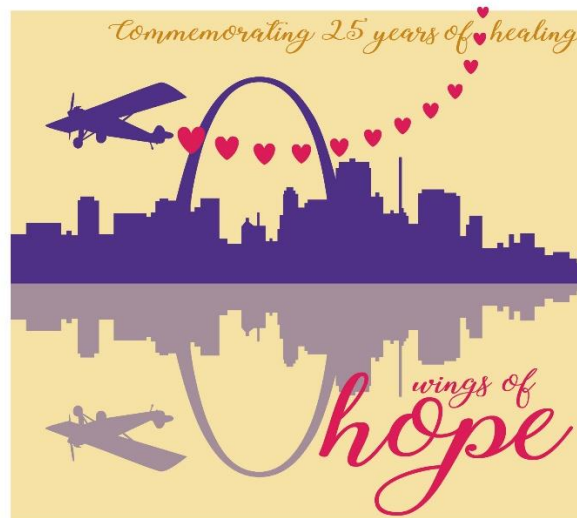


Bereaved Parents of the USA

25th Anniversary Year

2020 Gathering Conference Registration Packet

NATIONAL GATHERING 2020



Bereaved Parents USA

August 7-9 ♥ St. Louis, Missouri

Le Méridien St. Louis Clayton Hotel
7730 Bonhomme Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105
314-863-0400

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BPUSA Website:
www.bereavedparentsusa.org

2020 BPUSA NATIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE

“Wings of Hope”

This document contains essential information – please read to the end before registering!

Many find the grief journey more bearable when shared with those who understand. Some have been on this journey for years while others have barely begun. Hand in hand we walk this road together, offering one another support and hope. We are honored to share this weekend with you, knowing you will be touched in some way through your experience, whether by a speaker, a workshop, a song, or a “fellow traveler” seated next to you at a meal. Please join us the weekend of August 7-9, 2020 to experience *Wings of Hope* in memory and honor of our children, siblings and grandchildren gone too soon.

ST. LOUIS AREA ATTRACTIONS

Consider arriving early to experience all that St. Louis and the surrounding area have to offer! Here are just a few of the area attractions:

Busch Stadium ~ (St. Louis Cardinals Baseball • 700 Clark Street) Busch Stadium tours are offered year-round and provide a unique look at the home of the Cardinals. Take in the view from the Radio Broadcast Booth, see the World Series trophies in the Champions Club and imagine yourself as a big leaguer in the Cardinals Dugout

City Museum ~ (701 N 15th Street) Housed in the 600,000 square-foot former International Shoe Company, the museum is an eclectic mixture of children’s playground, funhouse, surrealistic pavilion, and architectural marvel made out of unique, found objects. Bob Cassilly and his longtime crew of 20 artisans have constructed the museum from the very stuff of the city! Visit www.citymuseum.org for more information.

Forest Park ~ (5595 Grand Drive) The Park’s 1,300 acres feature beautiful landscapes sprinkled with forests, ecosystems, nature reserves, lakes and streams, as well as five of the region’s major cultural institutions and endless opportunities for recreation. Visit www.forestparkforever.org/visit for more information.

Gateway Arch ~ (St. Louis Riverfront) Discover magnificent views from the top of St. Louis’ Gateway Arch—an iconic monument symbolizing the city’s role as early settlers pioneered westward years ago. See both the history and culture surrounding the city—from 630 feet high in this architectural wonder. Visit www.gatewayarch.com for more information.

Missouri Botanical Gardens ~ (4344 Shaw Boulevard) The Garden is a center for botanical research and science education, as well as an oasis in the city of St. Louis. The Garden offers 79 acres of beautiful horticultural display, including a 14-acre Japanese strolling garden, Henry Shaw’s original 1850 estate home, and one of the world’s largest collections of rare and endangered orchids. **The Butterfly Garden** is a must-see! Visit www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/ for more information.

St. Louis Zoo ~ (One Government Drive, Forest Park) Voted America’s top free attraction, the Zoo is located on 90 acres in beautiful Forest Park, and home to more than 588 species of animals, many of them rare and endangered. It is one of the few free zoos in the nation. Visit www.stlzoo.org/ for more information.

Union Station St. Louis ~ 1820 Market Street) A must-see attraction with a new Aquarium and Ferris Wheel. Also, visit their Carousel, Ropes Course, Mini golf and Mirror Maze. Visit www.stlouisunionstation.com/about for more information.

Read Jane Smiley’s in-depth article entitled “What St. Louis Tells Us About America” for more information about the history of St. Louis and some little known facts about the area: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/14/travel/14StLouis-Jane-Smiley-tourism.html>

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations: The Le Méridien St. Louis Clayton Hotel will be providing a discounted rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) for conference attendees beginning on Sunday, Aug. 2 until checkout on Sunday, August 9. Come early to experience all that St. Louis and the surrounding area has to offer! *Book your reservation early using the BPUSA website link: [2020 BPUSA Gathering Conference Hotel Reservations](#) DEADLINE TO GET DISCOUNTED RATE IS JULY 6th, 2020 at MIDNIGHT.*

If you have any questions or problems with the hotel reservations link, please contact Melanie Groves, 2020 BPUSA Gathering Conference Chair via email: BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com.

Cancellations: You may cancel your hotel reservation for full deposit refund up to 72 hours prior to your arrival date.

TRAVEL TO ST. LOUIS

Travel: If traveling by air, book your flight into **St. Louis International Airport (STL)**. The Hotel does not provide a shuttle, however, if you are participating in the Closing Ceremony at the end of the Gathering, the Angel of Hope Shuttle (\$8) will stop at the airport after the Closing Ceremony at approximately 11:30am for those attendees needing to catch an afternoon flight.

The airport is approximately 15 minutes from the hotel. Uber and Lyft rides can cost approximately \$22-24 plus gratuity while taxi can cost \$25-30 per ride. Metro Link does travel to within a half mile of the Hotel and costs approximately \$5-7 per person to ride. Plan your flights accordingly as we encourage you to attend the Gathering Conference from Thursday evening through Sunday at 11:30am. Book your flights as soon as possible!

If you are driving, the hotel provides complimentary parking.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DETAILS

REGISTRATION:

- Adult (18 and up) -- Early Registration postmarked by June 1st -- \$75 and \$95 after June 1st.
- Child (17 and under) -- \$40
- Full-time College student/Active Military (ID required at check-in) -- \$50
- Workshop Presenters -- \$50 by June 1st and \$75 after June 1st.

MEALS: We believe that the camaraderie and bonding during shared mealtimes is a vital and significant part of your Gathering experience; therefore, we highly recommend the conference meal plan. All prices include tax and gratuity.

- **Conference Meal Plan** -- discounted rate of \$180. (Fri-Sun includes 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners)
- **Individual meals** -- Available to purchase at a non-discounted rate
- **Children's Meals:** There is no reduced rate for children for the buffet meals. However, we are offering for children, 12 and under, the option of child-friendly meals for \$100 for all seven meals

Please advise us of any special dietary needs, as the hotel will accommodate requests for Gluten Free, Diabetic, Vegetarian, Vegan, etc.

Thursday Night Meet & Greet: While the 2020 BPUSA National Gathering officially begins on Friday morning, August 7th, we have planned a special activity on Thursday evening, August 6th for those attendees arriving early. At 7pm appetizers, and drinks for \$20 will be available with special activity beginning at 8:00pm.

Picture Buttons: Pre-order a picture button of your child, sibling or grandchild for \$5 per button on the registration form. **The picture that you send for the slide show will be the photo used for the button.** If you would like to use a different photo for any additional buttons, please send a picture or pictures via email to BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com in jpg format and indicate on the order form how many picture buttons you would like.

Memorial Slide Presentation: This moving event occurs during the Candlelight Service on Saturday after dinner and is a meaningful part of our Gathering each year. Your child/sibling/grandchild's photo may be submitted via one of three methods:

1. Send a photo of your child / sibling/grandchild (**alone in the picture**), no larger than 8x10, and the completed form (found in this packet), to the address listed at the bottom of that form,
2. Email photo in jpg format to bpusaweblinks@gmail.com,
3. Upload photo on the electronic registration form on our conference web page:
<https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>

Deadline for submitting photos is July 1st by regular mail to ensure proper placement in the slideshow. If submitting via email or online, photos must be submitted by July 31st.

Closing Ceremony: Sign up for our shuttle trip to **the Angel of Hope memorial statue in Blanchette Park for \$8 happening on Sunday Morning after breakfast.** Travel together with fellow Gathering Conference attendees to this beautiful serene spot in St. Charles, Missouri for a beautiful finale to an amazing weekend shared with families and friends, both old and new. End time is estimated at 11:00 a.m. The shuttle can drop people off at the airport before returning to the hotel.

Speakers, Performers and Special Events: Our speakers will follow our meals on Friday and Saturday. All attendees are invited, regardless of attendance at meals. If you are not participating in our mealtime, please join us to hear the speakers 15 minutes after meals have been served. The signing choir, *Love In Motion* will also be performing their inspirational songs of love, loss and healing throughout the weekend. The Candle Lighting and Slide Presentation takes place on Saturday after dinner. Again, if you are not participating in our mealtime, please join us for the Candle Lighting 45 minutes after dinner is served (approximately 6:45pm).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities available for those who wish to honor and remember their children, siblings or grandchildren in a special way during the Gathering Conference. Sponsorships enable individuals, chapters and businesses to support the Gathering Conference and honor their loved ones in a tangible and meaningful way. We depend on these sponsorships to help us keep the cost of the Gathering Conference affordable. Please choose one or more of the sponsorship opportunities listed below.

- **Memorial Page in the Gathering Conference Program:** Fill out the form found in this packet or the electronic form on our web page for your loved one's memorial page to be published in the program. Mail or email the form with your page layout, print ready, to Valerie Larson, at the address on the form **OR** download your print-ready layout in jpg format on the electronic form on our web page. The cost is \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page and \$25 for a quarter page. **The deadline for including your child/ sibling/grandchild's picture in the program is June 1st.**
- **Advertise in the Gathering Conference Program:** Are you a business owner? An author? A singer/songwriter? Please place an ad in our Gathering Conference Program. Full page \$300, half page \$150, quarter page \$75, business card \$25. Use the form found in this packet or download a print-ready ad on the electronic form on our web page. **The deadline is June 1st.**
- **Sponsor a Workshop Room:** At a cost of \$50, a foam board sign will be professionally made to include your child/sibling/grandchild's name, picture, and the person(s) sponsoring each workshop room. It will be displayed in the workshop room for the entire day. Please email a picture, no larger than 8x10, to Melanie Groves, in jpg format to BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com. The sign is yours to keep at the conclusion of the Gathering. **The deadline is July 1st.**
- **Sponsor a Centerpiece:** Your child/sibling/grandchild's name and photo will be displayed with the centerpiece on a table during meal time for the entire Gathering weekend. The cost is \$35 per centerpiece. Centerpieces are designed and made by Vickie Lundy. You are welcome to take the centerpiece with you when you leave on Sunday. Please email a photo to Melanie Groves at BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com. **The deadline is July 1st.**

- **Hospitality Room Sponsor:** At the cost of \$150, a foam board sign will be professionally made to include your child/sibling/grandchild's name, picture, and your name as the sponsor or if you are a Chapter Leader, consider listing your chapter as a sponsor. The sign will be displayed in the Hospitality Room for the entire weekend. The sign is yours to keep at the conclusion of the Gathering. Please email a picture or your Chapter logo, no larger than 8x10, to Melanie Groves, in jpg format to BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com. **The deadline is July 1st.**
- **Reflection Room Sponsor:** At the cost of \$150, a foam board sign will be professionally made to include your child/sibling/grandchild's name, picture, and your name as the sponsor or if you are a Chapter Leader, consider listing your chapter as a sponsor. The sign will be displayed in the Reflection Room for the entire weekend. The sign is yours to keep at the conclusion of the Gathering. Please email a picture or your Chapter logo, no larger than 8x10, to Melanie Groves, in jpg format to BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com. **The deadline is July 1st.**
- **Sponsor a Meal:** At the cost of \$200, individuals, families, or BPUSA Chapters can submit your name, your loved one's name, or the Chapter's name and logo and a slide will be created and presented on a screen during a meal. Please email information and a picture in jpg format to Matthew Groves at bpusaweblinks@gmail.com.

MORE CONFERENCE DETAILS

Book Discussion: Read the book, *A Life Without Water* by Marcie Bolton. We will meet together and share our observations from the book, in a discussion facilitated by Donna Corrigan.

Bookstore: Provided by The Centering Corporation, the Bookstore offers a wide variety of grief-related books, small puppets, memorial jewelry, CDs and DVDs. Some of the books and CDs are authored by our speakers, workshop presenters and performers. Authors will be available to autograph their books at a designated time during the weekend.

Creation Station: You will be able to create memorial heart template for our memory wall or decorate and personalize a votive for Saturday Night's Candle Lighting. We will also have rocks to paint and hide around St. Louis or take home as a keepsake. Find us on Facebook BPUSA Rocks St. Louis. Bring photos of your child/sibling/grandchild to use in different projects. We will have a printer available to make copies of your pictures, if needed.

Dressing for the Gathering: The dress is casual and the weather will be warm in St. Louis, **however, you will want to bring a sweater as the hotel workshop rooms can be chilly.**

Healing Therapies: Massage, Reflexology, Yoga and other practices will be available throughout the weekend. You will find sign-up sheets and fees (if applicable) at the Registration Table. Don't forget to pack loose-fitting clothing and consider bringing your yoga mat with you, if feasible.

Photographs and Video: Photographs and/or video will be taken at the Gathering. By taking part in the Gathering you grant BPUSA full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images for fundraising, publicity or other purposes to help achieve the goals of BPUSA. This might include (but not limited to), the right to use them in our printed and online publicity, social media, press releases and funding applications. For children under the age of 18, a form will need to be signed at Registration at the Gathering.

Raffle & 50/50 drawing: Every attendee will receive one free ticket for the Raffle with their Registration. All proceeds from the raffle and 50/50 drawing will benefit the mission of BPUSA. If you would like to donate an item to the raffle, please email Barbara Dietrich at bpusaboard1@gmail.com or Lori Scragg at lscragg@verizon.net for more information..

Sharing Sessions: Informal meetings led by a facilitator are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings. Participants share experiences on specific topics.

Siblings: We welcome siblings ages 12 to adult at the Gathering and will offer workshops dedicated to the particular experiences of bereaved siblings. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide babysitting for younger children.

Tote Bag Items: Donations to include in our tote bags such as pens, note pads, tissue packets, water bottles, candy, etc. are greatly appreciated. If you or your chapter would like to make a donation, contact Melanie Groves at BPUSAGatheringChair@gmail.com.

Vendor Gallery: The Vendor area will showcase unique bereavement-related items and books and some tables will feature information about a variety of grief resources. **To apply to be a vendor, please complete the vendor form on our website** <https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/> **and email it to** bpusaboard1@gmail.com **or contact Barbara Dietrich at 813-340-9120.**

Workshops: Our workshops are offered in a structured setting facilitated by skilled presenters and designed to address a wide variety of topics. This will be a time of learning and sharing. If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the Gathering, please go to the BPUSA website to submit an application. <https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/> **Deadline to submit an application is March 1st.**

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Vendor table fee \$50 by **May 31st** ; \$75 by **June 30th** ; \$100 after **July 1st**

March 1st– Workshop Presenter Applications Due

June 1st – Early Bird Registration ends

June 1st – Gathering Program Book Memorial Pages Due

June 1st – Gathering Program Book Business Ads Due

July 1st – Deadline to submit all photos **via regular mail** for slideshow

July 1st – Deadline for emailing photos for sponsorships

July 6th – Hotel Reservations Deadline for \$99 Discount Rate

IF YOU ARE A CHAPTER LEADER:

- Make copies of this registration packet to give to your chapter members or email the following URL to the online registration form as soon as possible.
<https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>
- As a chapter, please donate an item for the Raffle in memory of your children/ siblings/ grandchildren gone too soon.
- As a chapter, please donate an item to put in the tote bags given to every attendee in memory of your children/ siblings/ grandchildren gone too soon. We will need approximately 200 items.
- As a chapter, sponsor a Workshop Room, the Hospitality or Reflection Rooms or a meal.
- Get together with your chapter members and decorate a memorial heart template to be displayed at the Gathering.
- Consider sponsoring a Chapter Memorial page in the Gathering Program.
- **Plan to attend the Chapter Leadership Training on Thursday afternoon, August 6th. (Scholarships Available)**
<https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>

**2020 BPUSA WINGS OF HOPE NATIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION FORM**

***Please complete ONE FORM for EACH PERSON attending**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Child/sibling/grandparent's name: _____

Child/sibling/grandparent's name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Death Date: _____ | Birth Date: _____ Death Date: _____

Your relationship to loved one: _____

Do you have other surviving children? _____ If you are a sibling, what is your age? _____

Is this your first time attending a BPUSA Gathering? _____

**Early Registration Postmarked BY JUNE 1st is \$75 per adult; \$95 after June 1st
\$50 for full-time College Students/Active Military with ID
\$50 by June 1st ; \$75 after June 1st for Workshop Presenters
\$40 for children under 18.**

ITEM	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
Registration Fee (see above) Register EARLY for the best price!		each	
Meal Plan (Friday-Sunday: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners)		\$180.00	
Children's Meal Plan		\$100.00	
Thursday Meet & Greet		\$ 20.00	
Individual Meals:			
Friday Breakfast \$20			
Friday Lunch \$30			
Friday Dinner \$40			
Saturday Breakfast \$20			
Saturday Lunch \$30			
Saturday Dinner \$40			
Sunday Breakfast \$20			
Shuttle Trip to Angel of Hope Memorial		\$ 8.00	
Workshop Sponsorship		\$ 50.00	
Centerpiece Sponsorship		\$ 35.00	
Program Book Memorial Page Sponsorship (\$100, \$50, \$25)			
Hospitality or Reflection Room Sponsorship		\$150.00	
Mealtime Sponsor		\$200.00	
Program Book Business Ad (\$300, \$150, \$75, \$25)			
Picture Buttons		\$ 5.00	
BPUSA 25th Anniversary Adult Polo Shirt:		\$ 25.00	
Size & Color: <input type="checkbox"/> S, <input type="checkbox"/> M, <input type="checkbox"/> L, <input type="checkbox"/> XL, <input type="checkbox"/> 2X, <input type="checkbox"/> 3X <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE <input type="checkbox"/> PINK			
Donation In Memory of			
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$

Special Diet Needs and/or Food Allergies (explain in detail): _____

Send this completed Registration form (ONE FOR EACH PERSON attending) AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE and your check or money order made payable to BPUSA NATIONAL GATHERING to:

Charlotte Jackson, BPUSA Treasurer, 34 Parish Lane, Lake Katrine, NY 12449, Phone: (845) 336-7654 or register online at <https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>

MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PAGE FORM

Sponsoring a memorial page in the Gathering Program is a meaningful way to remember our precious children, brothers/sisters, and grandchildren. Design your page around your loved one's picture or your memories of them. The memorial pages will be in color. If you do not include a page design with your donation, the Program Team will create a design for you.

Name of person placing memorial page: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

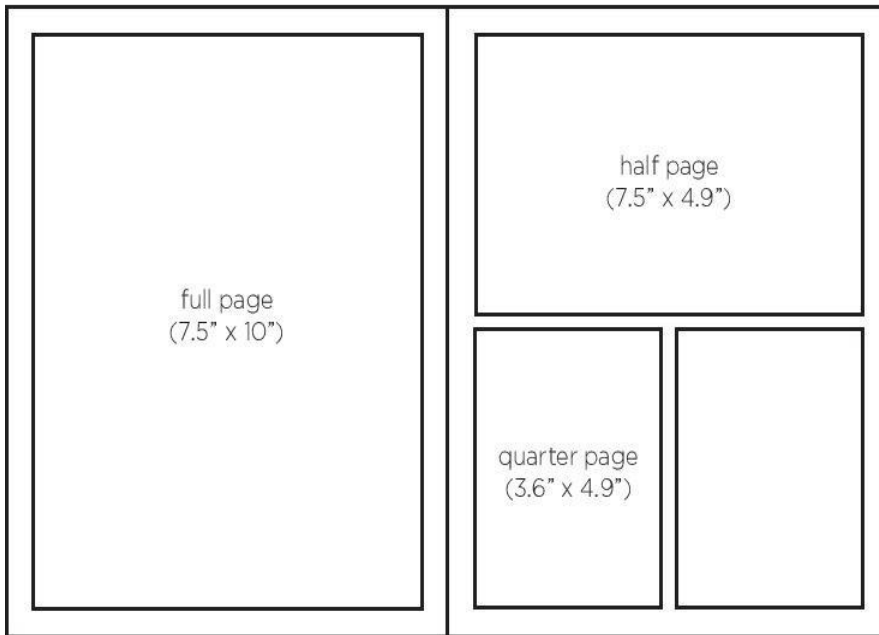
Please check the memorial page size you would like:

_____ Quarter Page (3.6" x 4.9") \$25.00 _____ Half Page (7.5" x 4.9") \$50.00
_____ Full Page (7.5" x 10") \$100.00 Enclosed amount: \$ _____

All memorial page entries must be received with payment **NO LATER than JUNE 1, 2020.**

***Note: If you paid for your memorial sponsorship page when you registered online, you do not need to send payment with this form.**

The Gathering Program will be printed in 8-1/2" x 11"-page format. Please use these dimensions when creating or selecting your memorial page size.



The program book will be printed in 8-1/2" x 11"-page format. Please use these dimensions when creating or selecting your memorial page size.

Your materials must be mailed so that we receive them **NO LATER than JUNE 1, 2020.**
Please make checks payable to BPUSA National Gathering and mail to:

**Valerie Larson
6900 Cole Timothy Court
Manassas, VA 20112**

Additional Instructions for Submitting Your Loved One's Memorial Sponsorship Page

Here's what we need from you:

- A completed *Memorial Sponsorship Page Form*.
- Your design for the page or portion of the memorial sponsorship page.
 - If you wish the Gathering Program Team to design the page for you, you may skip this step.
 - If you prepare your own design and submit it "Print-Ready" we would prefer to receive it in digital format with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch or higher. It may be submitted as an Adobe PDF file, an MS Word file, an MS Publisher file, a JPG file, or a TIF file. It may be sent to us as an attachment to an email or by mail on a flash drive, a CD, or a DVD.
 - You may submit your design as a "Print-Ready" page, printed at a high quality so that it will look good when reproduced by photocopying.
- Requirements for any photo(s) which are to appear on your memorial page:
 - Digital photo file(s). The best format is a JPG file. Be sure the resolution is at least 300 pixels per inch!
 - If you don't have a JPG file(s) of the photo(s), you can take the original photo(s) to a copy center such as Fed Ex/Kinkos, Office Depot, or Staples. They can scan the photo and create the JPG file for you.
 - Original photo(s), which we can scan and return to you. Please do not send a printed photocopy or inkjet printout of a picture. They do not scan and reproduce well, and will result in a poor quality for your page – you don't want that – nor do we!
 - If you are submitting a "Print-Ready" version of the memorial page, you do not need to submit the photo(s).
- Send to us by email or mail:
 - Your completed form
 - Any special instructions
 - Your design
 - The desired text
 - Your photo(s)

If sending by e-mail:

Send to Valerie Larson at rlarson900@verizon.net

Please include "Memorial Sponsorship Page" in the subject line. Include your name, address and phone number in the text so we can easily contact you if we need more information.

Your email with all the information and photo(s) must arrive **no later than June 1st**.

If sending by mail:

Make checks payable to BPUSA National Gathering.

Mail to: Valerie Larson, 6900 Cole Timothy Court, Manassas, VA 20112

The package must be mailed in time so that we receive it no later than June 1st.

Questions? Please call Valerie Larson at 703-791-6537.



BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP PAGE FORM

Thank you for sponsoring a business ad in our Gathering Conference Program Book. With your help, we can continue the important work of providing support, understanding and education to grieving families across the United States.

Business name: _____

Contact name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the size you would like for your business page ad:

_____ **Full Page \$300.00** _____ **Half Page \$150.00**

_____ **Quarter Page \$50.00** _____ **Business Card \$25.00**

Enclosed amount: \$ _____

full page (7.5" x 10")	half page (7.5" x 4.9")
	quarter page (3.6" x 4.9")
	business card
	business card

The program book will be printed in 8-1/2" x 11"-page format. Please use these dimensions when creating or selecting your memorial page size.

Please submit your ad "Print-Ready" with a resolution of 300 pixels per inch or higher in a JPG format. It may be sent to us as an email attachment or by mail on a flash drive.

If sending by **e-mail**: send to Valerie Larson at rlarson900@verizon.net
Please include "Business Sponsorship Page Form" in the subject line.
Include your name, address and phone number in the text so we can easily contact you if we need more information. Your email with all the information and photo(s) must arrive no later than **June 1st**.

If sending by **mail**: make checks payable to BPUSA National Gathering.
Mail to: Valerie Larson, 6900 Cole Timothy Court, Manassas, VA 20112.
The package must be mailed in time so that we receive it no later than **June 1st**.

BPUSA NATIONAL GATHERING CONFERENCE **SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION FORM**

The slideshow presentation during the Candlelight Service is a meaningful part of our Gatherings. A picture and completed form are needed for **each** child/sibling/grandchild being remembered for showing during the Candlelight Service. Please put child/sibling/grandchild's name and address on the back of the photo and submit one of the following ways:

1. Email photo in jpg format & form to bpusaweblinks@gmail.com **no later than July 31st**
2. Upload photo on the electronic registration form on our conference web page:
<https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>
3. Send a photo of your child/sibling/grandchild (**alone in the picture**) and this completed form to the address listed below:

Matthew Groves
1190 Worthington Drive
Bridgeport, WV 26330
(Must be **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN July 1st**)

You can pick up your picture(s) at the Gathering Registration Table when you arrive or enclose a postage paid addressed envelope so that your photo(s) can be immediately returned to you.

_____ I have enclosed a photo of my child/children/sibling/grandchild.

_____ The picture should be in your file from a past Gathering.

_____ Include my child/sibling/grandchild's NAME ONLY with appropriate representation (no photo available).

_____ I'm Not a Bereaved Parent, Sibling or Grandparent

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Child/sibling/grandchild's Name: _____

Phonetic Pronunciation: _____

Birth Date: _____ Date of Death: _____

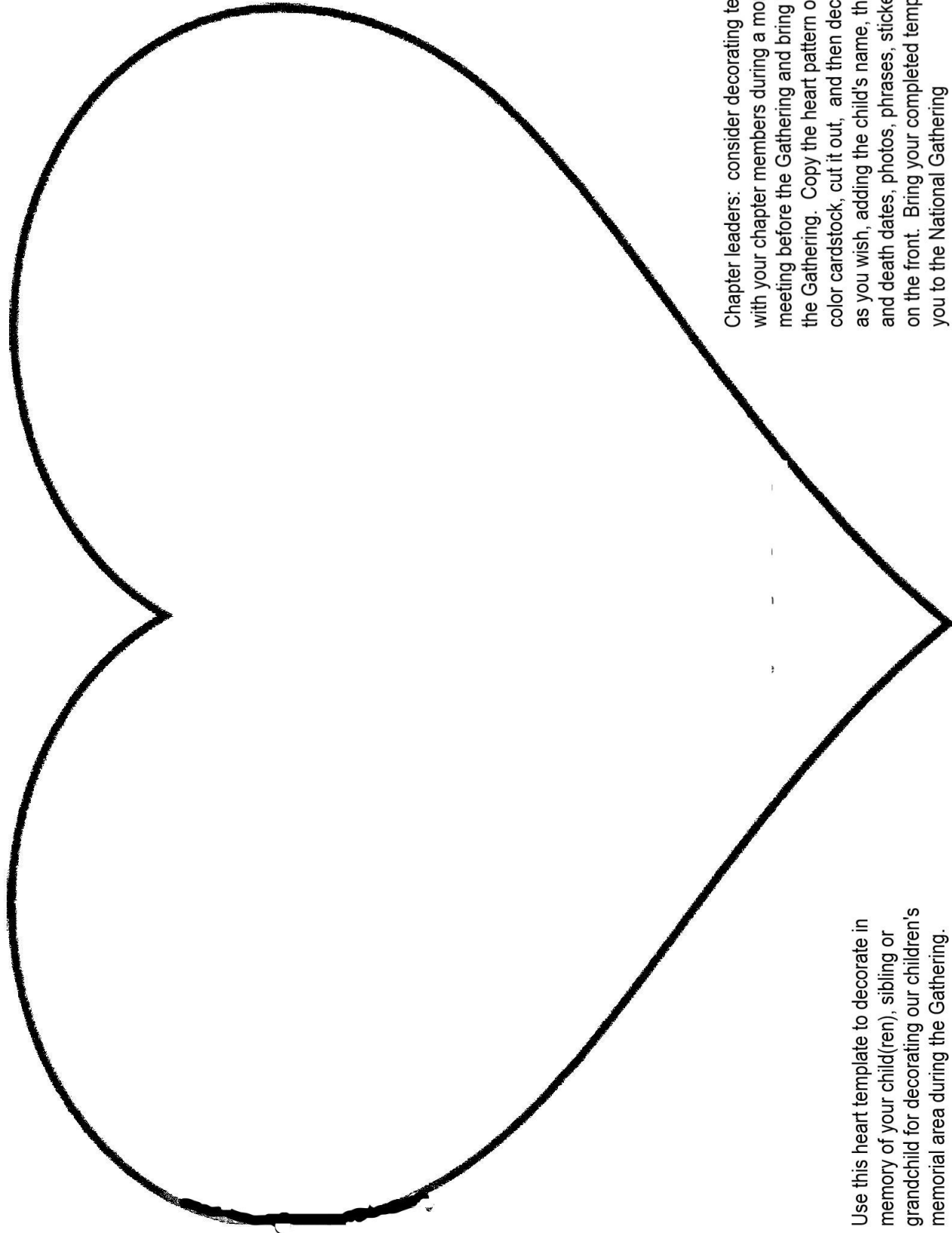
Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

When you upload a picture on the electronic registration form
<https://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/annual-conference/annual-gathering-conference/>
or email this form and a picture to bpusaweblinks@gmail.com **no later than July 31st**,
you will receive a confirming email back. If you don't, please follow up.
You don't want to miss out having your loved one's picture included in the slideshow.



Use this heart template to decorate in memory of your child(ren), sibling or grandchild for decorating our children's memorial area during the Gathering.

Chapter leaders: consider decorating templates with your chapter members during a monthly meeting before the Gathering and bring them to the Gathering. Copy the heart pattern onto any color cardstock, cut it out, and then decorate it as you wish, adding the child's name, their birth and death dates, photos, phrases, stickers, etc. on the front. Bring your completed template with you to the National Gathering