

Memory box helps friend face loss of child

DEAR ABBY: "Caring Friend in California" was at a loss about whether to hold a baby shower for her friend, whose baby was not expected to make it through the gestation period. You advised her that rather than hold a shower, her friends should stay close and provide willing ears and shoulders to cry on.

A dear friend of my daughter's faced the same circumstances. We knew that if her baby survived deliv-



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ery, it would be only a short time until the child was gone. What we did was to create a "memory box." We included a camera to take pictures of the baby, and a smaller version of a baby book to hold the footprints, hand prints, a lock of hair and, of course, the photos. We also bought the infant a cross as she was immediately baptized.

It gave the parents something to remember a special memory of their

baby. It wouldn't hurt for "Caring Friend" to contact the hospital as well, as it may have something already set up for people facing these circumstances. — HOPE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HOPE: Those are wonderful suggestions. A woman named Michelle wrote me from Las Vegas to say that the March of Dimes has a bereavement packet that could be helpful. In addition to information regarding the loss, it contains a memory book for the lock of hair and/or footprint. The packet can be obtained from local March of Dimes offices. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My heart breaks for the friend who will soon lose the

child she has grown to love. I have known many mothers and fathers who have lost children very young (even through miscarriage), and each one has treasured any reminder of the child they lost. Many hospitals have programs run by volunteers that provide a blanket and a tiny hat to be made available to the grieving parents. "Caring Friend" should give her friend the option of choosing gentle reminders of her love and strength in this time of need, or a small, quiet ceremony of her love to make things easier for her. My guess is she'll choose both. I know I would. — MOTHER OF FOUR IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MOTHER OF FOUR: Thank you for the input. I have a stack

of letters from readers echoing your sentiments and offering suggestions. Read on:

FROM 'BEEN THERE IN CANADA': Instead of the traditional baby shower, a scaled-back celebration of its life (regardless of how brief) is needed. Instead of major "fun" gifts, perhaps a fund could be set up and friends could donate to help pay for the medical expenses and the funeral. To ignore the situation is like pretending she isn't pregnant at all.

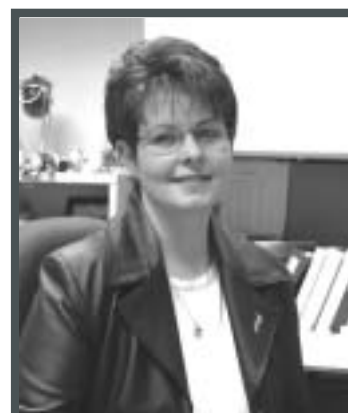
FROM 'NANCY IN GEORGIA': When my baby was stillborn, our friends donated books in his name to our local school or library. A memory note was placed in the front of each

donation. It was a joyful way to remember a sad event.

FROM 'A GRANDMOTHER OF 27 IN MISSOURI': There are special clothing patterns for babies who are premature or stillborn. Parents need to see their baby as more than a naked little body. A baby dressed in a pretty outfit gives the parents a picture of their child to carry with them as they grieve. And a baby shower that would provide the hospital nursery a collection of these clothes for parents to choose from would be a blessing.

My thanks to all of you who took the time to write. I regret that space does not allow me to print more suggestions.

TUESDAY EVENING										
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6 pm 6:30 7 pm 7:30 8 pm 8:30 9 pm 9:30 10 pm 10:30										
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "Pilot"	Cold Case Files		
4	6	ABC	My Wife and Kids	George Lopez	According to Jim	Rodney	NYPD Blue "La Bomba"	News	(35) Nightline	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master	The Most Extreme "Killer Cats" Big cats.	Animal Cops Houston "Criminal Acts"	Austin Stevens: Snake-master	The Most Extreme "Killer Cats" Big cats.			
63	54	BRAVO	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Celebrities compete on behalf of their favorite charities.	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy				
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Good Wives Club"	The Amazing Race 6	Straight Guy	Straight Guy	News	(35) Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late Show	
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation	Monster Garage "Old School Motor"	American Chopper "Police Bike 2"	American Chopper "Police Bike 2"	New Detectives: Forensic Science	Deadliest Season: Alaskan Crab Fishing		
33	44	DISN	Braceface "Crushed"	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	*** "Cool Runnings"	(1993) Leon. Based on the true story of Jamaica's 1988 bobsled team.
49	81	EITV	Kirstie Alley: THS	For Love or Money	Best of Anna Nicole	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live		
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball	College Basketball Kentucky at Tennessee.	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	Burning	Outside		
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball	NBA Nation (Live)	Tennis Australian Open	Tennis Australian Open	Men's and Women's Quarterfinals	(Live)		
32	46	FAM	*** "The Night of the Twisters" (1996, Drama)	Who's? Who's?	The 700 Club	Ultimate Goals	Extremists	Extremists		
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals	Extremists	Extremists	Peak Performance	Ultimate Goals	Extremists	Extremists	
35	31	FMC	(01) *** "Chandu, the Magician"	(31) *** "The Flight of the Phoenix"	(1965, Drama)	"Come-Paradise"				
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live	Roker on the Road	Roker on the Road	\$40-a-Day	\$40-a-Day	Iron Chef Homard; challenger Taadaki Shimizu.	Emeril Live	
13	7	FOX	American Idol (N)	House "Poison" (N)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	
40	38	FX	King of Hill	King of Hill	Fear Factor	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	
30	55	FXSP	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	Women's College Basketball	Kansas at Colorado.	Rocky Mt.	Sports List	Rocky Mt.	I, Max (N)
5	14	HBO	(5:15) *** "My Girl" (1991) Macaulay Culkin.	*** "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (2003, Fantasy) Sean Connery.	PG-13	*** "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock.	PG-13	Assault on Precinct 13		
62	67	HGTV	Designed	Designer	Decorating	Mission	Designers	Designers	Design	House
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech Shootout	participants face off.	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 12"	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 12"	Modern Marvels "Logging Tech"	Modern Marvels "Logging Tech"	Investigating History	Wild West Tech Shootout participants face off.
25	35	IND	Friends	Friends	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(10) *** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks. A grieving widower captures the heart of an engaged woman.	(25) "City of Angels"		
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "The Unsaid"	"Layover" (2000) David Hasselhoff. Premiere.	The Nanny	Golden	The Nanny	Golden		
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)	Made	Made	Scrub (N)	Committed	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Quarry"	News	Tonight Show
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. Tonight	The Most Outrageous Moments on Live TV 2	Scrub (N)	Committed	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Quarry"	News	Tonight Show
8	8	NBC	The Most Outrageous Moments on Live TV 2	Scrub (N)	Committed	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Quarry"	News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	School	Fatherhood	Fresh Pr.	Murphy	Murphy	Murphy	Murphy
2	2	PBS	Nova "NOVA scienceNOW" (N)	(DVS)	Gettysburg and Stories of Valor Civil War battle.	Frontline Battling terrorism in Europe.	(N)	BBC World News	That's My Boy	Charlie Rose (N)
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) *** "Merlin" (1998, Fantasy) Sam Neill.	Isabella Rossellini.	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	American Hot Rod "42 Woody 1"	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart"		
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure	Wildest Police Videos	In a Fix Chronic home improvement.	American Hot Rod "42 Woody 1"	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart"			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep	Toy and uniform collections.	In a Fix "Living Breathing Room"	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart"			
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Identity"	Law & Order	(DVS)	Charmed	Charmed	Law & Order	(DVS)	The X-Files "SureKill"
51	86	TRAV	Fun Food Factory	Made	Made	Grand Canyon	Fun Food Factory	Made	Made	
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven	Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	Cheers	Cheers	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi	Amor Real	Casos de la Vida Real	Impacto	Noticiero	Los Metiches		
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Riding the Bullet"	Gilmore Girls "Women of Questionable Morals"	One Tree Hill "The Heart Brings You Back"	News	Will & Grace		
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker	Home Delivery		
99	36	WGN	*** "Ernest Goes to Camp" (1987) Jim Varney.							



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36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files	A Florida man vanishes.	The First 48	Crossing Jordan "Ties That Bind"	Cold Case Files	A Florida man vanishes.		
4	6	ABC	In Style Celebrity Weddings (N)	Extreme Makeover	PrimeTime Live	News	(35) Nightline	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live		
26	48	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Pet Star	Animal Cops Houston "Horse Quarantine"	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Pet Star			
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Celebrities compete on behalf of their favorite charities.	The West Wing "Commencement"	Celebrity Poker Showdown			
7	11	CBS	Wickedly Perfect "A Perfect Work of Art" (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Without a Trace "American Goddess" (N)	News	(35) Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late Show		
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation Building a "Bumper Bubble."	Monster Garage "Ford Bronco/Rock Crawler"	American Chopper Race-car-themed bike.	Monster Nation Building a toaster.	Point of No Return			
33	44	DISN	Braceface	American Drgn	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven		
49	81	EITV	Mary Kay Letourneau	The Entertainer	Saturday Night Live	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live		
22	56	ESPN	College Basketball	Tilt (N)	Tilt	SportsCenter (Live)	Tilt			
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball DePaul at Memphis.	Gamenight	Tennis: Australian Open	Williams			
32	46	FAM	*** "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery"	Who's? Who's?	The 700 Club	Videos	Videos			
59	-	FIT TV	No Opportunity Wasted	Extremists	Peak Performance	No Opportunity Wasted	Extremists	Extremists		
35	31	FMC	(01) *** "The Reward" (1965, Drama)	(01) *** "History of the World: Part I" (1981)	(01) "Downtown" (1990)					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Country-style recipes.	Navy Chef Challenge	Good Eats	Good Eats	Iron Chef Sakai vs. Kazumi Nagayama.	Emeril Live Country-style recipes.		
13	7	FOX	The O.C. "The Accomplice" (N)	Your Pleasant "Who's Your Daddy" (N)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Bob Newhart	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	
40	38	FX	"There's Something"	Fear Factor	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	
30	55	FXSP	Sports List	College Basketball	Washington at Arizona. (Live)	College Basketball	Oregon at California. (Live)	I, Max		
5	14	HBO	*** "Wild America" (1997, Adventure) Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Devon Sawa.	PG	Real Sports	Inside the NFL	"Dirty War" (2004) Alastair Galbraith. "NR"			
62	67	HGTV	Mission	Designed	Design	Designers	House	House	Design	House
58	52	HIST	The Plot to Kill Nixon	Samuel Byck leads a secret life. (N)	Infamous Murders	Modern Marvels Custom machines harvest crops.	Modern Marvels	The Plot to Kill Nixon		
25	35	LIFE	Friends	Friends	*** "Sugar & Spice" (2001, Comedy) Marley Shelton, James Marsden.	"Widow on the Hill" (2005) Natasha Henstridge.	The Nanny	Golden	Golden	
18	63	IND	"Marriage-Conv."	Newlywed	Ashlee	Direct Effect	Made	Challenge	Challenge	
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)	Joe	The Apprentice	"Motel 666" (N)	(8:59) ER "The Providers" (N)	News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night
8	8	NBC	Joe	The Apprentice	"Motel 666" (N)	(7:59) ER "The Providers" (N)	News	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob	News	Full House	Full House	Murphy	Murphy	Murphy	Murphy
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys	Kansas Arts Today	The New This Old House Hour (N)	One Man's Journey Exploring Africa. (N)	BBC World News	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N)	
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) "They Nest"	"Larva" (2005) Vincent Ventresca.	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC		
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure	Wildest Police Videos	In a Fix "Living Breathing Room"	Overhaulin' Reinventing a 1991 Ford Explorer.	Jump London			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep	"Tune in for Tips" Hobby clutter.	San Antonio Spurs.	Inside the NBA			
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Pacers	NBA Basketball	Sacramento Kings at San Antonio Spurs.	Inside the NBA				
51	86	TRAV	Colorado: River	Canad. Rockies	Orient Express	Sanford	All-Family	Cheers	Cheers	
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven	Griffith	Leave	Aqui y Ahora	Impacto	Noticiero	Los Metiches	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi	Amor Real	Casos de la Vida Real	Impacto	Noticiero	Los Metiches		
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Queen of the Damned" (2002)	News	Will & Grace				
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker	Home Delivery		
99	36	WGN	*** "Angels in the Endzone" (1997)	Funniest Home Videos	Becker	Becker	Home Delivery			

FRIDAY EVENING					E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone		JAN. 28, 2005					
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Biography: Henry Winkler: Coolest Character		Biography: Ron Howard: Favorite Son		Biography "Happy Days"		American Justice "Serial Wife"		Biography: Henry Winkler: Coolest Character	
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N)	Complete Savages	Hope & Faith (N)	Less Than Perfect (N)	20/20 (N)		News (35) Nightline		(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
26	48	ANPL	Dog Show "AKC Eukanuba National Championship" From Tampa, Fla.						Dog Show "AKC Eukanuba National Championship" From Tampa, Fla.			
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. The paths of four cowboys converge en route to a showdown. PG-13						Celebrity Poker Showdown Celebrities compete on behalf of their favorite charities.			
7	11	CBS	Joan of Arcadia (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (DVS)		NUMB3RS		News (35) Late Show With David Letterman		Late Late Show		
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation Making a swing bike.		Monster Garage Ultimate tailgating vehicle.		American Chopper "Firebike 2"		Southern Steel "Lucas Bike 1"		Southern Steel "Lucas Bike 2"	
33	44	DISN	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	★★★ "Tarzan" (1999, Adventure) Voices of Tony Goldwyn, Glenn Close. G			
49	81	EITV	For Love or Money		Heir		The Soup		Howard S.		Howard S.	
22	56	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Knicks		NBA Basketball		Sacramento Kings at Houston Rockets.		Saturday Night Live		SportsCenter (Live)	
54	57	ESPN2	(5:30) Boxing (Live)		Tennis: Australian Open		Tilt		Fastbreak		NFL Live	
32	46	FAM	★★★ "Hook" (1991, Fantasy) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman.		Peak Performance		The 700 Club		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	
59	-	FIT TV	Guru2Go (N)		Extremists		Guru2Go		Extremists		Extremists	
35	31	FMC	(01) ★★★ "The Dark Corner" (1946, Mystery)		(01) ★★ "Big Trouble in Little China" (1986)		(01) "Working Girl"					
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Pasta sauces.		Inside Dish		\$40-a-Day		Kitchen Accomplished		Iron Chef "Mishima Beef"	
13	7	FOX	The Bernie Mac Show	The Bernie Mac Show	Jonny Zero "La Familia" (N) (PA)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Bob Newhart		Bob Newhart	
40	38	FX	King of Hill		Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Fear Factor		Fear Factor	
30	55	FXSP	Sports List		Rocky Mt.		Stampe		College Hockey		Alaska-Anchorage at Denver. (Live)	
5	14	HBO	★★★ "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon. Rivalry between two drummers threatens a college band.		Inside the NFL		Inside the NFL		Carnivale "Los Moscos"		Carnivale "Alamogordo, NM"	
62	67	HGTV	Decorating		Sensible		Designed		Design		Debbie Travis' Facelift	
58	52	HIST	The Three Wars of the Battleship Missouri (N)		Mail Call		Mail Call		Modern Marvels "High Voltage"		Battlefield Detectives	
25	35	IND	Friends		Friends		★★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox.		(05) ★★★ "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Matthew Broderick.			
18	63	LIFE	"Stranger in Town"		"I Accuse" (2003, Drama) John Hannah.		Ashlee		Ashlee		Merge	
23	77	MTV	TRL (TV)		Sweet 16		Sweet 16		Ashlee		Ashlee	
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. Tonight		Dateline NBC		Medical Investigation "Ice Station"		News	
8	8	NBC	Dateline NBC		Medical Investigation "Ice Station"		News		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night	
34	43	NICK	Phantom	Robot	SpongeBob		Oddparents		Full House		Full House	
2	2	PBS	Washington Week (N)	Wall Street-Fortune	Market to Market		Kansas Week		NOW (N)		Tucker Carlson	
38	83	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis (N)		Battlestar Galactica (N)		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis	
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Untold (N)	
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep "Let It Go, Let It Go, Let It Go."		In a Fix "Swanky Suburban Lounge"		Clean Sweep "When a Family Gets Messy"		What Not to Wear "Ed-die" (N)	
28	37	TNT	★★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. Premiere.		★★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.		Billy Campbell.					
51	86	TRAV	Made	Made	Mall America		Great Outdoors		Made		Made	
21	82	TVLND	Highway to Heaven		Griffith		Leave		Sanford		All-Family	
60	89	UNIV	Rubi		Amor Real		Hospital		Escuelita		Impacto	
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU		Monk		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Monk	
12	3	WB	Friends	Everybody-Raymond	What I Like About You		Grounded for Life		Reba (N)		Blue Collar TV (N)	
99	36	WGN	★★ "That Darn Cat" (1997) Christina Ricci.		WGN News at Nine		Becker		Becker		Home Delivery	