable to obtain the birth/death certificate. Finally, she is part of our family once more and we are able to add her to our family. We also have the comfort that she was buried with a local lady rather than alone.

Sam Falcone



Marnie Louise Collings

16/6/1968

*'The baby that I carried
But I never saw her eyes
Or told her that I loved her
And I never heard her cries
But in my heart, there's a special place*

Pam Storr - 2021

Mark

We spent 20 years or more searching for Mark, and we were blessed to find you and you found him within 1 hour he was in an unmarked grave on his own. I then gave my mum time to emotionally get herself in a place to be ready to do something to acknowledge where he was and we found Burnham Funeral Services who were amazing with us and finally mark has been recognized it's been a very emotional journey and one that has strengthened my bond with my mum as my dad would never have told her where he was which is hard to come to terms with I feel she can find peace and let go of guilt it goes far deeper than this as you know Paula but you've helped so much his birthday is coming next month and mum and I will send a donation to mark this



You are a truly amazing lady Paula thank you.

How very softly you tiptoed into our world, almost silently.
Only a moment you stayed,
but what an imprint your footprints have left upon our hearts.

Author Unknown

Louise

Although we never met you
And never saw your face
You should know that in our hearts
We kept a special place.
A place where we'd imagine
Just how you might have grown.
Where you could join in all the fun
And never be alone.
You would have had two sisters
And a brother to take care
That you would be so happy
And have their love to share
But life is an adventure
We cannot know the way
That each of us will follow
To the future; years away
You never were too far from us
This much I know is true
For your sister has remembered
And named her child for YOU. xx

By Marianne Kiff.



My Brother's Resting Place

When I was three years old, my baby brother, Ben, died of cot death. His death is my earliest memory, and I can recall images of that day. However, due to my parents' immense grief, we children were not taken to the funeral, and there is no grave. The death is rarely talked about in my family.

I first read about Brief Lives - Remembered a couple of years ago in a BBC news article, and my interest was immediately sparked. I contacted Paula for more information although I was not ready to request support at that point. I had been working for some time to process the buried emotions from the death and it had not been easy.



Eventually, this Spring, I asked Brief Lives - Remembered to trace Ben's resting place and was amazed at how quickly they found the answer! I now know that he was cremated, and where his ashes are scattered. This has given me hope that I will gradually be able to come to terms with events of the past and find peace. I was also able to leave a tribute on the Brief Lives -Remembered website: "Baby Ben, died January 1985. Loved and missed by your sister".

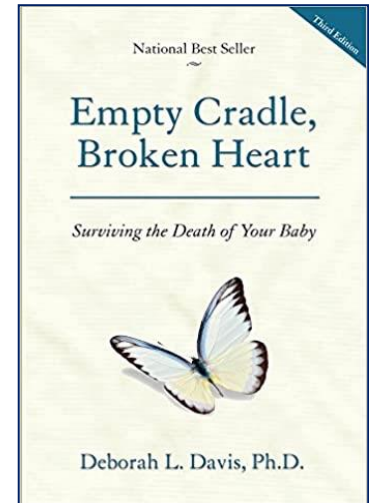
I am so grateful for the unique service and kind support offered. This has been an important milestone in my journey. Thank you.



Focus on Books

Empty Cradle Broken Heart

The heartache of miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death affects thousands of families every year. Empty Cradle, Broken Heart, Third Edition offers reassurance to parents who struggle with anger, guilt, and despair during and after such a tragedy. In this new and updated edition, Deborah Davis encourages grieving and strives to cover many different kinds of loss, including information on issues such as the death of one or more babies from a multiple birth, pregnancy interruption, and the questioning of aggressive medical intervention. There is also a special chapter for fathers as well as a chapter on "protective parenting" to help anxious parents enjoy their precious living children. Doctors, nurses, relatives, friends, and other support persons can gain special insight. Most importantly, parents facing the death of a baby will find necessary support in this gentle guide.



A sensitively written and thoughtful book.

The Little One We Longed For

*The world may never notice
if a rosebud doesn't bloom
or even pause to wonder if the petals fall too soon,

but every life that ever forms
or ever comes to be
touches the world
in some small way for all eternity.*

*The little one we longed for
was swiftly here and gone,
but the love that was then planted
is a light that still shines on

And though our arms are empty
our hearts know what to do
every beating of our heart says,
"We will remember you."*

Author Unknown

Remembering Baby Gaynor

Remembering baby Gaynor born 11th April 1967 and died 6th May 1967. The wonderful Paula found her resting with other little babies in an unmarked corner of Streatham Park Cemetery. It means so much to be able to visit and lay flowers after all the years of not knowing where she lay.

I love you my little baby,
Just as if you had lived for years,
No more, no less I think of you,
The angel of my tears.



Baby Loss Awareness Week. In the UK

Every year from 9th - 15th October it is Baby Loss Awareness Week.

Throughout the week bereaved parents, family members and friends can commemorate the all-too-brief lives of their babies., knowing that thousands of other families elsewhere in the world will be doing the same.

The week is also crucial opportunity for people to talk openly about the subject of and raise awareness of baby loss.

We Remember...

*"An angel in the book of life wrote down my baby's birth.
Then whispered as she closed the book 'too beautiful for earth'."*

July

Philip Toomey - 1st July 1955

Stephen Corbett - Born 6th June 1955 & Died 13th July 1955

Paul Christopher David Rosie - 6th July 1984

Alice Mellows - Stillborn 8th July 1968

Zoe Braybrook - Born asleep 12th July 1978

Baby Jones - Stillborn 15th July 1953

Karen Cecelia Hassell - Stillborn 16th July 1961

Freddie Lowrie Gibson - Born 17th July 1939 & Died 1st March 1940

Daisy Smith - Born 16th July 1963

Paul Daren Webb - Born 16th July & Died 20th July 1972

Margaret Leigh - Born Sleeping 19th July 1960

Baby Sockett - Born Sleeping July 1951

Melanie Minton - Stillborn 20th July 1965

Kelly Bengough - Born Asleep 20th July 1974

JoAnne Collins - Stillborn 23rd July 1970

Jean Edwards - Born 25th July & Died 25th July 1950

Baby McGrath - Stillborn 25th July 1951

Williamina McKegney - Born 30th July & Died 31st July 1972

William Noy - Stillborn 28th July 1963

Daniel John Hicks - Born 30th July & Died 31st July 1972



August

Zoe Karen Gentle - Born & Died 2nd August 1960

Emma Nancy Lampshire - Stillborn 2nd August 1980

Edward James Crowley - Stillborn 2nd August 1982

Baby Daniels - Stillborn 4th August 1964

Andrew Gordon Cowin - Stillborn 5th August 1966

Mollie Elise Gavin - Passed 6th August 2003

Ian Barrow - Stillborn 8th August 1963

Baby James - Stillborn 8th August 1964

Rene Garbett - Born 8th & Died 10th August 1969

Karen Ling - Born & Died 10th August 1960



Luie Elyjas Gavin - Passed 11th August 2008
Paula Michelle McWhirter - Born 12th & Died 14th August 1971
Gary McMurray - Stillborn 12th August 1974
John Flatley - Born & Died 13th August 1968
Baby Symonds - 14th August 1977
Steven John McDonald - Stillborn 15th August 1958
Hanna Elizabeth Rousham - 15th August 2003
Justin Folwaczny - Stillborn 16th August 1972
Henry McKay - Born & Died 17th August 1959
Alexander Steele McKay - Born & Died 17th August 1959
Baby Parker - Stillborn 20th August 1976
Baby Liggett - Born & Died 25th August 1979
Colin Mark Tonkin - Born 26th & Died 28th August 1964
Darren Buss - 26th August 1970
Daniel James Cobley - Stillborn 28th August 1981
Emma Fountain - Stillborn 30th August 1976
Olivia Land - Born sleeping 31st August 2020

September

Nicholas Stuart Balling - Stillborn 1st September 1983
Noah Brindley - Miscarried 5th September 1982
Baby Higgs - Stillborn 7th September 1965
Guy Daniel Rhodes - Born 7th September & Died 1st November 1972
Barry Archer - Stillborn 9th September 1954
Louise Katherine Dodds - Born 9th September 1989 & Died 2nd September 2007
Edward Thomas - Stillborn 10th September 1943
Patricia Birney - Stillborn September 1973
Christopher William Lawrence - Stillborn 18th September 1975
John Wood - 18th September 1992
Lucy May Gavin - Passed 18th September 2003
Elizabeth Meacock - Born Asleep 20th September 1986
Paul A Hawkey - Born 22nd September & Died 23rd September 1964
Thomas Carl Underwood - 22nd September 2012
Sherina Gillard - Died 23rd September 1960
Baby 'Shaan' Taylor - Stillborn 29th September 1979
Baby Collier - Stillborn 30th September 1955
Baby Kerr - Born & Died 30th September 1970





October

Mathew James Syddall - 3rd October 1981

Vanessa Marie Campling - 6th October 1974

Jasmine Rousham - 9th October 1997

Brian Greenhalgh - Born & Died 12th October 1970

Melanie Anne Rendle - Born 10th October & Died 15th October 1973

Baby Boaler - Born sleeping 14th October 1977

Dirk Andrew Schmidt - Stillborn 28th October 1974

November

Roger Howarth - Born & Died November 1946

David Conibear - 1st November 1990

Georgina Walker-Oseland - Born & Died 4th November 1977

Emma Jane Snell - 5th November 1973

Baby Boy Woodhead - Stillborn 7th November 1971

Dawnette Dionne Ethel-May Welfair - Stillborn 15th November 1970

Amber Louise Goodfellow - 17th November 1977

Susan Swetman - Stillborn 22nd November 1981

Baby Chrimes - Born Sleeping 26th November 1973



December

Sadie Hearn - Stillborn 5th December 1979

Abbie King - Born Sleeping 7th December 1977

Elizabeth (Betty) Doyle - Born 18th April & Died 8th December 1956

Baby Gregson - Stillborn 10th December 1966

Victoria Rose Morris - 10th December 1974

Kay Woods - 10th December 1982

Baby Minkowski - Stillborn 11th December 1977

Shaun Mansley - 14th December 1966

Baby Agostini - Stillborn 17th December 1982

Georgia Otton - Born 26th December & Died 27th December 1976

Joanne McArthur - Born 29th December & Died 31st December 1960

