

Bereavement and coping

By Darcie D. Sims, PhD, Louisville, Ky.

Every generation seems to have moments that color and distinguish themselves from every other generation and Sept. 11, 2001 is one such moment. Sept. 11 has become one of the defining moments for this generation. Just as many will recall where they were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, when Martin Luther King was killed or when the Challenger exploded, each of us forever will recall where we were and what we were doing when the events of Sept. 11, 2001 began to unfold and our lives changed forever.

We now label Sept. 11 as an anniversary; a strange term used to mark a celebration of a marriage and the passing of years following a death. Sept. 11, 2001 now has entered the history books as a defining moment in American history, and perhaps of the world. So it is appropriate to take a few moments to reflect upon our changed landscape and see if we can understand what has changed in the weeks and months since that horrible day began.

At first, a sense of disbelief overwhelmed us, and no one could imagine the reality we were forced to grasp instantly. Disbelief quickly turned to horror and horror into a trauma so deep that it took months just to be able to scratch the surface of the hurt.

We watched in horrified fascination as events unfolded and even now it still is difficult to imagine such scenes. The debris has been cleared away and, on the surface, life has returned to its frantic pace. There are some changes we all have experienced to ensure our continued safety as we struggled to make sense out of what has happened. These changes reflect a changed attitude and response to a loss of innocence and trust. We grieve as a nation as well as individuals.

*Sunsets remind me to
prepare for tomorrow's
possibilities.*

Haiku by Diantha Ain

What is it in this national grief and during the season of its anniversary that we can say we have learned from struggling through the Valley of the Shadow of Grief? Are there any lessons to be learned, gifts to be received, nuggets of truth to be savored? Can we salvage something from the tattered remains of our former selves and life? Can we sift through the wreckage and find some slivers of hope that will help us reweave the fabric so torn by the deaths of those we love? What is hope, and can we find it in the midst of despair?

Lesson one – change in perspective

What's important now? It seems as if I have a new perspective on life. I am no longer worried about the length of the grass or coordinating my outfit. I seem to measure time differently as well. I don't want to waste my time waiting in lines or until I lose a few pounds or until I get wiser. I want to live now, and the only time I have is for those I truly cherish. I have a new sense of perspective and I am more comfortable with living in the now than ever before.

Lesson two – don't get stuck on the small stuff

I no longer want to carry guilt or regret. I do not have time for those feelings that only rob me of energy. I don't want to get stuck in traffic, be caught worrying about my to do list or trying to remember schedules. I want to stop doing so much and just be.

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Stretching until it hurts

By Nan Zastrow

I quickly opened my eyes to face a new day as the radio alarm began its irritating buzz. The day's plans passed through my mind like an electronic agenda as I thought about all I planned to get done in nine hours at the office.

Like a languid cat, I stretched my arms high above my head savoring the few moments of cozy warmth. Then I reached my legs out their full length and rolled my toes upward towards my chest, stretching hard and long. A piercing pain tore through my body. The pain immediately caused me to pull my legs toward me in a fetal position. I cried out in pain as the muscle spasm coursed through my back and brought tears to my eyes.

As I lay there between waves of pain, I thought about all the experiences in life that cause setbacks. And like many other setbacks, there was nothing I could do to change the circumstances.

At least this was a setback that had a "fix." My back could feel normal again. Loss of a loved one is a major setback in life that can't be fixed. The unexpected death of our son, Chad, was one of these setbacks. We wondered, for a long time, if we would ever be normal again.

Facing life after loss isn't comfortable. My husband, Gary, and I vowed to "stretch our comfort zone" together. We knew there would be pain and tears along the way, but we shared the same goal. And in the end we knew we had nothing to lose. Here are four ways I remember that helped us to stretch our comfort zone.

Communicate:

Communicate your feelings with someone you can trust. Gary and I learned to talk to each other about things we never discussed before like life's questions, death's mysteries and our private thoughts. We also found, in some cases, we had to tell our friends or family exactly what we needed from them. If you can't come right out and tell them, show them.

This kind of communication creates some risks. Friends who can't exchange this kind of information freely may abandon you. Some people have difficulty talking about someone who has died. It's OK. Surround yourself with those who bring you comfort and can accept the change in your life. They are your true support system.

Forget:

I concentrated on forgetting about the negative feelings that occasionally surfaced and focused instead on the loving memories and positive outcomes. I could have been angry and felt cheated by God and by life. Chad was a special, beautiful part of our lives. I wanted to remember him for all the joy he brought into our lives.

I needed to remember that we cannot anticipate outcomes

in life. We cannot always control the things that happen or understand the reasons. I needed to direct my energy to making the best out of this tragedy. I vowed to concentrate on making choices which would honor his memory.

I was consumed with wanting to know the answers to "what if?" and "why?" The shuddas and cuddas drove me to believe that things would have been different. Questions like this always seemed to supply answers that appeared to make sense. But they really didn't. It was just a way to cover my own guilt of "if only."

I concentrated on changing my focus. I tried to picture how I wanted my life to be when this transition through grief was complete. I realized that I couldn't change what already had happened, but I could change how I reacted to it. And that's what most people would judge me by. Life isn't fair! So now what?

Look for what I could learn from this experience:

I learned two important things from this time in my life: value your relationships and life must have a purpose.

Relationships are the core of living and breathing. Value each and every person in your life. In this great circle of life, each play a unique role. I make a contest out of trying to discover how each person "fits." Are they giving to me or should I be giving to them?

Purpose. Nothing is more powerful. Living day-in and day-out, making ends meet, facing crisis and triumph are all part of it, but when it comes right down to the measurement of total existence, what makes it worth it? Am I doing something I enjoy doing? Am I helping someone in some small way? Do I feel that I can contribute something that makes me feel better about my place in the world? Yes, there is a place. And for everyone, that "something" is different. For me, it means discovering talents and making the best of them. It also means getting in touch with my spirituality. Who am I now?

Healing my back pain was much quicker than healing my grief. The prescription was easier to accept and to carry out. I discovered people are much more willing to accept the "pain in my back" than the pain in my heart due to my loss. Sad, isn't it? That kind of pain they could relate to, talk about and accept. It's the emotional, traumatizing kind of pain that makes us feel like sitting on the rim of the glass and watching everyone else's life go by.

The good news is there is a balance to life. You can honor the life of your loved one and live again. It all begins with stretching your comfort zone-one muscle or one day at a time. ❖

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Research review

By Ralph A. Franciosi, MD – *Franciosi is program director of Perinatal and Infant Pathology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and a professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.*

The problem of Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy

This is the first article in a two-part series discussing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy (SUDI).

"The first step toward the solution of a problem is recognition of the existence of that problem."

– Dr. Marie Valdes-Dapena

In recent years, parents and families of victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) have expressed increased confusion regarding the falling SIDS rate. A recent medical study raised the question of whether the falling SIDS rate is the result of renaming SIDS as "Sudden and Unexpected Death in Infancy" (SUDI) or "undetermined infant deaths."

The existence of SUDI was first reported in the United States in 1936 and the presumed cause of death was "accidental mechanical suffocation." In

1944, a pediatrician with the New York City Health Department noted that 80 percent of infant deaths were the result of "accidental mechanical suffocation." He believed that these infant deaths could be prevented.

Unfortunately, the medical profession was largely unaware of this problem because these deaths occurred outside of a hospital setting and were investigated by coroners or medical examiners. At that time, the information gathered from these investigations was kept confidential. As a result, there was no interest in researching this widespread occurrence.

In 1947, Jacob Werne and Irene Garrow, a husband and wife team of medical examiners in New York City, reviewed several cases attributed to "accidental mechanical suffocation." While they discovered autopsies were not performed in the majority of these cases, when they were pneumonia often was the cause of death.

With the emergence of forensic

pathology in the 1960s, the occurrence of SUDI no longer was in question, but the cause was. And because these deaths were considered accidental, the legal issue of assigning blame or negligence also was raised. In other words, would a mother who just encountered the tragic loss of her child also have to endure public accusations of blame?

The catalysts for research efforts in SUDI in the early 1960s were two sets of parents: Louise and Jed Roe in Connecticut and Mary and Fred Dore in Washington. The Roes found their son, Mark, dead in his crib at the age of 6 months. The cause of death was certified as bronchopneumonia. They organized the Mark Addison Roe Foundation in 1962 to further the research and understanding SUDI. The Dores found their daughter, Christine, dead in her crib at the age of 3 months. The death was certified as acute pneumonia. Through their efforts, the first international conference about the causes of SUDI was held in 1963. ❖

New funding, new opportunities

By Anne Harvieux, program administrator

The Infant Death Center of Wisconsin (ICDW) recently was awarded funding for the Statewide Program to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality and to Improve Infant Health. This grant will allow us to continue and expand the work we have been doing over the past 10 years to reduce the number of families who experience the sudden and unexpected loss of an infant. We have learned a great deal in the past 10 years about strategies that can lower the number of infant deaths. From simple changes in sleep position and sleep environment, to new awareness of the impact everyday choices in sleep environment and safety, many infants' lives have been saved.

In 2003, the IDCW was the lead agency for the Healthy Babies in Wisconsin Perinatal Summit. At the summit we learned new approaches to addressing infant mortality. The grants awarded this spring took the work of the summit to the next level. Regional action teams are working in collaboration with the steering committee to bring information

leading to action to the regions in the state.

The IDCW will continue to provide education to professionals and the general community on best practices in the care of infants to reduce sudden and unexpected deaths. To ensure we are using the money as efficiently as possible, we are working collaboratively with partners to avoid duplication and confusion.

The grant includes special pilot projects that we will be involved in each year in designated communities. We look forward to working with organizations that we have established relationships with and with new partners who we hope will develop into strong and lasting collaborations.

Our commitment to families continues. We still will provide bereavement support to families, this newsletter will continue to be published, the family conference will go forward and the Web page will continue to expand. Feel free to call (414) 266-2746 or e-mail aharvieux@chw.org for more information. ❖

Remembering the first birthday

By Dara Gorski

This is the first article in a two-part series discussing how parents have chosen to commemorate the first birthday of their child.

Parents tell me that one of the most difficult things they face during the grieving process is having to live through the first birthday without their child. In my role supporting families as they face their grief, I asked mothers and fathers who had experienced this loss to tell me how they got through the first birthday of their deceased child. Here are their words:

“My initial thoughts on my son’s first birthday were, ‘I refuse to celebrate it without him.’ Then, I came to the realization that it wasn’t a birthday celebration, but a recognition of his life, even if it was only three months long. They were the best three months of my life. I loved him and took care of him. I felt his memory deserved to be honored.”

– Anne Anderson, mother of Christian

“Alexis’ first birthday was one of the hardest things we had to go through after her death, but we made it. For the rest of my life, Sept. 17 will be filled with an empty pain and sadness. It will be a day of remembering how happy we were the day she was born and how much we love her. Until we meet again in heaven, we will celebrate her life and how much she touched us in the four short months she was here.”

– Sheila Colip, mother of Alexis

“On Michael’s birthday each of the kids pick out two balloons. The kids tie one balloon to Michael’s grave and release the other one. We tell them this way Michael can have a balloon there and the others go to heaven for him to play with. The kids look forward to this every year, as do we. We also light a candle on his grave for all the holidays, the anniversary of his death and special occasions.”

– Becky Kleikamp, mother of Michael

“On Mikayla’s birthday, I lit a candle at church and at home. Joe made a birthday cake and we sang ‘Happy Birthday.’ I put a balloon and a piece of cake out at the cemetery. And, since her birthday was on Dec. 20, we waited for that day to put the angel on top of the Christmas tree.”

– Linda Daniels, mother of Mikayla

“On Erik’s first birthday, we rented a shelter at a park and had a pot luck picnic. We grilled out and had angel food cake and the children decorated angel cookies. I had flowers with baby’s breath, pictures of Erik and candles on the tables for decorations. We had a water balloon toss and the winners got to take a flower arrangement home. I had helium balloons and one got away under the shelter. Everyone tried to catch it, but it got away and one of the children said it was going up to heaven to baby Erik!”

– Julie and Brian Baumler, parents of Erik ❖

Waiting on forever

By Jennifer Jeters

*I waited for you to breathe
To defy the odds
But your chest did not rise
I waited to hear you cry
As if to say “Mommy I am still here”
The room remained silent
I waited for you to open your eyes and smile
To warm my heart as you always did
Your eyes did not open
I never saw your smile
And my heart was cold
I waited for you to move
The way you always did in my arms
My arms only felt numb
I waited for you to laugh
To see your little belly jiggle
I heard no laughter
Just tears in a distance
I waited for time to stand still
So I could hold you forever
But the clocks kept ticking
And my arms are now empty
I waited for the whole world to be different
How could it be the same without you?
It seemed only my world changed
I waited for my heart to stop breaking
For it to be whole again
And still there are pieces missing
The pain still very much alive
I waited for the nightmare to end
To wake from this horrible dream
But it seems that I am still sleeping
Because...
I am still waiting*

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Lesson three – embrace your pain

We have learned there are no magic wands or special words that will erase the hurt and pain of bereavement. I no longer will ignore or postpone the work of grief. There isn't enough time to let grief dictate my days and hours. I simply will embrace whatever I am feeling and work through it. I no longer will allow guilt or hurt or sadness to overwhelm me. I, however, will allow myself the time and space I need to wrestle these feelings to the ground and become victorious in my healing. We don't get over grief, we get through it.

Hurt and pain have their lessons, and we cannot rob ourselves of the richness of the tapestry that hurt and love weave together. To eliminate one from the loom is to break the thread and steal away the fabric. The gifts within love are obvious. We do not dispute them. Yet, the gifts within hurt are as equal. I could not understand light if I had not known dark. I could not like sweet if I had not known bitterness. I could not laugh if I had not cried.

Lesson four – look for joy

With so much pain to carry, I have learned that I sometimes need a pair of rose-colored glasses. I do not want my outlook to be influenced only by the sadness and depression of grief. Whatever I see is what I choose to see. I can carry pain and sorrow or I can remember the joy of my loved one's life. We must work at finding the joy, and when we do, we must let it come back without ruining it with a dose of guilt. Our loved one died, we did not. I can forgive myself for that and search for the moments we sang and danced together, or I can bury myself in the despair that threatens to overwhelm me. The choice is mine and I choose joy.

Lesson five – don't wait for anything

The death of a loved one teaches us to embrace the moments of our life rather than waste them in search of tomorrow. I used to be one of those efficient people who bought birthday presents all year long and wrapped them and stuck them in a closet, waiting until the right day to give them. Sept. 11 reminded me that no one is promised anything except yesterday. There may be no more tomorrows for any of us, and while that may seem pessimistic, I believe it is more honest than sad. It simply means I don't want to wait until some special day to give you a gift. I want to have Christmas and Hanukkah and all of my favorite holidays every day. I'm going to say, "I love you," now, instead of waiting.

Lesson six – let go of regrets

Why do we spend so much time and grief over not saying good-bye? Why do we wash away the words we did get to say over a lifetime of loving someone with the single lament, "I didn't get to say good-bye?" Why are those words so important that the lack of them creates a lifetime of additional hurt and pain? I did get to say good-bye, and when the moment came, I did not say those words. I said, as you would have, "I love you." Why would anyone want to say good-bye? It is simply too final, too harsh, too forever.

Surely your loved one knew you loved him. Surely your loved one knew you cared. And even if you don't believe he knew, you can do something about that right now. Why let the grief of not saying good-bye rob you of the memories of what you did get to say and how you lived your lives together?

We never know when an ordinary day will turn into a day that gets marked down in the family history as a not-so-ordinary day. But all of us can

live our lives so we can leave with few regrets. Moments, one after another, are special and sacred in their own way, each waiting to be etched forever on our memory or lost in a sea of millions. Take advantage of the moments we have and spend them wisely. Spend them saying, "I love you," instead of wishing you had said good-bye.

Lesson seven – thanks for the little while

I want to spend my days being grateful for the moments that I did have with my child, my mom, my dad and all of those whom I have loved so dearly. Remember the "gifts" you have received from your loved ones and cherish the moments you shared. The lessons we have learned from the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and from the personal darkness we have endured, are strong and powerful ones.

We have learned to define hope in many different ways. For me, hope is not the absence of pain or sorrow or sadness. Hope is the possibility of renewed joy – the memory of love given and received. Hope is you and me, the person next door, down the street and in your dreams. We are each other's hope. And as we reach out across our own personal darkness to find the other hands searching, we become a miracle. Not a miracle of individual strength, but a testimony to the strength of the human spirit. We have become a family circle, broken by death, but mended by love. May love be what you remember the most! ❖

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Center and satellite summaries

U P D A T E

Infant Death Center and South/ Southeastern Region

Anne Harvieux: (414) 266-2746 or
Larry Uglow: (414) 266-2745

Educational programs

Presentations on SIDS, risk reduction strategies, grief/loss issues and services provided by the Infant Death Center of Wisconsin were given on:

- Jan. 7 – Glendale Heights Daycare
- March 1 – Outreach Workers Convention, Wisconsin Dells
- March 11 – Medical College of Wisconsin on racial and ethnic disparities in infant mortality
- March 15 – Port Washington Health Class on Risk Reduction
- May 3 – Concordia Health Educators Class
- May 20 – Sinai – Women Infants and Children
- May 20 – Aurora Kenosha Hospital Birthing Unit
- June 3 – Concordia Parish Nurse Convention display and presentation
- June 10 – Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Diversity Committee on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality
- June 23 – Sinai talk to Chaplain residents

Informational exhibits

- March 1 – Outreach Workers Convention, Wisconsin Dells
- March 16 – Klug Elementary Health Fair
- April 16 – Spanish Health Fair, Beloit
- May 3 – Parish Nurse Convention, Mequon
- May 5-7 – Wisconsin Family Child Care Providers Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells
- May 21 – Women of the World Conference, Milwaukee
- June 6-8 – Wisconsin Coroners and Medical Examiners Association, Minocqua
- June 21 – Wisconsin Migrant Latino Conference, Milwaukee

Media interviews

- Feb. 1 – WITI TV Ch. 6 (Fox) on co-bedding, Milwaukee
- Feb. 17 – WMCS radio on risk reduction and sudden infant deaths, Milwaukee

Programs for families

A support group for families meets at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. For more information, call Larry Uglow at (414) 266-2745.

April 22-23 – “Stepping Stones” Family Bereavement Conference, Raintree Hotel, Wisconsin Dells

Other

- Feb. 2 and May 3 – Southeastern Healthy Babies in Wisconsin regional action team
- March 21 – Meeting with Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nurses
- March 29 – Honoring Our Children Program Advisory Council
- April 7 – Southern/Southeastern Regional Community Council meeting

Collaborations

The center continues to be involved with: 4Cs of Milwaukee County, Association of SIDS and Infant Mortality Program Professionals, Family Resource Center of Sherman Park, Fetal Concerns Program, Great Lakes Intertribal Council Honoring Our Children Project, Healthy Babies in Wisconsin Steering Committee and Regional Action Teams, La Causa, March of Dimes, Milwaukee Area Hospital collaborative, Milwaukee County Child Fatality Review Team, Milwaukee Fetal Infant Mortality Review Project, Milwaukee Healthy Beginnings Steering Committee, Data Evaluation Committee and Consortium, Milwaukee Tobacco Free Task Force and Faith Based Community Health Committee, Racine County Death Review Team, State of Wisconsin Bureau of Health Information, State of Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Supporting First Time Parents, Waukesha County Child Fatality Review Team, Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care, Wisconsin Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Wisconsin Early Childhood Associ-

ation, Wisconsin Maternal and Child Health Coalition and Wisconsin Public Health Association

Northern/Western Region

Dora Gorski: (715) 843-1877

Educational programs

Presentations on SIDS, risk reduction strategies, grief/loss issues and services provided by the Infant Death Center of Wisconsin were given on:

- May 11 – Birthing Center Staff at Riverside Hospital, Wisconsin Rapids
- June 27 – Babysitting clinic presentation, Merrill

Informational exhibits

- April 18-19 – Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care Annual Conference, Stevens Point
- June 6-7 – Coroner’s Conference, Minocqua
- July 6 – Perinatal Action Committee Meeting, Aspirus Hospital, Wausau

Programs for families

The Support After Infant Death (SAID) grief support group meets the second Thursday of every month at Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin in Wausau.

Other

- Feb. 23 – Western Region PNCC Meeting, Eau Claire
- March 7 – Northern Region Community Council Meeting, Wausau
- March 21 – Meeting with Ho-Chunk Community Nurses, Tomah
- April 13 – Regional NICU Transitions Meeting, Wausau
- April 20 – Marathon County Child Fatality Review Team Meeting, Wausau
- April 29 – Great Lakes Intertribal Council Advisory Committee Meeting, Lac du Flambeau
- May 23 – Perinatal Action Committee Meeting, Aspirus Hospital, Wausau
- June 6 – Northern Regional Community Council Meeting, Wausau
- July 14 – Menominee Nation Tribal Health Clinic

Center summaries continued

Northeastern Region

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Educational programs

Presentations on SIDS, risk reduction strategies, grief/loss issues and services provided by the Infant Death Center of Wisconsin were given on:
May 18 – Oneida Tribe

Other

Monthly – Hispanic Interagency Council, Fox Valley

Monthly – Hmong Interagency Council, Fox Valley

Great Lakes Intertribal Council – Honoring Our Children Project

Perinatal Days – Fox Valley

Fox Valley Grief Network

April 14 – Northeast Regional Community Council Meeting

June 17 – Statewide Community Council Meeting

July 14 – Menominee Nation Community Leaders Meeting

July 29 – Great Lakes Intertribal Council Project Advisory Committee

Sept. 22 – Fox Valley Grief Network

Upcoming programs

Oct. 16 – Annual Walk to Remember, Bubolz Nature Preserve, Appleton

Gifts

The Infant Death Center thanks the following individuals for their generous donations in honor of someone or in memory of a special child.

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Fundraisers

Saturday, Aug. 6

– Alexis Rose Mathison Szozda Memorial Golf Outing

Registration at 8 a.m. with shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Dinner will follow golf.

Location: Irish Waters Golf Course, Freedom

For more information call Romy Szozda (920) 788-0466.

Friday, Aug. 12

– 2005 Shane Locke Hasbrook Memorial Golf Outing

Location: Ironwood Golf Course, Sussex

Go to: www.porcupinepower.com to register.

10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20

– First Annual Memorial Run & Poker Run in memory of Emma Jalin Oldenburg

Location: Milwaukee Harley-Davidson and Buell

Hosted by: Wauwatosa Professional Firefighters Local 1923

For more information call Lloyd Oldenburg (414) 688-1668.

10:15 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24

– Briggs Al's Run & Walk for Children's Hospital

Go to: www.alsrun.com for details or visit

www.justgiving.com/alsrun to create a personalized pledge raising Web site.

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New arrivals:

Congratulations to the following families on their new additions:

Allison Taylor McLaughlin was born Jan. 26 to Jill and Scott McLaughlin.



Grace Rei Hubbard was born Jan. 28 to Jessica Nowik and Derek Hubbard.

Brent Joseph Peterson was born Feb. 12 to Heather and Darren Peterson.

Gracie Jean Santiago was born March 17 to Beth and Felix Santiago.

Noah Brett Fisher was born April 10 to Sue and Chris Fisher.

Izaak Isley Neal was born May 3 to Niki and Greg Neal.

Anastasia Louise Bullock was born May 16 to Karen and John Bullock and died June 30.

Ian Wade was born June 19 to Amber Follis and Gary Wade.



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