



# The Signal

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## Special Interest

Legislative

Workshop

March 1-5 2009

Make plans to attend!



## President Viv's Message

Hello Auxiliary,

I hope your holidays were grand!

Suzie Stewart has agreed to be our photographer – thanks, Suz! She will be snapping pics of first timers' meeting, committee meetings, Board meetings, luncheon, and more during Conference. She will be taking some pictures of our Mid-Year Board Meeting in Las Vegas.

Area Directors, remember that your semi-annual report is due to the president and you will have an opportunity to share with the Board at the Mid-Year Meeting. I look forward to hearing more about what you all have been doing in your areas.

I still need someone with an analytical mind to step up and serve as the chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. I promise that you'd have help from some of our past presidents and others on the committee.

**Remember to contact Cora Sower if you need any information or help with submitting your state's dues to the EANGUS Auxiliary.** You can e-mail Cora at [sowertuba@juno.com](mailto:sowertuba@juno.com). Cora is ready to help in any way she can and she has been contacting states from which she has not heard. The grace period of January allows Cora time to contact you if there is any question about your submission. Thanks, we're counting on you state treasurers! We'll have a report on membership for you in the February issue of the newsletter.

State presidents, please remember to send a copy of your state Auxiliary newsletter to me ([vividean@aol.com](mailto:vividean@aol.com)). I have had newsletters from these states: California, *California Poppy*; Georgia, *The Georgia Town Cryer*; Kansas, (Auxiliary is included in *Kansas Link*); Mississippi, *Lily Pad Gazette*; South Dakota, *Dakota Messenger*; and Wisconsin, *Bucky's Auxiliary News*. I feel sure other states are providing newsletters for their membership so add me to your distribution list! Communication is so very important.

My toes are cold even in Mississippi and I am really praying for those of you who live in the colder climes. Bundle up and be safe. Watch out for your elderly neighbors when the temps fall like they are this week.

Variety is the spice of life – it's been fun and busy around our house just as it has been for most of you. We've put away all the Christmas decorations at home and at church (wow, now that's a job!!) and put out silver for the New Year; readied the family life center at church for a reception on Sunday evening; worshipped on Sunday; prepared food for Sunday evening; had the reception for our new minister of music; cleaned up; worked at the regular job; worked at the volunteer jobs; prepared for a MS Family Program Advisory Team meeting and MS Guard Family Foundation meeting this weekend; prepared Sunday's bulletin; worked on *The Signal* newsletter; worked on *The Visitor* newsletter;

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## Viv's Message Continued

corresponded with the area directors and officers of the Auxiliary; corresponded with MS Auxiliary officers; drove a train (Jerry did that one by himself); went to a junior high basketball tournament and watched our great niece, Allie, play (we lost, but boy did Allie hustle!); and more. Ain't life grand?! It's such a blessing to be able to be involved in families and in organizations that make a difference in people's lives.

Thanks for all you do for our Guard members and families! Vivian

## Prayers & Praise

- Update from Marie Brabham: I have been going through cervical traction on my neck. I have finished the traction and waiting on an MRI for my neck, back and shoulder. Once that is done the doctor will determine if I will require surgery on my neck. I am in hopes that I will not need surgery again. I just started driving again after my back surgery in December.
- Hi, I have received many e-mails on how I am doing so I thought I would fill everyone in at once. I had surgery 4 weeks ago on my left arm. They put a pin in my thumb that looks like a large fishhook. Half is in the thumb and the other half is sticking out which will eventually be pulled out. (Ouch) I also had work done on my wrist due to carpal tunnel. They had taken a tendon out also from my arm to cushion the bone in my thumb. I had bone rubbing on bone. And finally they made approx. 5 inch cut into my elbow to move some nerves that were being pinched causing my neck pain. It should have been a same day surgery but due to complications with my diabetes they kept me longer. The first cast I was given went almost past the elbow but the one I have now is a little easier and a lot lighter. I thought I would have it purple for the auxiliary. So I should be back to normal? In about 4 more weeks and 2 more casts. Thanks for your concerns. Shelli Kasin ND
- Thanks for all of the prayers on behalf of Ruth Ann Crawford. She is now at home and you can send her a card to: 1320 South Mound, Grenada, MS 38901 or call her at 663-226-4526 Continue to pray for Ruth Ann and Jim as Ruth Ann continues to heal.
- Please keep Jim (PeeWee) Knowles in your thoughts and prayers. Jim lost his son on Jan 02, to heart disease. If you recall, Jim lost his daughter a year or so ago to cancer. He has one daughter remaining in Atlanta. Jim's phone # is 601-485-4614, and his address is: 1510 37th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39307.
- Paulette McLeod, 101 Rush St., Louisville, MS 39339, 662-773-4316
- Agnes and Money Tupman, 604 Maxwell Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401-1105, 601-545-7849
- Gloria Cooley's grandbaby to have heart surgery on Thursday. Gloria's address is 29 CR1834, Pachuta, MS 39347, 601-951-0486
- Kitty McCleave, eye surgery, Tuesday, Jan 6th. 2126 Cooper Road, Flowood, MS 39232 601-992-1253
- The passing of Dee Joyce Price on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, she was 72 years old. Dee Joyce Price was active in the National Auxiliary. At one time she served as Sergeant-At-Arms.
- Charlie Hagerman's brother Shorty passed away 26 Dec08 Herman "Shorty" Hagerman was 82. WWII Navy Vet. And a member of the Patriot Guard Riders.
- Keep Joe Davis (MS) in prayer he is getting close to finishing Chemo treatment and doing really well.
- Major General Rita Aragon (OK) and her husband Greg need prayers for his medical condition.
- Congratulations are in order for Al Hoxie and Carolyn Lance. They got married. Al is as happy as a pig in the sunshine.

## **CORRECTIONS FOR MINUTES** **(Received through December 22, 2008)**

Thursday, August 21, 2008 11. Special Recognitions (page 22 in *The Signal*, October issue) – Sheila Bandy, President President Bandy also introduced new state presidents. Roxana Barwick, Wisconsin should be deleted. Roxana is not the state president in Wisconsin. Roxie was representing Delaine Reis, who was elected in April. Roxie was the Wisconsin delegation chair since Delaine could not attend the conference.

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 past Scholarships report (page 17 in *The Signal*, October issue) President Bandy recognized Connie Myers (MS). Connie introduced Frank Yoakum (not Yocum).

Wednesday, August 20, 2008 8. Financial Chair Inglese read additional recommendations 4. (page 15 in *The Signal*, October issue) In addition, President Bandy's vouchers shall be paid plus incurred expenses of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), not two dollars (\$2.00). [I am looking at the minutes that I had printed out and they are correct, so the mistake came in entering the minutes into Publisher/Adobe. *Vivian*]

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 14. c. Continuity (page 12 in *The Signal*, October issue) – Brooks Marr (MS) Chair Chair Marr stated that *The Senior Signal* was published one time during the budget year (\$318.28 under expenses on treasurer's report). A second issue was not published due to loss of mailing information in computer crash. Chair Marr resigned as editor for *The Senior Signal*.

Tuesday, August 19, 2008 14. b. Chaplain (page 12 in *The Signal*, October issue) – the names from Bernice Dannemueller through Helen G. Thurston should be listed with MO beside name (postal abbreviation for Missouri) not MI (Michigan).

Any repeated lines are not in the minutes printed out for the conference book. They are a result of importing the minutes into a newsletter format, and I just did not catch that in the final proofreading. Also, note that numbers should be in sequence. We had to manually add some of the numbers when we imported the minutes and so that's when they got out of line. The editor and I regret any confusion that caused. [I have been on the secretarial end of this and I remember my angst when folks would tell me that when they printed out the minutes items would be spaced incorrectly, with tabs and page breaks out of place, but mine were printed out perfectly. It all has to do with how each individual computer program is set up. *Vivian*]

## Photos, Information and Tidbits from Across the States

Help save lives today with the gift of early detection!

Simply click the pink button at The Breast Cancer Site to help provide free mammograms to underprivileged women.

[http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/tpc/ERB\\_121808\\_BCS](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/tpc/ERB_121808_BCS)

What if the EANGUS "We Care For America" Foundation earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter EANGUS We Care For America Foundation as the charity you want to support. And be sure to spread the word! You can easily load the GoodSearch Bar to your Web browser.

We need your help so we can continue to help our National Guard soldiers and Airmen. It cost nothing but a click on your computer to use the GoodSearch.com search engine.

**24th Annual Area IV Conference  
Registration Form  
13-15 February 2009  
Olive Branch, Mississippi**

[www.militaryhandbooks.com](http://www.militaryhandbooks.com).

Handbooks are ready for release, now.

**2009 Wisconsin National Guard  
Enlisted Association  
State Conference: 24-26 April 2009**

The Office on Women's Health/OPHS just released a new website which is now live. It also includes a health disparities profile which examines indicators for different populations as well as other useful information for women's health. Hope that you find the information useful.

<http://www.womenshealth.gov/>

Military OneSource is pleased to announce that beginning Monday, January 19, Military OneSource will once again provide free tax consultation and season. As in the three previous years, users will have free online access to the TaxCut Basic program.

[Www.militaryOneSource.com](http://Www.militaryOneSource.com)

## Senior Corner: Brooks Marr Senior Editor

### SELF CPR

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!



### Teen Leadership Summits

Announcing the 2009 Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits. Please disseminate the information to all Air National Guard members. The Teen Leadership Summits are only for Air Guard and Air Force Reserve youth. The camp is 100% funded and the youth will fly into Atlanta or Jacksonville (depending on the summit location) from the closest major airport to where they live.

The application deadline is 6 Apr-application and criteria are located at the following website:

[www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit](http://www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit). We appreciate your support in promoting this outstanding opportunity to our teens. Marketing materials to include postcards and posters will follow in the mail by the end of January.

Below you will find more detailed information about each summit:

July 13-17, 2009 - Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonga, GA (site of the 2008 Summit)

Attendees will be flown into Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. This Summit will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available to AF Reserve and Air National Guard dependents.

Activities include high/low ropes course, rock climbing, white water rafting, environmental education and leadership classes.

July 27-31, 2009 - Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, GA

Attendees will be flown into Jacksonville International Airport.

This Summit will build upon information gained at the first Summit so attendees should come with a basic understanding of programs and services available to them as dependents of AFR/ANG. Speak Out for Military Kids training will be provided as well as programs focused on ocean/marsh life and the local history. Activities will include sea kayaking/canoeing, dolphin tours, biking, a day at Cumberland Island National Seashore, leadership activities and more.

The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to all 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ms. Stacey Young, HQ AFRC/AISY, Chief, Family Member Programs [Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil](mailto:Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil), 478-327-0971, DSN 497-0971 or Ms. Brandi Mullins, HQ AFRC/AISY, Specialist, Child and Youth Programs [brandi.mullins@afrc.af.mil](mailto:brandi.mullins@afrc.af.mil), 478-327-2090, DSN497-2090

### Lifetime Membership Rules to Follow:

The EANGUS Auxiliary Constitution reads as follows:

#### ARTICLE III, Individual Membership

(b) LIFE. An annual member may become a life member by payment of an amount approved by the membership, in addition to the annual dues which apply until the applicant reaches the age of sixty (60). This is a non-refundable payment. After age sixty (60) no dues are required. Application must be accompanied by verification of eligibility by the treasurer of the chartered state of which the applicant is an annual member.

(1) Each state shall notify the AUXILIARY Treasurer of the ineligibility of any life member when submitting the annual membership list and dues payment.

At the 2008 National Conference, the body approved that all LTM applications would now be sent to the LTM Chair along with sufficient funds to cover all requirements. This procedure will be in effect until such time as the body votes to change the process.

EANGUS Auxiliary is a SPOUSE organization and proof must be submitted along with the application that the SPOUSE is an EANGUS Annual or LTM. There will be no exception to this requirement.

This formula is being used for figuring the amount of funds to submit with the LTM application:

Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_ + 60 = \_\_\_\_\_ - current  
year \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
x \$ 7.00

Total Life Membership Dues = \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$15.00 which is required from every applicant whether over or under age 60.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Hendricks, Chair, Lifetime Membership Committee, EANGUS Auxiliary

6893 Augusta Hills Drive NE, Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144-8604

### Marsha Stark

#### Area VII

Marsha said in her Christmas letter that she and Bob are fortunate to have their children and grandchildren living near them: Bill and Natalie live in Concord, where Bill is Vice-President and loan officer for the private sector of Bank of America. Bill and Natalie have 3 boys...Aleksei, 12; Nicholas, 8; and Matthew, 3. Sharlene and Alan are in San Jose. Sharlene is completing her Masters Degree in Speech Language Pathology.

Bob works for the Diablo Respite Center as Assistant Director in the Dementia program and business manager. Marsha works for the Adult Education School as the ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher and coordinator and the state accountability coordinator. Both work part time so they can have the time to enjoy their hobbies, Bob with model boat work and Marsha with quilting and sewing.

In June of 2008 they celebrated Bob's birthday with a cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage followed by a land tour to Denali National Park and Fairbanks. After a week in Savannah for the EANGUS Conference they traveled through South Carolina before heading back to Atlanta for their flight home.

We have been blessed with such a talented group of volunteers who serve on our EANGUS Auxiliary Board. Marsha also serves as co-chairman of the Finance Committee for which she is eminently qualified.

### New Trivia Questions

Each month in the Signal, we will publish new questions, the answers will be published in the next months signal.

- (1) Name the EANGUS President and the EANGUS Auxiliary President that served at the same time that had the same initials. Also, they came from the same state so name the state.
- (2) There have only been two EANGUS and EANGUS Auxiliary Presidents that have been man and wife. Name these people.
- (3) What EANGUS Auxiliary President has the same initials as a popular, sporty foreign car.

Legislative Connie Myers:

I hope you are making plans to attend the Legislative Workshop to be held 1-5 March 2009 in Alexandria, Virginia. If you have never attended, I urge you to because it will really answer the question, "What does EANGUS and the EANGUS Auxiliary do for me and why should I answer "The Call". You will find a complete agenda along with the travel information you will need. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact me, Connie Myers at 601-917-1192 or [constance.myers@ang.af.mil](mailto:constance.myers@ang.af.mil).

### **EANGUS Legislative Workshop and Awards Reception**

March 1-2-3-4-5, 2009

Hampton Inn & Suites, Old Town Area South

5821 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22303

(703) 329-1400 Fax (703)329-1424

<http://www.hamptoninn.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=WASAXHX>

Hotel room rate is \$139

Hotel has 57 new studio suites as well as 133 regular rooms

Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to Metro Station and Old Town

Hotel provides hot breakfast every morning at no additional charge

Hotel does not charge for parking

No registration fee for workshop

#### Monday March 2, 2009

Track I and II combined training sessions

Catered lunch (Subway-provided by EANGUS) with all day track training

Icebreaker social Monday night at Hampton

#### Tuesday March 3, 2009

Awards Breakfast and Tracks I session (new attendees) continues on the hill. Track II attendees (past attendees) ends at the end of Awards Breakfast, with Hill visits the rest of the day. Bus transportation will be provided from the hotel to the hill for the Awards Breakfast only. Getting back to the hotel will be on your own.

#### Wednesday March 4, 2009

Hill visits and you provide your own transportation

#### **Travel days March 1 and 4 or 5**

Arrive Sunday March 1; fly into DCA Reagan National Airport

Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to/from DCA

IAD Dulles is 40 miles away; BWI Baltimore is 30 miles away

**EANGUS AUXILIARY****Balance Sheet**

As of January 7, 2009

Jan 7, 09

**ASSETS****Current Assets**

Checking/Savings	
Checking	9,016.23
Money Mkt. Savings	35,844.74
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<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	44,860.97
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	44,860.97

**TOTAL ASSETS** **44,860.97****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

Opening Bal Equity	31,930.89
Unrestricted Net Assets	9,830.08
Net Income	3,100.00
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<b>Total Equity</b>	44,860.97

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****44,860.97****EANGUS AUXILIARY****Profit & Loss****September through December 2008****Ordinary Income/Expense****Income**

Membership Dues	11,914.00
Scholarship Donations	3,164.00
Other Types of Income	852.24
Interest income	158.38
Silent Auction Income	3,363.50
Ways & Means Income	735.00
EANGUS Donations	5,000.00
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<b>Total Income</b>	25,187.12

**Expense**

Officer's expenses	5,181.11
Chaplains	163.21
Scholarship awards	4,250.00
National Conference Expenses	1,499.45
Committees	232.03
Area Directors	2,450.00
LTM card orders	74.32
Non Budgeted Expenses	1,506.92
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<b>Total Expense</b>	15,357.04
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	9,830.08
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,830.08</b>

Greetings from your EANGUS Auxiliary Treasurer!

Happy New Year goes out to all members of the EANGUS AUXILIARY and their families. May this coming year, 2009, be a great one.

In the past few months, your new Treasurer has been busy with processing membership spreadsheets, setting up accounting procedures and doing the business of the auxiliary. This time of year is especially busy as state treasurers send in their membership lists and checks for dues, scholarship donations and lifetime memberships. As each state's membership list is received, it is checked for accuracy and used to update previous information. It is SO important to include phone numbers and email addresses. When discrepancies are found, I will contact you for additional information. All data is put on a master spreadsheet that is forwarded to the Membership Chair for more checking and corrections. From the Membership chair, the master list is sent to the EANGUS office and is used to update the list available via the website. In addition, the executive board and officers use this information for communication and organization business.

**At his time I have received information and/or payment for the following states:**

AR, AZ, CA, GA, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MS, MN, MT, ND, NM, NV, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, VA, WI and TITLE 10

**If you sent your dues to an address other than mine, PLEASE contact me. Every effort will be made to make sure that materials from the states sent in a timely fashion, make the deadline.**

**A notification of delinquency will be sent out via email to state Presidents, Treasurers and Area Directors mid-January.**

Here are a few goals that will keep me busy this year:

**Help!** I am available by email, or phone. Postal mail has the slowest response time, as I live in a remote area. If you have a question, or concern, let me know.

**Teamwork!** I will work with the board and committee chairs in a timely manner to improve methods of record keeping and future transfer.

**Accuracy!** Our financial records are now on QUICKBOOKS, which will mean accurate financial reports at any time. You can expect a short financial report in the "Signal". Financial transparency is one sign of a healthy organization.

**Improvement!** I will recommend any changes in our system to the board for review. My long term goal is one of simplifying the transmittal process.

Thank you for your support and encouragement. Big thanks to all of you that have helped with my endless questions and request for past records in this difficult time of transition. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer this year, working for a stronger auxiliary supporting our wonderful servicemen and women of the National Guard.

**Cora Sower, 9297 Kolander Road, Siren, WI 54872 phone: 715-653-2231,**

**email: [sowertuba@juno.com](mailto:sowertuba@juno.com)**

## Tribute to Trace Manning

You would have enjoyed knowing Trace Manning. He was truly a one-of-a-kind individual -- strong-willed, funny, often sweet, mischievous, a child, and later a man, of faith. He died of cystic fibrosis but he managed to live with it, too. He told his momma, Donna, that it was hard being so different and she told him it was okay to be different. That statement and his parents' attitude must have helped Trace because he learned that it really was okay to be different. The thing I most remember and see very often in my mind's eye is Trace's smile, a little-bit-flirty, a little-bit-shy.

Trace loved hunting and all things Mossy Oak. It was often a challenge with his breathing to pursue this sport he loved but his friends helped him manage it and he made more friends along the way as he hunted. Catch-a-Dream from Mississippi State University helped him to go on a hunt with some of his favorite folks. You should have heard them talk about the impact Trace made on them.

Trace and his family also were privileged to make a trip to the White House and meet the President of the United States, the Honorable George W. and Mrs. Laura Bush.

Pictures of these special "wish" trips and many family photos graced the tabletops and easels and were viewed by the hundreds of individuals who attended the visitation and/or funeral for Trace. Trace's friends, his nurses and doctors, and Donna and Mike's Guard family were very supportive and showed the family just how much they were loved. Folks made the trip to Laurel from all over the state of Mississippi to share with Donna, Mike, Madison and the extended family how much Trace impacted their lives.

There were hundreds of floral arrangements and one that I especially noticed was one with (I later learned from Donna) "Sixty-five Roses" which was sent by two of Trace's CF friends. It seems that a very young CF patient was having trouble saying Cystic Fibrosis and it sort of sounded like "Sixty-five Roses" so that has become a symbol for them. He and his CF friends had a special bond. Even when Trace was so near death himself he would text other friends and family to pray for one of his CF friends who at that time was having an especially bad week. He knew his friends were also praying for him.

Trace had planned his funeral about 2 years ago and he would have been pleased that his wishes were observed. Trace's casket spray was as unique as he with magnolia leaves, pine cones, gorgeous flowers, antlers, and other items found in nature. Trace's memorial service was just beautiful -- the speaker was a personal friend and he led those in attendance to think with him about his 2 BFFs, Jesus and Trace. It was so poignant and we cried and we laughed together as we recalled with him incidences in Trace's life. The pall bearers were Trace's friends, young men all dressed in their Mossy Oak shirts and trousers. They have since called and Donna and Mike and have been out to dinner with them. Trace would be thrilled.

Donna, Dona Wise, and I had an opportunity on last Friday evening to share about Trace and the grief experienced when parents are separated from a child through death. Please remember to pray for Donna, Mike, and Madison Manning as they restructure their lives during these coming months and years. Donna and Trace spent so much time together; they practically lived in the hospital these past couple of years. Donna told us that not only was Trace her dear child but he was also her friend!

God bless the Manning family.

