

"There is no footprint so small that it does not leave an imprint on this world."

Website

www.emilias-wings.org

Our website includes different materials which we hope will provide support on your journey through grief and healing. We offer a variety of resources including eBooks, list of supporting organizations, reading material, music selections, and more.

Be sure to check out our Forget-Me-Not page, an online memorial dedicated to the children that live on in our hearts.

Facebook

facebook.com/EmiliasWings/

Stay up-to-date on projects, special events, and programs by liking us on Facebook!

Contact Us

info@emilias-wings.org

You need not walk alone. Together we can make it! Feel free to reach out by email.



June 2024 Newsletter

We welcome you all to Emilia's Wings. To all who are newly bereaved, we know how devastated you are. You are not alone in your grief. We have been in the depths of despair and we are here to help you with unconditional love and understanding. We hope this newsletter will help you while you navigate grief and provide additional resources on your journey. If you know someone who would find our resources helpful, please direct them to our website at www.emilias-wings.org and to our BLOOM monthly meetings.

May in Review

Members gathered last month for our annual Mother's Day Tea! We enjoyed cupcakes, macarons, Ferrero Rocher, lemonade, and of course - tea! My favorite portion of Mother's Day Tea is getting to bring an item that is special to my baby, sharing it with our group, and listening to others as they share their significant items too. We spent the evening looking at baby photos and books,

DATES & EVENTS

BLOOM

June 6th @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Kansas City Northland Support Group - Meetings are held every first Thursday of each month.

North Kansas City Public Library 2251 Howell St. North Kansas City, MO 64116

Father's Day

June 16th

OTHER

Donations

-Donations can be sent & made payable to Emilia's Wings at: 10637 N. Holmes St Kansas City, MO 64155 life-size baby pillow keepsakes, ultrasound photos, breastmilk rings, hair clippings, Christmas ornaments, memory orbs, and sharing stories and memories about our babies! Thank you ladies for spending your evening with us and for sharing all of the precious items that are special to you! I pray that each of you had a gentle Mother's Day and felt your children's presence on your special day!



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Special Announcements

Congratulations to Micaiah Beckett and husband, Nathan, on the arrival of their daughter, Rylan Grace Beckett! Born on May 1, 2024 at 10:53 pm.

We are so happy for your family! Continued thoughts to all as you love on your sweet addition. May you feel big siblings - Joseph, Makenzie, and Noah's presence during this special time!



Looking Toward June

Please join us this Thursday, June 6th from 7:00pm - 8:30 pm at North Kansas City Public Library for our BLOOM Monthly Support Group. Come as you are.

To Those Forgotten On Father's Day After Losing A Child

by Andy Gillette

"Father's Day. It's usually a day when dads can relax, laying down their burden for a moment.

For those of us who have lost a child, though, it's a day when we pick up a burden we tend to ignore throughout the year.

You see, it's a day when you pretty much can't help but dwell on what you're not doing.

You're not playing catch with your son; not drinking tea with your daughter; not laughing carefree with the other dads (at least, not genuinely).

The burden is different for different guys.

It might be the weight of the grief; or the guilt-often imagined-for failing to protect our sons, daughters, and wives; or, though I'm ashamed to say it, the irrational jealousy of seeing another father's joy.

If this is your first Father's Day after losing a child, I'm sorry you're reading this.

But if this is your first one, here's what it was like for me after my son was stillborn a few days before his due date, and what it was like for some other dads I've talked to..."

Read the full article here.

We extend our most sincere sympathy to those who have recently lost a child.

Please know that we are thinking of you and share in your hurt and sorrow

This June we Remember...

Baby Hill #1 - June 2015 Eden - June 5, 2021 Ella Smith - June 7, 2005 Porter Matheson Moore - June 7, 2016 **Lambert Twins** - June 7, 2021 Erica Louise Kotun - June 8, 2018 Ashlynn Mae Martin - June 10, 2009 Jasmine Merksick - June 10, 2020 Samantha Burke - June 12, 2007 Winter Schee - June 13, 2011 Joseph Beckett - June 13, 2022 Logan Lamar Young - June 14, 2019 Emma Jane Bowers - June 15, 2011 **Baby K** - June 15, 2017 Baby K - June 15, 2019 Nicholas Edward Roberts - June 22, 2008 Lilyanah Elyse - June 25, 2012 Adrian James - June 30, 2017

To have your baby's name added to our remembrance list, please fill out the Forget-Me-Not submission form on our website. This form can be found on our <u>Forget-Me-Not</u> page.



This is for the bereaved dads.

The dads who sat in hospital chairs with us while we waited.

The dads who held our hands when we stared at silent screens.

The dads who asked "Can I hold her now?" because you knew that time was precious.

The dads who came running when we yelled for them to "Come quick, I think something's wrong."

The dads who felt helpless.

The dads who would do anything to fix this.

The dads who couldn't leave work but would be there as soon as they could.

The dads who drove us to appointments even when they were so distraught they couldn't see where they were going.

The dads who said "It's okay," even when it wasn't..

The dads who knew just what to say.

The dads who struggled to find the words.

The dads who have cried.

The dads who have never cried.

The dads who are afraid to cry because it feels like they will drown in the tears.

The dads who speak up for us.

The dads who stand beside us.

The dads who carry children in their hearts.

This is for the bereaved dads, because this is for the dads.

We love you.