

Forever Remembered

MORGAN'S PLACE CEMETERY

Spring 2026



Impact At A Glance

Serving families since November 2022

- **325+** families served
- Average burial cost: **\$350**
- **23 months** of grief support
- **78** meals provided *this year*
- **83** aftercare boxes delivered *this year*
- **1,200** miscarriage kits distributed statewide since May 2025
- **69** memorial plaques placed

Every number represents a baby honored and a family supported.

Meet our new President: Teresa Anderson

I live in Piqua with my husband Bill. I recently retired from Piqua City Schools where I worked as a teacher and administrator. I feel strongly about giving back to the community so in my retirement, I have chosen to be active in several organizations and non-profits.

When I learned about Morgan's Place, I felt a calling to get involved. Morgan's Place is a blessing to families who have experienced the loss of a child, and I am humbled to be part of supporting its mission and work.

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Teresa Anderson
President

23 Months of Grief Support for Morgan's Place Families

This upcoming March marks **23 months of grief support gatherings** for Morgan's Place families. What began as a step toward providing connection and care has grown into a consistent source of comfort and healing for those navigating the loss of a baby.

Our support groups have been led by a multidisciplinary team that includes grief coaches, licensed counselors, art therapists, and women's health specialists. Each gathering incorporates memory-making activities, allowing families to create tangible keepsakes that honor their babies and preserve their legacy.

Beyond emotional support, families receive educational resources to help them navigate grief, balance work and family responsibilities, and care for their mental and physical well-being. Faith-based resources are also available for those who desire spiritual support, helping families renew their faith and find hope during their healing journey.

Participants have included mothers, fathers, grandparents, and, when appropriate, siblings—ensuring the entire family unit receives compassionate, holistic care.

***Thank you to everyone who has helped guide our families toward healing.
Your support makes this journey possible.***

Thank You to Philothea CYO

This incredible youth group put their servant hearts to work by assembling 200 miscarriage kits for grieving families. Because of groups like this, Morgan's Place has now sent over 1,200 miscarriage kits across the state of Ohio since last May—a milestone rooted in love and community.

They also spent time cutting up wedding dresses to be transformed into burial gowns, turning symbols of love into acts of mercy for families walking through grief.

What makes this even more special? Philothea CYO is 55 minutes from us. We were so touched that even with that distance between us, our mission reached their hearts, and we were honored to watch them put their faith into action. Philothea CYO, thank you for showing our families they are not alone and for living out what it truly means to serve others.

If you know any church or business that would like to help us assemble miscarriage kits please contact us.



Knights of Columbus German Dinner

Thank you to Father James O. Byrne Knights of Columbus Council 1592 in St. Mary's for a truly wonderful evening. The German dinner was amazing—every dish was homemade and prepared from generations of cherished family recipes of the Knights. It was such a special night filled with tradition and community. We are incredibly thankful for their generosity and unwavering support of our ministry. Your continued encouragement and belief in our mission means more than words can say. Thank you for all you do to support the families we serve.

Upcoming Fundraisers that Support Morgan's Place

If you are looking for a way to support our mission, we have some wonderful events coming up that are fun for the whole family .

ST. MARYS K OF C SUPER CASH BONANZA CHARITY TICKETS

The Knights of Columbus in St. Marys (Council #1592) are offering an incredible opportunity to support Morgan's Place Cemetery through their Super Cash Bonanza charity ticket sales. For every ticket sold through this mailing, a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to Morgan's Place.

Plus, participants will have the chance to win one of **twenty-five cash prizes!**

How to Participate

- Enclosed are four tickets (\$5.00 each)
- Fill out each ticket
- Include a check payable to **"K of C Council 1592"**
- Mail by **April 20, 2026** to:

Greg and Priscilla Wilt
P.O. Box 103
Anna, OH 45302

Thank you for helping support the mission of **Morgan's Place Cemetery** and the families we serve.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their past support and this most generous offer!



HIT A HOME RUN FOR HEALING!

Step up to the plate for a fun-filled afternoon that gives back! Join **Morgan's Place Cemetery at Day Air Ballpark** on **Sunday, June 14th at 1:05 p.m.** to watch the **Dayton Dragons** in action while supporting grieving families across Ohio.

This is the perfect outing for families, friends, churches, and businesses — and 50% of every ticket goes directly back to Morgan's Place to continue our mission of care and compassion.

Gates open one hour early
Ticket deadline: May 14th

Reserve your seats now:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Morgansplace2026>

Come enjoy baseball, community, and a cause that truly matters.

FOOD FOR THE SOUL V: AN EVENING OF COMFORT, COMMUNITY & COMPASSION



Join us on **October 24th at Winners Barn** for our annual Food for the Soul — a heartfelt evening bringing our community together to support the mission of Morgan's Place Cemetery.

- **Doors Open:** 5:00 PM Marcie Stammen will begin painting center stage
- **Dinner Served:** 6:00 PM
- **Quilt Auction:** Immediately following the performance

Performance Schedule

- **5:00–6:00 PM** — Jason Jenkins and Jenna Drees
- **6:00–6:30 PM** — Marie Daugherty (Pianist)
- **7:00 PM** — Isaac Buscher

Enjoy a delicious meal catered by **Leslie Huelskamp**, and take part in an inspiring evening of music, community, and compassion. The quilt auction will be led by **Kyle Andrews of Andrews Auction Service LLC**.

Tickets:

- Adults: \$25
- Children: \$15

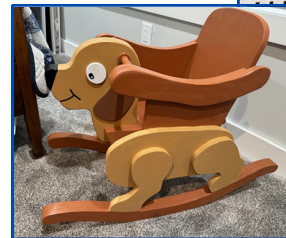
Includes dinner, drinks, dessert, concert, and auction access.

Extras: 50/50 drawing, raffles, and a pig auction add to the fun and fundraising.

Reserve your seats today:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/food-for-the-soul>

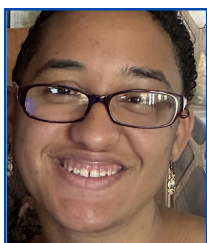
Come be nourished in body and spirit while helping us continue to provide compassion and care to grieving families.



New Board Members

Mistic Thompson: I live in Anna, Ohio with my husband James and my beautiful son Diego. I have a degree in Business Administration. I accepted the position on the Morgan's Place board because I believe every loss is a blessing to another in your shoes, I find comfort in helping others and using my loss as a way to bless others.

Angie Thornton: I live in Sidney with my husband Tom. After retiring as an insurance agent, I felt called to work with children as a kindergarten teacher's aide. I am passionate about the work and services that Morgan's Place Cemetery provides to grieving families and feel honored to be a member of the Morgan's Place Cemetery Board.



Mistic Thompson
Secretary



Angie Thornton
Vice-President



Save the Date: Lighting Up the Night for Mothers

On May 9th, Morgan's Place Cemetery will Light Up the Night for all Mothers. From 7:00–11:00 PM, we invite you to visit the cemetery and witness its peaceful beauty as 600 lights illuminate the grounds and gravesites — each one representing the enduring love of families and the precious lives remembered.

Come walk among the lights, reflect, and honor the bond that forever connects mothers and their children.

Small Kits, Big Comfort

Since May 2025, Morgan's Place Cemetery has assembled 1,200 miscarriage kits — each one a tangible act of compassion for families facing early pregnancy loss. These kits provide the necessary supplies and guidance to help parents respectfully collect and bury their baby, offering dignity, closure, and a path toward healing during an unimaginable moment.

At just \$4.00 per kit, your support allows us to continue placing these vital resources into the hands of hospitals, first responders, and families across Ohio.



Purchase items for Miscarriage Kits (ships directly to Morgan's Place: <https://a.co/005pZuGa>)

A Name, A Legacy, A Place to Remember

For many grieving parents, one of the most powerful steps in healing is naming their baby. A name acknowledges their child's life, affirms their place in the family, and creates a lasting bond that love and loss cannot erase.

At Morgan's Place Cemetery, our Baby Memorial Plaques offer families a sacred way to honor their child — whether their loss was recent or many years ago. It is never too late to name your baby. When your heart is ready, this simple yet profound act can bring peace, validation, and a permanent place to remember.

Let Morgan's Place help your heart find comfort in honoring the life that will always be part of your story.

Order a Baby Memorial Plaque:
<https://www.morgansplacecemetery.org/copy-of-memorial-wall>

Because every baby deserves to be named. Every life deserves to be remembered.



A Letter to Our Daughter McKaela Mae Thompson

James has waited 24 years for his little girl, “Her name would be McKaela Mae, she would go by Mac Thompson, just like my mom,” he often said. When we found out 12 weeks later that you were that dream we had always prayed for we were ecstatic. We had a perfect pregnancy with you, week after week of Daddy excitedly asking if we ate and had I checked your heart beat. You had four older brothers, I just knew you and Diego were going to drive us crazy, thick as thieves being only a year apart. You looked exactly like Diego, with Mommy’s nose and lips and Daddy’s ears. Your big brothers were so excited to meet you. Mommy spent every day thanking God for you.

Then came that fateful day when the doctor told me you were on the way. 21 weeks, 5 days. You were half a pound and 10.5 inches long. You took your first breath at 4:18 and your last at 4:21. For being so tiny and small you were a fighter the doctors told me not to expect you to live past birth at all let alone 3 minutes of you showing just how stubborn you were. In those 3 minutes of life, you touched so many hearts.

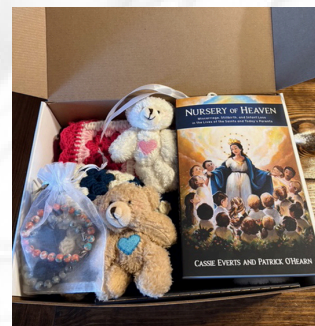
No one more than Daddy’s, you were his little princess. He prayed over you as I handed you to the funeral home, he got down on his hands and knees and dug your grave then the next day laid you to rest in it. Seeing him receive then lose his greatest wish broke my heart into a million pieces. We have struggled to recover since saying goodbye to you, we miss and talk to you every day. One thing Mommy wants you to know is just how loved you were. You will always be Daddy’s Perfect Little Angel.



Aftercare Boxes: Support Beyond the Loss

Our Aftercare Boxes extend care long after the immediate loss. Each box includes grief resources, faith-based encouragement, and educational materials that help families navigate mourning, understand their emotions, and find comfort in the days ahead. These boxes remind parents they are not alone — and that their baby’s life matters.

Purchase items for Aftercare Boxes (ships directly to Morgan’s Place):
<https://a.co/0egB31Va>



Together, we can provide education, resources, and comfort — one family, one box, one act of love at a time.

Morgan’s Place Wins Grand Prize in Phelan Insurance Group’s 12 Days of Christmas Event

Morgan’s Place Cemetery is honored to receive a generous \$750.00 donation from Phelan Insurance Group in Versailles, Ohio. We are so thankful that we were selected as the Grand Prize winner in their annual event. A special thank you to Elena Bulcher and Melissa Shappie for their thoughtful nomination. Your support helps us continue our mission of providing comfort and care to families experiencing infant loss. We are truly grateful for this blessing and for the continued generosity of Phelan Insurance Group!