



The 'Tributes Framework'

Tributes to Lost Children

Ways that some families honor their children who have passed away

~ EXPRESSIONS OF THEIR UNDYING LOVE ~



Bereaved families want to keep the children present in their lives ...

- ◆ they build 'altars of remembrance' to keep their children close
- ◆ they dedicate areas in the home to create special places of honor
- ◆ they create outdoor areas around the home for peaceful reflection
- ◆ they associate presence of their children with iconic signs
- ◆ they continue to involve their children in ongoing activities



Bereaved families want their children to be remembered ...



- ◆ they designate special places for community remembering
- ◆ they promote the children's names
- ◆ they create expressive works inspired by the children
- ◆ they participate in memorial activities
- ◆ they commemorate the children's special days



Bereaved families want some good to come from their losses ...

- ◆ they donate to meaningful causes
- ◆ they contribute to charitable activities related to the children
- ◆ they reach out to serve important purposes
- ◆ they provide grief support to others
- ◆ they establish organizations to extend their reach
- ◆ they award scholarships in honor of the children
- ◆ they realign personal values and behaviors



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