



National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims

First established by Parents of Murdered Children, Inc., **September 25, 2007** marked the first National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims. This day is set aside to honor the memories of murder victims and recognize the impact of homicide on surviving family members and loved ones.

After the initial shock of the death fades away, family members often struggle alone with their loss and become overwhelmed with the devastating experience of picking up the pieces. I've written this poem in honor of our son; Jarret Austin Clark for this special day of September 25.

Remembering

Remembering you Jarret is easy for me to do
I close my eyes and simply think of you
You may be gone but yet you're always here
For in my heart, I keep you very near

On this special day, we remember those we love
I often catch myself looking to the heavens above
We thought of you yesterday and we'll think of you tomorrow
Hoping the happy memories can overcome the sorrow

We remember your laughter and your great smile
Your time on earth was short, but yet so worthwhile
You made our world exciting, complete and fun
We miss you Jarret, but your new journey has begun

We remember you on this day and all the days to come
For you were our best friend and our loving son
It's hard to understand and we often ask why
Yet we're thankful we knew you before your spirit had to fly

You may be gone but yet you're always here
For in our hearts, you will always be near
Let's remember our loved one each and every day
And in our hearts; they will forever stay

Jarret Austin Clark
Gone But Not Forgotten
04/05/88 – 05/14/06

Parents: Eric & Tammy Slater

