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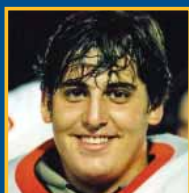
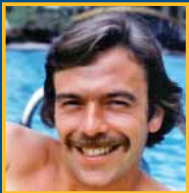
# run to remember

5K Run/Walk In Memory of Loved Ones

Saturday, September 11, 2010 ~ 6:00 pm  
Beech Acres Park: 6910 Salem Road



## MEET THE 2010 HONOREES



Run to Remember 5K Run/Walk celebrates the lives of these people, and also serves as a fundraiser for the Anderson Township Park District Playground Fund.

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*"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*

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## 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 5K run/walk, followed by an outdoor after-party with a live band, food, and beverages. The event raises money for the Anderson Foundation for Parks and Recreation 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. Below are brief introductions to the significant individuals whose memory we are honoring and celebrating on September 11, 2010.

## Meet the 2010 Honorees



### New 2010 Honoree: Tommy Bodenstein

Tommy was born on March 10, 1968 to parents Tom and Joyce Bodenstein of Anderson Township. Growing up, Tommy played soccer and knothole baseball throughout Anderson Township parks, Kiwanis basketball, and played football for Guardian Angels and McNicholas High School. After high school graduation, Tommy attended Ohio University and later moved to Florida.

Tommy's love for his family and friends was always first and foremost in his life. His detailed recollection of events from Pee Wee football to college brought constant laughter to his friends. Tommy was always one to make wise, observant, funny, and often times, uncomfortable comments. For this we loved, envied, and cherished his spirit, freedom, and spontaneity.

On March 7, 2000, Tommy became a father to Jasmine Nicole Bodenstein. He raised her to love all sports and to especially love the Cincinnati Reds, which was his second passion - only beat out by his passion for fatherhood! He coached Jasmine's soccer teams and played a very active role in her baseball teams as third base coach and umpire.

Tommy was diagnosed with cancer in early 2009 and passed away only six months later. Tommy is sorely missed and his absence is a void that will never be filled.

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## 2010 New Honoree: Kevin Schuler Brown

Kevin Schuler Brown: young, strong, devoted. These are just a few words to describe Kevin. Kevin grew up in Anderson Township and attended Forest Hills Schools. Kevin, a dear friend and companion to many, died of cancer at the age of 36 on March 16, 2009.

Kevin Brown was an inspiration to many every day of his life. He was a symbol of strength and stability to his wife Amy, a loving father to his children, Megan and Drew, and a loving son, brother, cousin, and friend to us all.

Diagnosed in October 2008 with an aggressive cancer that spread quickly through his body, Kevin taught us to live life as if there were no tomorrow. He taught us the value of today and tomorrow, and the importance to take time to love each other and tell each other how much you love and appreciate them every day.

Kevin reflected on his journey in a journal, an inner look into the eyes of someone in shock, disbelief, fear and hesitation. The writings he left behind communicated his innermost fears and hopes; to live, to see his children grow, to grow old with his wife. He is an inspiration and teacher because he taught all of us around him how fragile life is, how life must go on, how to live a life filled with friends and family, hardworking, and strong. Kevin S. Brown is inspiration in light of adversity and tragedy. We love you Kevin Brown, you are forever in our hearts and thoughts.



## 2010 New Honoree: Bradley W. Gebhart

Bradley W. Gebhart was a lifetime Anderson Resident and a 1992 graduate of Turpin High School. Bradley was a loving son, brother, father of 2, stepfather of 1, and soul mate. Tragically, his life was cut short at the age of 35. Bradley was diagnosed with stage 4 T-Cell Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma on August 31, 2009. Cancer took his life almost three months later.

Talented beyond imagination in his profession, Bradley's expertise in carpentry and home renovation made his services much sought after in the Anderson area and surrounding counties. Through his work, pieces of Brad remain in the homes and businesses of so many. He loved his family with a passion that cannot adequately be described with words and with a fierceness that will never be forgotten. He was an amazing man with a beautiful soul. He possessed a joy for life that infected everyone around him and his fingerprint remains on the hearts of everyone he touched.

Although his battle with cancer was short, he fought with the courage, strength, and determination of a thousand men. Bradley spent his last days on this earth comforting his family, and trying to squeeze a lifetime of love into a few short days. There is nothing more honorable than a father, who even when facing death, puts the comfort of his family first.

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## 2010 New Honoree: George Hayward

George Joel Hayward, loving husband, father, grandfather, and Anderson Township business owner, passed away May 1, 2009. His sense of humor, personal drive and determination, along with great pride in his country and community endeared him with people both far and wide.

George graduated from Withrow High School in 1959, and then went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Navy.

George ("Rox") and his wife Ramona ("Mo") enjoyed entertaining friends and family at their home. He enjoyed sharing his home theatre and music, as well as tending to the upkeep of his outdoor landscaping. Together, they enjoyed traveling domestically and abroad. Some of their favorite travel destinations included Lake Tahoe, southern California, Anna Maria Island, Florida and many European countries.

Professionally, George started his own business, United Sales Associates in 1981. Under his leadership, the company grew dramatically both personell-wise and geographically. His sons, Todd and Tom now run the business.

Cancer may have taken George away, but our many memories of the man we knew as George, Rox, Dad, and Papa will live in our minds forever.



## 2010 New Honoree: Rosanne Martin

Rosanne's life was one of caring for others even while enduring her own pain and limitations. She was a caregiver, a loyal and devoted mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, daughter, and much more.

She began a 42-year nursing career in the Navy and continued work at area hospitals and medical organizations. She showed her capacity to love others by providing her time and talents to the Medical Volunteers of Cincinnati, and by taking care of her neighbors in need. She was always the one to go to for all things medical because of her wide-range knowledge in medicine and her untiring ability to help others.

Rosanne was devoted to her family and provided them with constant love and support. She was adored by her 5 grandsons who loved going to her house for "grandma time." After Rosanne died, her daughter delivered her first granddaughter, Anna Rose. We know she's enjoying watching her grow.

She was a rock to her family and when the unexpected diagnosis of uterine cancer came, she wanted to fight. Now, 2 1/2 years later, we are trying to remember her with honor. We'd like to give her the tribute she deserves through Run to Remember.

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## 2010 New Honoree: Robin A. Nance

The footprints that Robin Nance left have made a permanent impression upon many souls. Her impact continues to grow, as the children who were blessed to know her grow. Her own 5 children, as well as the children of Forest Hills School District, are and will be caring, productive, and forward thinking problem solving adults because Robin touched their lives.

In 1989, the Forest Hills School District was introduced to Robin's gifts as a first grade teacher, then as a 6th grade teacher. Later, she taught children to stretch themselves and become forward thinkers as a teacher of the gifted. She eventually found the way to impact the greatest numbers of children and adults by working at the district level as a secondary curriculum coordinator. For her own children, she was able to teach them to be independent thinkers, gave them love, and grounded them, which helped prepare them for her untimely passing. Her love of family and friends was apparent in all that she did and was. As for her impact on her friends, she gave them joy, laughter, and a friendship that has kept their group together and made them stronger. She lived in Miami Township with her husband, Tom, and their five children, Jenna, Abby, Erin, Ryan, and Maggie.

Robin Nance was an extraordinary woman who left a lasting impression on the hearts of many in both her professional and personal life. Although she left this world on May 8, 2007, the lives she touched continue to grow and be guided by her strong commitment and passion to us all.



## 2010 New Honoree: Nina Volz

Bursting with pride since the day she was born, Bob and Sallie Volz cherished their daughter, Nina. She was daddy's girl from the very start, and was given heartfelt nicknames such as "Boo" and "Madam" by her mom. After being the only child for years, Nina was joined by her little brother, Evan. Nina and Evan spent much of their childhood time together, and grew even closer as they got older. Nina Marie Volz had a deep enthusiasm for life and was not afraid of chasing her dreams.

Nina loved to laugh and have fun. She lived each day of her 21 years with grace and an endearing passion. Nina traveled to many places around the world, including Amsterdam, Cancun, and Punta Cana. She even lived in Los Angeles for a short period of time.

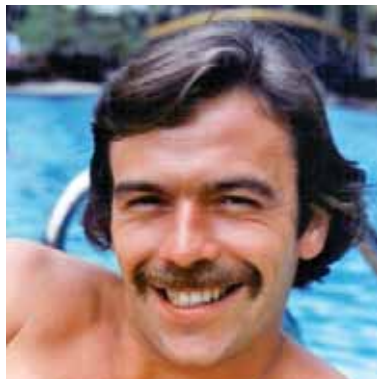
Nina loved to shop, and prided herself in finding unique treasures in unusual places. Having a true love for fashion, Nina always made a statement with her "edgy" trends. From gothic to vintage, Nina could pull off any look with her natural beauty.

Nina was not only beautiful on the outside, she was a wonderful person on the inside, too. She lit up a room even though she held herself in a humble, soft-spoken way. Kind-hearted and genuine, Nina always had a smile and a nice word to say. Her warm, considerate, and friendly manner made people naturally drawn to her.

She had many dear and tender friendships, but most of all, it was her family that Nina held close to her heart. We are blessed by the sweet and precious memories of our special girl.

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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: Erin 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!

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## Continuing 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.



## 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.



## Continuing 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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## 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 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: 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.

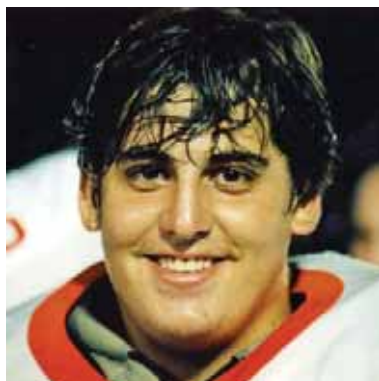
Growing up, Dave's main interest was baseball. Not only was he a Cincinnati Reds fan, but he loved playing District 5 Knothole ball. One of his favorite fields was at Beech Acres Park, when the field was close to the street, and home plate was in front of a huge tree. His family spent many summer days 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 Juilfs 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.

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## 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.



## Continuing 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: 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.



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