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# ETH News

## My Christmas Wish

Everyone's Christmas Wish is different. Some want toys, electronics, jewelry, a new job, a car. The list can be endless. There are some of us that have only one wish that would require a miracle to happen. This is my 8th Christmas without Mike. Sometimes I sit and write to him but my wish would be to see and talk to him one more time. To say those many words I never had a chance to say. To tell him how much our time over the years meant to me. I would give anything to hear his voice one more time. He had a sexy voice and I never told him that. I don't decorate anymore. I used to love Christmas. I loved shopping to find the perfect gifts for him and also doing something special for my friends at work whether stuffing a stocking full of treats or find that gift that fits their hobby or personality. But the past 8 years, Christmas is just another day for me. But I want to help others during this holiday season. I make donations to the Salvation Army, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Washington City Mission and the Light of Life Rescue Mission in Pittsburgh through my nonprofit's Good Deed program and Mike's grant program to help those who are struggling or homeless so they can have a hot meal or a place to stay. Please consider making a year end donation to my nonprofit so that I can continue to help those in need through my programs. Thank you!

## Reduced Vehicle Registration Fee

Back in February 2024 I wrote to Senator Bartolotta about the increase in vehicle registration fees which I shared my response from her in a previous newsletter. I did mention to her that the income cap requirement should have been increased as well since it had stayed the same. In her October 2024 newsletter I was surprised to find this topic:

### **More Retirees to Be Eligible for Reduced Vehicle Registration Fee:**

Beginning Dec. 16, more retirees will be eligible for a reduced processing fee in lieu of the standard vehicle registration fee. Because of [a new law](#) passed by the General Assembly, the income cap will rise from \$19,200 to \$29,906. Eligible retirees pay an \$11 processing fee instead of the normal \$45 registration fee.

When we lose  
someone we love,  
we must learn not  
to live without  
them but to live  
with the love they  
left behind. \*



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## Food for Thought

Food for Thought: Advocacy 2.0  
How your Vote Impacts Hunger!



I had the pleasure of being invited to another Food for Thought zoom meeting with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank on October 24th. At this meeting the discussion was how your vote impacts hunger, the Farm Bill and their recently formed Neighborhood Leadership Council.

## Congress – US House and Senate



**Farm Bill – currently expired**  
Determines funding levels and eligibility for federal nutrition programs  
Supports partnerships between farms and food banks



**Annual Budget – expires 12/20**  
Sets funding for critical nutrition programs, including child nutrition, TEFAP and senior food  
Sets funding for safety net programs that address root causes of food insecurity



**Tax Policies**  
Child Tax Credit  
Earned Income Tax Credit  
Neighborhood Assistance Program



*“When you believe beyond what your eyes can’t see, signs from Heaven show up to remind you...Love...Never...Dies” ~We are Widow Warriors*

Bartolotta and Ortity



## Letter to my Senator and State Rep

On October 23rd, I read an article in the Observer Reporter that talked about pension raises for some retired PA teachers and state workers that will set back the taxpayers 1 billion dollars and they don't have the money to pay for it. Our property and state taxes would increase to pay for their raises. I wrote to these two and never received a response. I also sent this letter to Editor of the paper as well. It was published in the Observer Reporter on November 12, 2024. I added a screenshot of the Editor letter to the Home Page of my website under Letters.

In the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Observer Reporter, I read “Pension raises for some retired PA teachers and state workers move ahead in Legislature”. Although a 15% - 25% pension cost of living raise would be nice, who is going to pay for it? How can you offer this high benefit increase when you don't have the money? Don't keep relying on taxpayers to cover your expenses. There are many other retirees in Pennsylvania who do not have a taxpayer funded pension and we do not receive cost of living increases. What we get each month will always stay the same. We won't have the means to replace what we would be losing if you plan on forcing us to pay for this increase. It is bad enough that we pay property school taxes for which we receive “no service”. Now you want us to use more of our retirement money to pay for their retirement cost of living increase. Enough is enough. In the article it states, “Let's give these folks the dollars they need to provide for themselves”. That's all fine and dandy but what about the rest of the retirees who will now be losing money by paying more in taxes. How about giving us a tax break so that we can provide better for ourselves as well. Where is the property tax reform that was promised?



## I was a Foster Mom

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I was a Foster Mom for cats and kittens. My first foster was a young cat with 2 kittens. When the time came for them to leave and go back to the shelter to be placed on the adoption floor I kept track of them. The 2 kittens were adopted right away but the mom I called Callie was terrified of everything. I went to visit her. She was in a corner cage on the floor. She had herself pushed as far as she could in the back of the cage fearful. It broke my heart. So guess what? I adopted her.

This is a picture of my little Callie. She was found as a stray.



My next foster job was much bigger. I had a mom and 6 kittens. The mom's name was Abby. I named the kittens, Jake, Tyler, Zoe, Mia, Bo, and Romeo. These little ones along with their mom were found in a box along side of a country road. The man who found them was keeping Zoe and Mia. I ended up keeping Tyler and Jake.



Tyler



Jake



My next foster, I only had her 2 days. She was acting strange and I rushed her back to the shelter. She needed emergency surgery for a bowel blockage. She ended up staying at the shelter for medical care. My last fosters were in 2010. These 3 kittens were also found in a box along side of a road. The one I called Marlee had a deformity of her left front leg which they said happened at birth. The other two I called Xena and Bailey. I kept Marlee for fear they would end of amputating her leg. She still used it for balance and I didn't want that to happen to her. I took her sister and brother back to the shelter. As with the other kittens, I checked in on them. Xena was crammed into a small cage with 3 other cats. I couldn't find her brother. There were so many black kittens and the shelter worker didn't know which one was my foster. I called Xena's name and she quickly came to the front of the cage. I told the worker I would foster her again until they found her a home. He checked with management but was told once they are on the adoption floor they no longer went back into foster care. So guess what? I adopted her. I have been thinking about fostering again but this time dogs or puppies. I will let you know if I do. All of my cats have passed away so it would be nice to help other animals by fostering again.

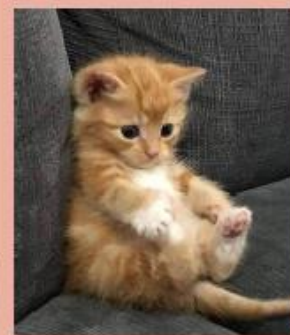
Marlee



Xena



### Baby Animals



Be kind to all animals

The Beauty on Earth—Part 8



## National Surviving Spouses Day Update

On April 30, 2024 I received notice via email that my National Surviving Spouses Day was approved. I did a follow up on October 28th since I wasn't hearing from them and I am now being told my day was not approved.



### National Surviving Spouses Day: An Update and Insights

Dear Cheryl,

We hope this message finds you well. It has been approximately four weeks since you generously submitted your idea for a new National Day, Week, or Month to National Day Calendar. We're reaching out to provide an update and some important insights regarding our review process.

First and foremost, if you have already received communication from us regarding the approval of your submission, please kindly disregard this message. **Your celebration is on its way to becoming a cherished part of our vibrant calendar, and we couldn't be more excited to work with you!**

Re: Update on Your National Day Submission



Alice Anderson <alice@nationaldaycalendar.com>  
To: cherylbertelino@comcast.net

Reply Reply All Forward

Mon 11/4/2024 3:20 PM

Follow up.

Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.

Hi Cheryl,

Thanks for the inquiry. Your day was not approved in April. That was the letter that goes out when a day is not approved. You are welcome to resubmit your day and I will be happy to send it back to the committee to try to get approval for you. I'm sorry for the confusion.

Alice Anderson  
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### Letter to Julien

Since I started this journey I have encouraged those that I have met to write to their loved ones including pets. On my website, my guests can use a template that resembles an email to write to a spouse, family member, friend or pet. On November 7th I received a notice that a letter had been submitted on my website. I wanted to share this letter with you. It was written to Julien. You can also read this letter on my website under "Created Email".

#### Julien

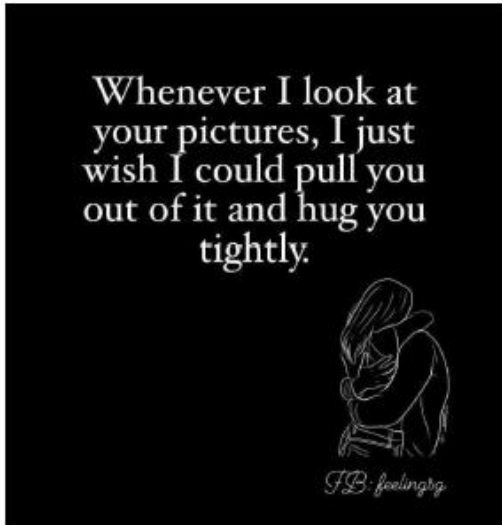
My angel, we missed you that day. Like every day, but especially on this day. We laughed and cried, and you weren't there. I still can't get used to the idea that it will always be like this. I would have liked to take you in my arms, to hold you so tightly, to see you magnificent in a beautiful costume. To see you laugh with everyone. You would have put the petals on my head, too, and I imagine you, laughing heartily... With all my heart, a strange expression... I know you were there among us, up there, somewhere above our heads, shining... shining like a shooting star. And thank you, thank you for lighting up this day between two days of rain. Thank you for leaving your smile in our lives, in our hearts and in our thoughts. Thank you for being my little nephew, for sharing these hugs, kisses and games. Then our laughter, our more mature exchanges about what you liked and what you were passionate about. But I'm still not ready to say goodbye. Because there's no goodbye as long as you're there, in my heart.

Posted in **Email, Family Member**









## I Just Want a Hug

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-  **Diane Hutcheson**  
Oh yes so much 🥰😭😭  
1h Like Reply
-  **Lynda Winton**  
All the time  
1h Like Reply
-  **Sylvia Jones**  
Me Too 💙 XX  
1h Like Reply
-  **Gary Johnson** ...  
So true.  
47m Like Reply
-  **Graham Whyte** (Top fan)  
Every day xx  
1h Like Reply
-  **Tanya Miller** (Top fan)  
All the time ❤️😭  
1h Like Reply
-  **Barbara McCarthy** (Top fan)  
Exactly!!  
50m Like Reply

-  **Linda Gibson**  
Oh if only that was possible.  
43m Like Reply
-  **Susie Ward**  
Every single time... 🤍❤️  
59m Like Reply
-  **Sue Carroll**  
Me too ❤️😭  
51m Like Reply
-  **Rose Burk**  
Every single day. It's almost too painful to look at his beautiful face.  
53m Like Reply
-  **Beverly Buckner**  
Me too  
1h Like Reply
-  **Donna Domingue**  
So true, I would love for you to take me in your arms!  
26m Like Reply
-  **Georgina Ruth Mullis** (Top fan)  
So true x  
18m Like Reply
-  **Peggy Duffy Gallagher** (Top fan)  
And that's why I got a photo pillow to hug...tightly 🥰  
1h Like Reply

## Most Popular Guest



Only a Dog could  
Go to a party,  
Speak to no one,  
Steal food,  
Fall asleep and  
Still be the most  
Popular Guest.

"Sometimes you have to do what's best for you, not what's best for someone else" ~Positive Outlooks

## Comical Animals

Something to make you smile.



Sometimes you have to do it  
yourself if you want it done

