

# *Gone But Not Forgotten*

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## *The Great Battle Against AIDS*

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# Remember Me

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

## Birthdays

Bryce Charles Baker  
October 5, 2002  
SIDS

Jessica Bryn Lawson  
October 17, 2001  
SIDS

Anna Ruby LaPierre  
October 30, 2002  
SUDI

Christopher Shane Chisholm  
November 04, 1972  
SIDS

Joey Michael  
November 16, 2003  
SIDS

Brianna E - A Padilla  
November 18, 1999  
SIDS

Zackary shane  
December 11, 1998  
SIDS

## Angel Days

Owen James Steffke  
October 6, 2003  
Undetermined

Brookelynn Rae Sheehy  
October 13, 2003  
SIDS

Tilor Christopher Zajicek  
October 20, 2002  
SIDS

Ryan Nicholas Del Vecchio  
October 23, 2003  
SIDS

Kayla Michelle Blanton  
October 26, 1999  
SIDS

Bailey Renee Brady  
October 31, 1999  
SIDS

Nicholas Cassiano Hyora  
November 25, 2001  
SIDS

Christopher Shane Chisholm  
December 01, 1972  
SIDS

William Edward Gasser  
December 6, 1999  
SIDS

Gillian Faith Wells  
December 7, 2003  
SIDS

Chad Kahler  
December 8, 2003  
SIDS

John R Devereux  
December 9, 2001  
SIDS

Anna Ruby LaPierre  
December 31, 2002  
SUDI

If you would like to include your child in our "remember me" section please visit our special days registry.

<http://battlesids.org/specialdays.html>.

Angel Day is a term used by SIDS Families in replacement of date of death. Thank You Lydia for thinking of a term that is so appropriate!

# *STDs in the News*

**H**PEV-3 virus was recently found in Japan. Until August, the virus had never been seen in the US before. That is until a Milwaukee virologist detected it in 2 babies who they believed to have passed due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Officials are trying to figure how the newly recognized virus, human parechovirus-3, or HPEV-3, fits in. Japanese scientists reported its discovery earlier this year after studying a 1-year-old girl who developed a high fever, diarrhea and temporary paralysis in 1999. The first was a 4-week-old Appleton girl who died last September, after she and her family had colds. The second case occurred two weeks later, 30 miles away, in a 4-month-old Fond du Lac girl who also had cold symptoms. "Other than the virus itself, we do not have a linkage," said Wisconsin's state epidemiologist, Dr. Jeffrey Davis.

**S**o what does it mean? It means more research is needed. At this point one can not say that this is an incident, nor can they say it's a widespread epidemic.

**W**omen with high levels of AFP (alpha-fetoprotein ) in their blood are three times more likely to give birth to a baby that later died from SIDS, according to a study released in August. A high level of alpha-fetoprotein is an indicator of birth defects, and is usually a sign of poor placenta function. Most woman are given a AFP test during their second trimester.

**B**ut what does this really mean? As always, it means more research is needed. But what is extremely important about this type of research? For years research has been directed at environmental factors. What is needed now, is to look at internal factors. It's well known that even following all risk-reduction recommendations, a baby can still die. It's become apparent that we need to start looking inside the babies, and the internal conditions during pregnancy. What does this NOT mean? That every woman will a high AFP level will lose their child to SIDS, and not ever woman with a low AFP level is safe from losing their child to SIDS.



# Site Updates

We've been busy updating the site! Below you'll see a highlight of the newest additions to the site as well as upgrades to some of the oldest sections! We hope you'll look around and get some use of the many wonderful areas.

Special Days Registry: <http://battlesids.org/specialdays.html>

The special days registry helps us support you! By adding your child to the special days registry, we can add your child to the remember me section of our newsletter. We hope to eventually have the funds available to send little notes of remembrance to those who have signed up through the special days registry.

Support Groups <http://battlesids.org/supportgroup.html>

As other organizations learn of our support group listings, they've begun to add their support groups to our listing, making it a quick source for anyone looking for support! If you know of a support group, ask them to add their information as well!

SIDS Awareness Pins <http://battlesids.org/pin/index.html>



We've changed the entire look and feel of the page, and added 3 NEW items! Our new larger SIDS Awareness Ribbon will have the word "SIDS" in the left side of the ribbon. This design will come in both the pin & a charm. The third item is SIDS Awareness Italian Charms. All of our newest items are on preorder.

The Memorial Wall <http://battlesids.org/memorial/index.html>

Include your child on the memorial wall today!

The Living Memorial <http://battlesids.org/living/index.html>

Plant a bulb in memory of your child today! It's a wonderful way to memorialize your child! Your child's bulbs will be planted and cared for with love, and the beautiful blooms are photographed and added to the site each year. Last year we had over 300 blooms, this year we'd like to see 1000!

# October Is "SIDS" & "Pregnancy and Infant Loss" Awareness Month!

Pregnancy and infant losses occur more often than you might think. Consider the following:  
Each year, Close to 1 million families are faced with the tragedy of pregnancy and infant loss.  
One of every 100 births ends with a stillborn baby and almost 1 of every 100 births results in a baby that dies during the first 28 days of life (not including SIDS which occurs 2 per 100).  
Approximately 15-25% of all *documented* conceptions end in miscarriage.  
It is estimated that up to 50% of *all* conceptions end in miscarriage.

Ways To Commemorate National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

Wear a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Ribbon or SIDS Awareness Ribbon Each and Every Day During This Special Month!

Make more ribbons and informational brochures and pass them out to family, friends, at hospitals, doctor' s offices, churches, funeral homes, etc.

Organize a memorial service or educational seminar at a church or hospital.

Plant and dedicate a plant in memory of your child.

Make a donation to a charitable foundation in memory of your child.

Write your local newspapers! Let them know! If you don't tell them, who will?

Write an article and submit it to your local newspapers.

Tie pink & blue ribbons around trees in yards, neighborhoods, and parks.

Place signs and banners in your yard, neighborhoods, and parks.

For SIDS Awareness you can join a wonderful group called  
Angels In the Media (AIM)

Please visit:

[Http://sidsfamilies.com/AIM](http://sidsfamilies.com/AIM)

For more information.



# Christmas In Heaven

This will be our third year hanging stocking in memory of all of our loved ones. We'll open the memorial November 1st. This year things will be a little different than last year, but it will remain a beautiful free holiday Memorial!

Below you'll see a preview of the stockings you can hang this year!



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Stocking tubes provided by: LJV Designs.  
<http://lvgdesign.com/>

# *Away For The Holidays*

**T**his year we will also have a special tribute for families who's loved ones are overseas this holiday. If you have a family member serving overseas during the Holiday season, please feel free to hang an ornament for him/ her.

This is a special section of the site that has NEVER been done before! We ask that you please do not hang an ornament for our fallen soldiers, as this is a special area to remember those who are away for the Holidays. We have another very special section of the site, named "Heavenly Christmas" that you're more than welcome to hang a stocking in memory of our braved soldiers that died protecting our freedoms.

Below is a preview of the ornaments you will available to hang.



If you would like to make a donation please make the check payable to:  
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