

# Forever Remembered

MORGAN'S PLACE CEMETERY

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Spring 2024



## Our Mission Continues to Grow ... more than just a cemetery

Dear Supporters,

Spring has arrived at Morgan's Place and we are busy preparing the grounds for burials and visits from families. Looking back over the past year's accomplishments we are reminded how far we've come from the moment God revealed his plans in 2018.

At Morgan's Place we have served over 70 babies with keepsakes, caskets, urns, burial gowns and miscarriage kits.



**NATHAN & MOLLIE VERDIER**

We have also had the honor to bury 42 babies on the grounds since November 2022.

Morgan's Place... We are more than just a cemetery. We are providing far more than just a forever resting place for babies. We are advocates that walk alongside families throughout their entire grief journey, long after their baby is laid to rest.

We are a community of grieving families and a robust group of volunteers who are eager to serve our God through the dignified burial of the unborn.

If you would like to set up a time to tour Morgan's Place and see how your support helps our Ministry please reach out to us to set up a time.

Yours in Christ,  
Nathan and Mollie Verdier

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## Community Outreach

When a parent hears the news that they are miscarrying, they are often given few options to consider; one is to naturally deliver at home. However, parents are sent home and given little education on what to expect next. A miscarriage kit is a great tool to help families gather the remains of their beloved baby. Paired with access to a Perinatal Loss Advocate from Morgan's Place makes the process so much gentler on parents.

On March 11th, the student council members from Troy Christian High School assembled 100 miscarriage kits that Morgan's Place will distribute throughout Ohio and beyond for families in need. Thank you Troy Christian for your part in helping families give their baby a dignified burial.



## Sewing For a Cause

This month Morgan's Place put out a request to have small jar covers made to put in our miscarriage kits that would visually conceal the remains of a baby making the process more dignified for families. In just over 24 hours, 25 women from eight counties responded with their willingness to help. Within 48 hours we had 50 jar covers dropped off at our house. Thank you to all of the those that gave of their time and talent to serve our families and God in this capacity. These will be an ongoing need. If you would like to help please reach out to get more information.

## Volunteer Opportunities with Morgan's Place

### Community Barn Raising Project



We would like to build a maintenance building that includes an office and meeting space for support groups. Morgan's Place is looking for a general contractor or a retired general contractor who would be interested in donating some time to head up this project on the cemetery grounds.

**If interested please contact Nathan at 937-726-3614.**

### Mowing

Morgan's Place is looking for a few volunteers that would be willing to mow the grounds or do weed eating from May to October. The lawn mower and weed wacker will be supplied and you do not have to commit to mowing each week.

**Please reach out to Nathan at 937-726-3614 if you have an interest.**

### Preparing a Gravesite for Burial

Morgan's Place is looking for volunteers to help prepare gravesites for burials. Often the grieving family will come and prepare their baby's gravesite for burial as it gives them deep fulfillment. However at times the task is an emotional burden for a family. We are asking for volunteers to aid us in this task.

**For more information you can contact Mollie at 937-726-9988.**

# 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 (Council #1592) in St. Marys is offering a great opportunity to Morgan's Place Cemetery by partnering with them and their annual Super Cash Bonanza Charity ticket sales.

The St. Marys Knights are willing to reimburse the full \$5 cost of each ticket back to Morgan's Place for every ticket sold through [this mailing](#), along with the chance to win one of the 25 cash prizes!

The two tickets enclosed are \$5.00 each. Please fill out the tickets, include a check payable to "K of C Council 1592" and mail by **MAY 1st** to:

Mollie Verdier  
1254 State Route 589  
Sidney, OH 45365



### CASH PRIZES WORTH \$108,000

Top Prize: \$414/month for 10 years  
Second Prize: \$313/month for 5 years  
Third Prize: \$212/month for 5 years  
**22 other cash prizes!**

**We do thank the Knights of Columbus for their past support and this most generous offer!**



## JUNE 9 DAYTON DRAGONS GAME

On June 9th the Dayton Dragons will be playing the Lansing Lugnuts at 1:05 pm. Morgan's Place has the opportunity to sell tickets to this game for \$14.00 and then 50% gets returned to our ministry. This will be our 2nd year participating in this fundraiser. This could also be a great team building trip for your employees or a beautiful gift for their families all while supporting a great mission. Deadline to purchase these tickets is **MAY 9th**.

Purchase tickets at <http://fevo-enterprise.com/Morgansplace>

## DONATE WHILE YOU DINE - CULVER'S SIDNEY

Visit Culver's in Sidney on **Tuesday May 14th from 5-8pm** and a donation will be made to Morgan's Place Cemetery.

**THANK YOU CULVER'S !**



## OCTOBER 19 FOOD FOR THE SOUL EVENT AND QUILT AUCTION

On October 19th at 6 pm at Winner's Harvest Barn in DeGraff, Morgan's Place will be holding its third annual Food for the Soul and Quilt Auction. Dinner begins at 6pm, Soul'd Out will perform at 7pm and the quilt auction will start immediately after the band plays. Tickets are \$25.00 for an adult and \$15.00 for a child.

**Tickets are available on our website under the events tab at [www.morgansplacecemetery.org](http://www.morgansplacecemetery.org)**





## Testimonial in Honor of Luca Schmiesing

On November 1, 2023 we found out we were expecting our third baby. After two healthy pregnancies we had little concerns and at 8 weeks an ultrasound confirmed a healthy heartbeat. We would later receive the news no parent wants to hear. On January 26, 2024 we went in for a 16 week ultrasound only to discover a heartbeat was no longer detected and our baby girl had stopped growing at 13 weeks. 84 days of knowing about you, 84 days of loving you, 84 days of thinking about how perfect our life would be with you in our family.

The hospital gave us multiple options for what we could do next - Alex and I chose to naturally miscarry at home. Knowing it could still be a couple more weeks until the baby would be delivered, they gave us information for Morgan's Place to plan for the weeks ahead. When we got home that afternoon we were numb, shocked and devastated- why us?? I called Mollie later that night, a complete stranger to me - she not only gave me her time but also her deepest sympathy. She shared her personal story with me and opened her heart to me, she provided verbal guidance and delivered a miscarriage kit with information for us to navigate the next steps of this awful road.

We peacefully delivered our baby girl, Luca Ann at home the following morning, January 27, 2024 at 9:15 am. The most perfect little baby - eyes, nose and perfectly defined fingers and toes. Such a miracle and a true gift from God.

We contacted Morgan's Place that morning and Mollie came to our home and picked up Luca to transfer her to a funeral home until we could schedule a burial. We buried our sweet angel on February 2, 2024. A beautiful burial service was prepared by Mollie & Nathan with Deacon Weubker and our immediate family present. As heartbreaking as this process has been, the support from Morgan's Place has made this so much more peaceful for our family. We are so thankful for Mollie and Nathan for providing Morgan's Place. The most beautiful place to visit our little baby, Luca.

Love and prayers to all other families who suffer from child loss. Until we meet again

Luca Ann Schmiesing |  
01/27/2024

Alex & Becky Schmiesing