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Traditions



How did the Mother's Day tradition start?

For the modern Mother's Day it seems that 150 years ago Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized an awareness day for poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

"In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

How did the Father's Day tradition start?

Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a "father's day." She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state.

After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Although these holidays are difficult for grieving parents, understanding the tradition and remembering the love for your children, can help you through it.

You can sponsor the
TGBAS website by
visiting

<http://battlesids.org/sponsors>

A special thank you
to our recent sponsors
in memory of:
Dakota Scott

Online Support Groups

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/ok_child_loss

A group for parents in Oklahoma who have lost a child .

Help us by donating your used cartridges and cell phones! Do you have a business that would like to start a cartridge and cell phone donation program Benefiting The Great Battle Against SIDS? Email Melissa@BattleSIDS.org, or call (405) 260-0013. Mail your used cartridges to:
The Great Battle Against SIDS,
812 N Broad St.
Guthrie, OK 73044

Little Ones Grieve Too!

Children learn a lot by doing things themselves. If you have a memorial garden consider including a small area just for them. Gardening has been said to be therapeutic.

However, it's important to remember that children become discouraged easily, and to keep the gardening experience a positive, healing one, try some of the easy to grow plants listed below. These are all easily started from seeds!



Sweet pea (does best on trellis)

Pot Marigold

Cosmos

Bachelor Buttons

Morning glory (does best on trellis)

Sunflowers (try a variety like sun-spot pictured)

Remember Me

Please take a few moments to remember the little ones listed. Each is loved and missed dearly each day.

Birthdays



Jenna Michele Ponichtera -April 03, 1994
SIDS (photo)
Jacob Frank Sherman April 05, 2004
SIDS (photo)
Sloan Elizabeth Holand April 6,

2005
SIDS

Dominic Lincoln-William Beaudet April 07, 2002



SIDS (photo)
Gavin Hans Johnson April 09, 2003
SIDS
Austen Craig Kimbro April 11, 2002
SIDS
Malea Lynea Whitifield April 11, 2003

SIDS

Anthony Michael Sauls April 13, 1990

SIDS

Owen John Berlin April 14, 2004

SIDS

Colton Dale Sherman April 19, 2004

SIDS



Ireland Rose Seda April 20,2004
SIDS (photo)
Joshua James Suppes April 22, 1997
SIDS
Brookelynn Rae Sheehy April 25, 2003
SIDS

Kaitlyn Michelle Edge May 02, 2004

SIDS (photo)

Ava Grace Perry May 08, 2004

SIDS

Kiersten "Kiki" Elaine Fontenot May 10, 2001

SIDS

Hunter Matthew May 14, 2003

SIDS

Seamus Donnelly May 15, 2002

SIDS

Kylee Exandria May 19, 2003

SIDS

Kayla Michelle Blanton May 22,

1999

SIDS

Jayden Marie Shelley May 26, 2004

SIDS

Jordan William May 29, 1998

SIDS

Derick James Anthony Shaw May 31, 1991
SIDS

Joseph C LaMattina May 31, 2003

SIDS



Kaiden Alexander Conley-
McDowell May 31,2003

SIDS

Ashley Rose Bernt June
01,1989

SIDS

Nicolas Charles Kamerman-
Darling June 01, 1994

SIDS

Alana Morgan Shifflett June 03, 2004

SIDS (photo)



Bryan Charles Bemis June 07,
1989

SIDS

Alexander Charles Gill June 08,
2001

SIDS

Bailey Renee Brady June 15,

1999

SIDS

Jayden Walker Stewart June 18, 2001

SIDS (photo)

Molleigh Kay McClure June 18, 2003

SIDS

Karl Benjamin Gustav Sandberg June 18, 2004

SIDS (photo)

Adam Wayne Edward Hartinger
June 23, 1996

SIDS

Lucas June 24, 2004

SIDS (photo)

Orrin Fulton Blake June 25, 2002

SIDS



Remember Me

Angel Days

Joey Michael
April 09, 2004
SIDS
Nathaniel J. Etter



April 8, 2005
SIDS (photo)
Cheyenne Elizabeth Todd
April 11, 1997
Miscarriage (photo)
Vanessa
April 13, 1999
SIDS

Alexis Nicole Peters
April 13, 2002
SIDS
Steven Ford White



April 15, 1995
SIDS
Carlie Eileen Shelton
April 25, 2000
SIDS
Layla Jill Rouineb
April 25, 2003
SIDS

Jacob
April 29, 1999
SIDS
Lindsey



May 02, 1994
SIDS
Allyson Jean Eisenhut
May 11, 2005
SIDS
Edward William Miller
May 13, 2004
SIDS

Jayden Walker Stewart
May 14, 2002
SIDS (photo)
Katherine Nicole Jones
May 15, 2003



Sudden Infant Death
Ireland Rose Seda
May 18, 2004
SIDS (photo)
Brady Charles Widman
May 22, 2004
SIDS (photo)

Michael Charles-james Cooksey
May 24, 2005
Mateo Esteban Anchondo
May 25, 2005
SIDS (photo)
Kylie Alexis Winowiecki
May 29, 2004
SIDS
Collin Joseph Todd
June 09, 2004



SIDS
Owen John Berlin
June 10, 2004
SIDS
Austen Craig Kimbro
June 15, 2002
SIDS
Malea Lynea Whitfeld

June 16, 2003
SIDS
Cody Dawson Pollock



June 16, 2004
SIDS (photo)
John Dylan Guitar
June 17, 2004
SIDS
Jayden Marie Shelley
June 26, 2004
SIDS

Seamus Donnelly
June 27, 2002
SIDS
Lucas Scott Gebhardt
June 30, 2000
SIDS



To include your child in the Remember Me section of our newsletter, please add your child to the special days registry.

www.battlesids.org/specialdays.html

A SIDS Stamp? Write Now! ^b

Quick Updates:

- We're repeating this effort in hopes to show the US postal service that we are dedicated to SIDS Awareness.
- Please help us convince the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee that Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is worthy of a Stamp.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE POST OFFICE DIRECTLY - IT COULD INITIATE A REVIEW PREMATURELY, BEFORE THE FULL ARSENAL OF SUPPORT IS READY, THEREBY CONDEMNING THE EFFORT TO FAILURE.

This effort is for a commemorative stamp (like the love or Christmas stamps) which will help bring awareness to SIDS & the many sudden unexplained deaths.

After a subject has been considered for a stamp and rejected, any letters coming in during the next year have **NO IMPACT**: there is a one- year moratorium on reconsideration. Let us gather thousands of letters first, and then turn them in all at once! Therefore -- if you would like to see a SIDS postage stamp issued by the US Postal Service, follow these steps carefully.

1. Write a letter on PAPER. Use an impressive letterhead, if possible. Explain why Sudden Infant Death Syndrome should be honored with a postage stamp that will be seen by millions of ordinary people in the USA and around the world. Use your own reasons; give it a personal, testimonial touch, if possible.

2. Address the letter itself (but **DO NOT SEND IT**) to:
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee;
Arlington VA 22209-6432.

3. **SEND** the LETTER to:
The Great Battle Against SIDS
812 N. Broad St,
Guthrie, OK 73044

Please do not email me your letter. There is no possible way I can print the thousands of letters we receive.

For those of you outside the US, it might help to mention that you, and many others like you around the world, would be interested in SIDS stamps as a collector.

On **June 1st, 2006** I will assemble them, add a cover letter, and send it to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee along with background materials to assist in their research.

PLEASE feel free to add this information to your own website, newsletter, or email signature.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What is the deadline?

A: The deadline is **June 1st, 2006**

Q: Will I receive a thank you to let me know you received my letter?

A: Unfortunately, the costs to mail a thank you letter for every letter received would be tremendous. If you include on a separate piece of paper your email address, I will be happy to email you to let you know!

Q: What do you mean address the letter to the citizens advisory committee, but send it to Melissa?

A: Your actual letter (the piece of paper) should be addressed to Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee Arlington VA 22209-6432. The envelope should be addressed to: The Great Battle Against SIDS 812 N Broad St. Guthrie, OK 73044

Q: I received information on the SIDS stamp efforts from a friend, but the address is different. Why?

A: Many of the members of AIM are collecting letters locally to send in bulk to the Guthrie Address above. If you are concerned with the collection address you have, send your letter to the Guthrie Address above.

Q: Do I need to include a stamped envelope addressed to the citizens advisory committee?

A: NO! Melissa will be collecting all of the letters & sending them together in one box!

If you would like to help with postage you can make a donation to The Great Battle Against SIDS

Q: I live outside of the United States, can I still send a letter in support of a SIDS Stamp?

A: YES! You may wish to add that you would be interested in a SIDS stamp as a collector.

Q: Does my letter have to be handwritten? Can I send a typed letter?

A: You are welcome to send either a typed or handwritten letter, just be sure that it is legible.

Q: Can I send multiple letters in the same envelope?

A: YES! Feel free to add multiple letters in the same envelope!

Q: How can I help spread the word about this effort?

A: Print & copy the "SIDS Stamp Effort Letter" and send to all of your family & Friends , Let your local newspaper know! , Let your local radio stations know! , Call your support group or local SIDS organization & ask them to help spread the word too! , Add this information to you site. Email Melissa if you need help doing this! , Add a link to <http://stamp.battlesids.org> in your email signature!

Q: Can I write more than one letter?

A: Yes! But please make each letter unique! Do not make several copies of the same letter!

Q: Can my children write letters also?

A: YES! If your child is old enough to write, we welcome their letters!

Q: Who started this campaign?

A: Angels In the Media (AIM), a division of SIDS Families. For more information on AIM, please visit: <http://www.sidsfamilies.com/AIM>

Q: What is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

A: Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the term used to describe the sudden & unexplained death of an infant, even after a complete autopsy, case review & death scene evaluation. Please visit the SIDS Families website for more information. SIDS Families - SIDS Information

Q: Do you have a printable copy of the "SIDS Stamp Efforts"?

A: We are working on uploading a printable version.

Q: Do you have to know someone who lost a baby to SIDS to write a letter?

A: ANYONE is welcome to write letters of support! You do not have to know someone who lost a baby to send a letter!

Q: My child died of SADS (OR SUDS, SUDC, SUDI). I would like to help with this campaign but feel that SADS (or SUDS, SUDC, SUDI) should be included.

A: We will be adding information on the many variations of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, including SADS, SUDS, SUDC, SUDI, & Adult "crib" death. While the campaign will directly be asking for a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome stamp, it will benefit all sudden unknown deaths. By bring light & attention to SIDS, it will provide an opportunity to educate the public on the many Sudden Unknown Deaths.

Q: I am interested in printing this information in a newspaper (or similar publication) who can I email or call for more information?

A: You can email Melissa at stamp@battlesids.org

If you would like to make a donation please make the check payable to:
The Great Battle Against SIDS

Mail your check & the information on the right, to:

The Great battle Against SIDS
Attn: Daniel Clements
812 N Broad St
Guthrie, OK 73044

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Phone

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The Great Battle Against SIDS
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[Http://battlesids.org](http://battlesids.org)
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Guthrie, OK 73044

