

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but people will
never forget how you made them feel."
- Maya Angelou*

Run to Remember 2009

Celebrating Significant Lives

Run to Remember 5K Run/Walk began with the family and friends of Nancy Horn as a tribute to her exceptional view on physical fitness, her fortitude and her enthusiastic approach to life. Nancy lost her 14-month battle with brain cancer in September of 2003.

The atmosphere of Run to Remember is one of celebration and involves a run/walk followed by an outdoor after-party featuring a live band, food and beverages. The event raises money for the Anderson Township Park District Playground Fund. Because Nancy was a devoted wife and mother, her family and friends felt that donating the proceeds of the event to the Playground Fund was the perfect way to honor her memory.

The first year was such a success that T.J. Horn, Nancy's husband, wanted to share this event with others by inviting friends and family to nominate a loved one for the Run to Remember event. Since then, the Horn family 'passed the torch' to include additional individuals. Following is a brief introduction to each of the 15 significant individuals whose memory we are honoring and whose short lives we are celebrating on September 12, 2009.



2009 Honoree: Marty Demmerle Carr

Martha Elizabeth Demmerle Carr (28) - loving wife, new mother, dear friend and daughter and beloved teacher - passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 10. Her life was one of joy, happiness, friends, family and faith. She is survived by her loving husband, Sean, and their newborn daughter, Lily Ann.

A gifted and caring educator, Marty was loved by all at John G. Carlisle Elementary School in Covington where she taught third grade and served on many committees. Her students and their futures were her shining lights. Marty was a 1998 graduate of Beechwood High School in Fort Mitchell and 2002 graduate of the University of Dayton. She also held two masters degrees in education.

Marty was a tireless volunteer for many charities, especially for Crossroads Church which was so important to her. Along with Sean, she traveled to Africa for Crossroad's outreach program and locally mentored children needing guidance and love. They also spent time in the summers as counselors at Paul Newman's camp for children with life-threatening illnesses.

She gave so much to so many and never asked for anything in return. Her presence touched so many and she will be missed by them all. Her last gifts were Lily and then as organ donor, helping many she did not even know. Just like Marty.



2009 Honoree: Darrin Huston

Darrin was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer Easter of 2006. He never smoked! His family prayed for an Easter Miracle. God had other plans. As Darrin accepted that he would die, his big concern was that he would not see some family and friends in Heaven. He felt that so many of us spend too much time worrying and not enough time trusting God. He was an amazing inspiration to all who knew him.

Darrin went to Akron University for Electrical Engineering then married his high school sweetheart, Wendy. They had two beautiful kids, Matthew and Kylie. Darrin accomplished more in his short career than most do in a full lifetime. One of his most notable accomplishments was, ironically, working on a cancer cure for which Light Sciences, Inc. is currently seeking FDA approval.

Darrin lived life to its fullest and embraced death courageously. He died May 19th, 2006 and is missed terribly by his wife, children, parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and friends.

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2009 Honoree: David and Millie Pavlik

David Pavlik attended preschool in Anderson and went to Sherwood Elementary School. He attended Anderson Junior School, and then he went on to St. Xavier High School, graduating in 1985. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1990.

Growing up, Dave's main interest was baseball. Not only was he a Cincinnati Reds fan, but he loved playing District 5 Knothole ball. One of his favorite fields was at Beech Acres Park, when the field was close to the street, and home plate was in front of a huge tree. His family spent many summer days watching Dave and his two brothers play baseball all over Anderson Township. Dave also played third base for St. Xavier High School for four years.

After graduation from MSU, Dave moved to Naples, Florida, married his wife, Melissa, and became the proud dad of Millie in 1997. Dave was a very successful real estate agent in Naples. Millie used to visit Cincinnati every summer, and Julifs Park was her favorite place to play.

Dave, Melissa and Millie led a very charmed and happy life, until one sad day in June, 2003, when a driver ran a red light and broadsided their car. Dave and Millie were killed instantly, just three weeks after Millie's 6th birthday and two weeks after she finished kindergarten. The void that Dave and Millie have left is still heartbreaking.



2009 Honoree: Bob Rumke

Bob Rumke lived each moment to its fullest. From work to music to friends to family, each received his undivided attention and each was better for it.

As an employee of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company for 43 years, an employee of H&R Block for 20 years, and a self-employed tax preparer, he routinely took the extra step to do his job better. He took pride in doing his job to the best of his ability.

As a musician, he practically lived with the accordion strapped to his shoulder. From his early days playing for USO functions to his later days playing for local senior centers and nursing homes with the Anderson Township Ragtime Band, he used his talents to bring smiles to all those who listened.

As a friend, he made it a priority to care and assist for those around him. He received the Council on Aging's 2003 Caregiver of the Year Award for the countless hours he spent caring for two Anderson Township sisters, Eleanor and Virginia Tiernan, during their last years with us.

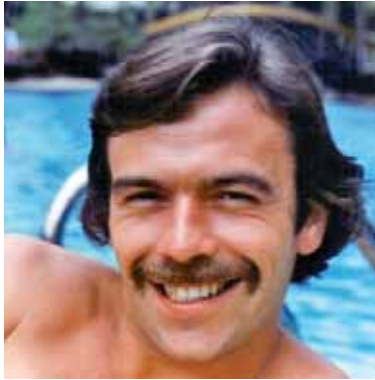
As a family man, he loved his wife, two daughters, four grandsons, and three great-grandchildren dearly. Most specifically, his wife and constant companion of 62 years brought him the most joy and happiness.

As a man who received so much and who gave even more, he would quickly tell you that all of the above was graciously heaped on him by the love of God.

He is missed dearly and will always be.

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Continuing Honoree: Rick Alfieri

Rick filled his 52 years with love for others and laughter for many. He had a way of making people feel welcome and at ease, whether he had just met them, or if he had known them for years. He was the consummate host, and wasn't happy until he knew his guests were happy. He had a smile and a wink that could knock down any barrier. Not only was he a hard worker to provide for his family, he was a loving husband, a friend to his children, and ultimately the light that brightened any room. Rick passed away suddenly, the morning of January 4, 2008.

Born and raised in Anderson Township, Rick managed to get himself through school while supporting his mother after his father's death. He persevered to achieve his dreams, and he gave strength to every person he encountered. Regardless of the situation, Rick always had a twinkle in his eye and a song in his heart.

A wise man once said, "Death is nature's expert advice to get plenty out of life." Rick got everything he possibly could get out of life. His infectious zest and appreciation for life is an inspiration. As his family lives their lives, enjoying each other's company and truly experiencing each day, they do so in honor of Rick. And they are sure that makes him smile.



Continuing Honoree: Scott Barkley

As a chief photographer for News 5, Scott often worked long hours, but never neglected his primary responsibility as husband and father. Scott would often transform a seemingly insignificant time and make it memorable through his enthusiasm. His daughters remember the fun of constructing a concrete basketball court in their driveway and how he encouraged them to etch their initials in the concrete. The small things like that stand out for Scott's family. They remember he enjoyed taking walks, riding his bike, being outdoors and feeding birds. Scott loved feeding the birds so much, he often referred to them as "his girls." Even when he had to use a cane and a brace (due to a tumor) he would spend hours on the porch before radiation treatments. Scott had a very aggressive form of brain cancer and battled it for 4 months before he passed away in 1999.



Continuing Honoree: Erin Marie Borchers Bates

Erin Marie Borchers Bates, a graduate of Anderson High School, went on to be a court reporter for the Hamilton County Court House. After being told that the chances were slim of having a child, she conceived and gave birth to a baby girl named, Eden, Erin's pride and joy.

Erin had a beautiful voice that her family will miss at Sunday masses. Erin's laughter was contagious and her love for life and her family can never be forgotten. She was a wonderful sister, daughter, mother, and friend. After several visits to the ER, Erin died abruptly of meningitis in 2004 at Mercy Hospital Anderson. She was only 26 years old.

After her death, her family received letters and cards from people who wanted to share with them how Erin touched their lives. She was the kind of person who wanted to help everybody and would go to great lengths to do so. Her untimely death is a reminder of how precious life is and that people don't remember anything about you when you're gone, except the way you touched their lives. She is forever missed.

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Continuing Honoree: Jordan Bonne

One of the top 15 trampolinists in the United States, Jordan Bonne was training hard to achieve his dream of competing in the 2012 Olympics. At the 2002 U.S. National Championships, the gifted trampolinist finished second in his age group in addition to a silver medal finish in the synchronized trampoline event. The following year, Jordan placed 16th in the World Age Group Games in Hanover, Germany.

At 15 years of age, Jordan was no doubt a gifted athlete, but those who knew him said what made Jordan special was the impressions he made on everyone he met by living an example of faith, family, and friendship. Many parents have commented that, as a result of Jordan's death, they have reassessed their priorities and are now putting family first instead of jobs. Teens have told Jordan's family that they want to strive to become more like Jordan – to live their lives with passion, faith and love for family. The positive manner in which he touched many lives is evident by the many entries on a website created in his memory.

Jordan passed away on January 19th due to a head injury sustained during a trampoline event at the Flip Fest Invitational in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jordan was a sophomore at Turpin High School and would have been a graduate of the Class of 2006. Upon graduation, even though Jordan was no longer a student, his classmates still voted him "Most Unforgettable".



Continuing Honoree: Tonya Brown

Tonya Brown was a very loving and caring individual who always made sure other people's needs were met before her own. Throughout her life she dealt with different health challenges, but everyday would wake up with the same glowing smile on her face ready to take on a new day. The biggest blessing of her life came when she found out she was pregnant with her daughter. Doctors told Tonya that she was not able to have children, and with her diabetes, serious health concerns might arise with her pregnancy. Tonya's prayers were answered when she gave birth to her miracle daughter, Arika! Tonya passed away four short years later due to complications with her diabetes. Her family continues to celebrate her life, and they know that she would be thrilled to see what they have helped give back to the community through the annual Run to Remember!



Continuing Honoree: Nancy Horn

There's a photo of a woman poised atop a rock, her silhouette outlining her muscular figure, her chin pointing high and her arms curling in a position that conveys strength. The woman is Nancy Horn and the photo was taken before her 14-month battle with brain cancer, which cut short her life in 2003. She was both a devoted wife and mother, who inspired many people with her courage and positive attitude.

Nancy Horn is described as a model mother – she took motherhood to a new level with her focus on her two sons. Often referred to as a true-blue friend, Nancy was a fun person, a pleasure to know, and had outstanding strength of character. It is fitting that her memory would help build playgrounds for children in our community and the major event to celebrate her short life would involve fitness – another one of her priorities.

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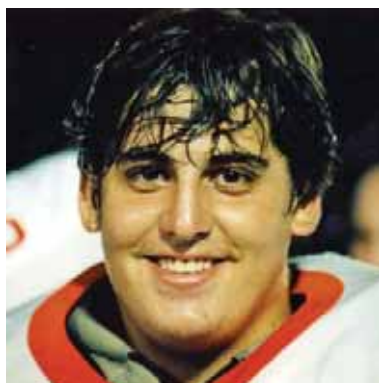
Continuing Honoree: Gerry Meisman

Gerry Meisman deeply loved his family and cared about making the world around him a better place through his involvement in cub scouts, boy scouts, AYS softball, McNick and IHM. In fact, Gerry worked untiringly for his parish by devoting his time and energy to numerous facets of the church while always focusing on his role as husband and father of four. His family remembers many good times in the parks, riding bikes and flying kites. Others remember Gerry for his birdhouses. Gerry's favorite hobby was making beautiful birdhouses as gifts or as donations to be sold at charitable events. Many who received a birdhouse from Gerry would comment on how much they cherished the gift. Gerry was a caring man who gave of himself wholeheartedly and with a smile. After battling cancer for three months, Gerry, a non-smoker, died of lung cancer in September of 2004.



Continuing Honoree: John Naish, Jr.

Johnny Naish, born and raised in Anderson Township, was a 1999 graduate of Anderson High School. He was a very kind, fun loving, and happy person who enjoyed his life to the fullest. Johnny was surrounded by family and many wonderful friends who loved him very much. He always enjoyed family gatherings, and especially loved to see his niece and nephews. Sadly on December 24, 2005, at the age of 24, Johnny's life was taken tragically in a car accident. Johnny is missed tremendously, and the support that has been expressed by so many has been very healing for his family. For Johnny's family, it is always a pleasure to continue to celebrate Johnny's life with all of the people who loved him so dearly.



Continuing Honoree: Chris Rowswell

With such a large number of family and friends who loved him, it was as though Chris Rowswell always had his own cheering section. Chris was a linebacker and lacrosse player for Anderson High School and Marietta College, who had the luxury of having so many friends and family who loved to watch him compete at both of his favorite sports. Chris was proud that all of his family members took such a vested interest in his sporting activities.

Pictures and memories of everyday moments remind Chris' family and friends of his great sense of humor, his infectious smile, his profound love for his mother and his deep respect for all the people with whom he came in contact. Chris was an extremely hard working and responsible young man who was very pleased with the person he was becoming. During the last couple years of his life, Chris found Jesus Christ and had accepted him as his Savior. It is believed that this brought to Chris a wonderful sense of peace and tranquility and he passed away knowing that he was now in the arms of the Lord.

Chris was a great reflection of his family, a family whose love for him will echo in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

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Continuing Honoree: Jill Sutphin

Jill was a wonderful friend and neighbor to many people in Anderson Township. She was originally diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 and pulled through her treatments remarkably well. She was then diagnosed a second time with breast cancer in December 2006. She once again fought the battle, but the disease got the best of her and she passed away in September 2007. She was a remarkable lady who brought light to her husband and 3 children, as well as all the people's lives she touched through her involvement in the community and schools.

Jill was a loving and caring person who never said "no" to anyone that asked anything of her. She was the first to help a friend or neighbor in need. She was extraordinarily creative, and always went the extra mile to put her personal touch on things. She is loved and missed by many in the area.



Continuing Honoree: Peter Tekulve

Peter was only 10 years old when he passed away suddenly of myocarditis, a heart infection. He was a fourth grade student at St. Thomas More, and has three brothers and two sisters.