

Emilia's Wings

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

Website

www.emilias-wings.org

Our website offers a range of materials designed to support you on your journey through grief and healing. You'll find a variety of resources, including eBooks, lists of supporting organizations, recommended reading, music selections, and more.

Be sure to visit our BLOOM page to learn about our monthly Pregnancy & Infant Loss support group meetings.

Facebook

facebook.com/EmiliasWings/

Stay up to date on our projects, special events, and programs by following us on Facebook!

Contact Us

info@emilias-wings.org

You don't have to walk this path alone. Together, we can get through it. Please feel free to reach out to us by email anytime.

May – Junonia

Rare, precious,
never forgotten

The Junonia honors a life
treasured beyond measure—
one that changed everything.



May 2026 Newsletter

We welcome you to Emilia's Wings. To those who are newly bereaved, we understand the depth of your devastation and want you to know that you are not alone. We have walked through the darkest valleys of grief ourselves, and we are here to offer unconditional love, support, and understanding. We hope this newsletter provides comfort, guidance, and helpful resources as you navigate your journey through grief. If you know someone who might benefit from our support, please share our website - www.emilias-wings.org and invite them to join our BLOOM monthly meetings.

April in Review

Last month BLOOM gathered at North Kansas City Public Library for our monthly support group. We're so grateful for those who joined us. It's the people in the room who shape the comfort, connection, and understanding that make BLOOM a gentle place for those who are new.

DATES & EVENTS

BLOOM

May 7th @ 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
MOTHER'S DAY TEA

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

Bereaved Mother's Day

Sunday, May 3rd

A day for moms who have lost their children. An opportunity to share or talk about what we have endured. Women grieving for children are mothers too – even if our babies are no longer with us.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th

OTHER

Donations

-Donations can be sent & made payable to Emilia's Wings at: 10637 N. Holmes St, Kansas City, MO 64155 OR sent via Venmo.

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Special Announcement

Congratulations to Morgan Stanfill and husband, Cody, on the arrival of their daughter, Aubrey Claire Stanfill! Born on April 20, 2026 - weighing 7lbs, 14oz and measuring 21.26 inches long.

We are so happy for your family! Continued thoughts to all as you love on your sweet addition. May you feel big brother, Bryson's presence during this special time!



Looking Toward May

After experiencing the loss of a child, Mother's Day can often bring a sense of feeling misunderstood or invisible. Let us come together to celebrate motherhood and honor our babies by saying their names out loud at our **Annual Mother's Day Tea**. Date and time can be found on the image to the left. ←



Click on the image to view the invitation

We will have complimentary tea and dessert for everyone to enjoy.

We're fortunate to have both mothers and fathers joining our monthly meetings. I want to encourage everyone to attend this month's gathering — fathers included! While we'll be celebrating mothers, there will always be a place for you at the table.

*****If you wish, feel free to bring an item that is special and symbolic of your baby*****

This could be a photo, a poem to read aloud, a baby book, a stuffed animal, a meaningful song, artwork - whatever feels significant to you. We will take turns sharing our items with the group, along with special stories about our babies.

We understand that Mother's Day Tea can sometimes feel discouraging, especially when others are sharing cherished items. For those of us who experienced early losses, there may be few or no tangible items that belonged to or represent our babies. Please know that no item is too small or insignificant to share. Choose anything that symbolizes your baby or your journey through grief. This may also be the perfect opportunity to create or discover something meaningful between you and your baby. I can't wait to see what you bring.

*****If you plan to attend, PLEASE RSVP no later than April 23rd, so I can make proper preparations. Be sure to include any dietary restrictions with your RSVP. Thank you!*****

3 Truths When You Don't Feel Like a Mom This Mother's Day by Meg Walker

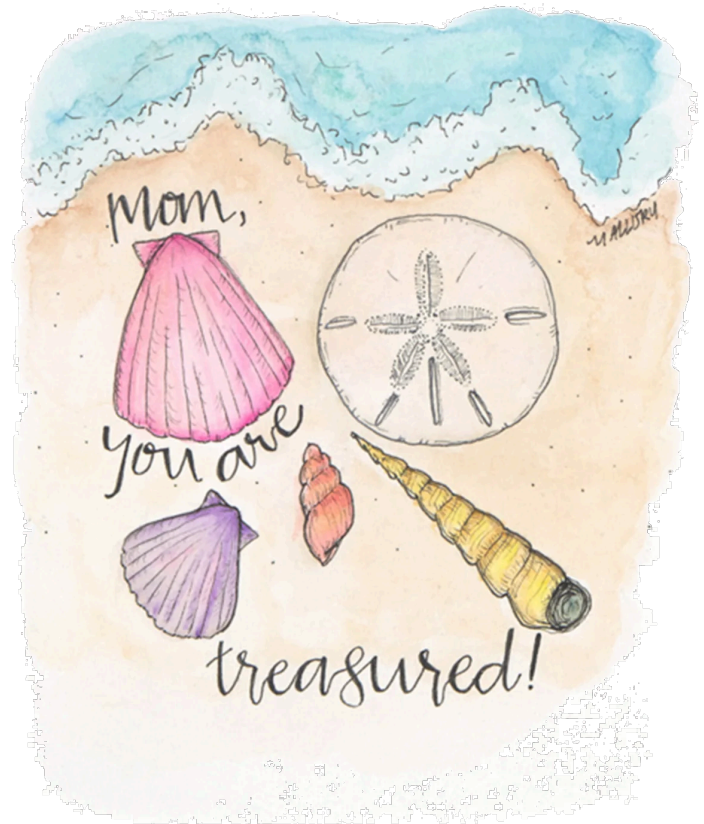
1. You have worth, value, and dignity
2. Your baby's life matters - immensely.
3. Your baby is not forgotten.

Read the full "3 Truths" article [here](#).



Additional Bereaved Mother's Day Events Across Kansas City

- ◆ **Cherished by My Angel Lives** - Saturday, May 2nd - An intimate Mother's Day morning gathering for moms who carry love and loss—just a space to connect, reflect, and be held in love. This Mother's Day season, experience an intimate morning—created for mothers navigating life after loss. No matter the age. No matter the story. No matter how long it's been. This gathering is about being in a space where your motherhood is seen, honored, and understood... without explanation. A space where you are held in love. A space where you are Cherished.
- ◆ **Timeless Bond: A Bereaved Mother's Day Workshop** - Saturday, May 2nd - Whether you have lost your mother or your child, you are welcome. Join us for a morning of remembrance, connection, and healing. Participants are encouraged to bring a photograph of their loved one as we share stories and create a personal tribute to honor their special bond. Participants must register with Deb Wilson at 816.363.2600 by Tuesday, April 28. Location will be shared upon registering.
- ◆ **KNOW OF ANY OTHER BEREAVED MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS?**
Let me know and I will make sure to share them with our BLOOM group.



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 May we Remember...

Baby Mason - May 1987
Baby Finnell - May 1995
Baby Uthe - May 2002
Baby Gordon - May 2006
Baby Davis - May 2008
Baby Thurin #1 - May 3, 1984
Baby Uthe - May 3, 2004
Christopher Alexander - May 4, 2002
Tilly - May 7, 2008
Keely - May 8, 1992
Emily - May 10, 1989
Baby Sullivan - May 11, 2000
Dominic Alexander Rivera - May 14, 2013
Kenneth & Korinne - May 15, 2014
Joey - May 19, 1994
Tyler Gabriel - May 20, 2005
Abigail Nicole - May 25, 2001
Baby Thurin #4 - May 26, 1990
Rebecca - May 27, 2005
Caden Claire - May 31, 2002
Justin Scott - May 31, 2002

*To add your baby's name to our remembrance list, please email us at info@emilias-wings.org.
Please include your baby's name along with any significant dates you'd like us to honor.*



Molded by the Moon and Waves

Seashells often journey with the tides, carried and reshaped by water over time. In grief, we too are carried by forces we cannot control. Yet as the shell is transformed by the ocean, so too are we transformed by our experiences of loss. Our hearts may feel broken, but in time, we learn to carry grief differently. It becomes a

quiet strength, a deeper love, and a renewed appreciation for life's fragility and beauty. The shell reminds us that life continues, that love persists, and that transformation - though sometimes painful - can create enduring beauty and meaning.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ When I think about the seashell and its journey through the ocean, what part of my own grief journey feels most familiar?
- ◆ In what ways have I been "carried" or shaped by my loss, even when I felt out of control?
- ◆ How has my grief changed over time—not in what I carry, but in how I carry it?
- ◆ Where do I notice, even in small moments, that love and meaning are still present in my life?