



MARY MADELINE PROJECT

Many Angels Reaching You

She was born too early. Not too early to experience her parents' and grandparents' love, or to be accepted and welcomed into the world. She was just born too early for her tiny body to sustain the vigorous demands of newborn life. She fought hard to live; her parents and grandparents loved her and prayed for her; the medical staff did all they could to help her. It wasn't enough, however, and little Madeline Marie (Maddie) died at the age of just seven weeks.



Her parents, in the grips of an unbelievable loss, were now faced with yet another seemingly impossible challenge. They had to find a way to say good-bye to the baby girl they barely had the chance to say hello to. The tiny outfits that a mother receives at a baby shower might be darling on a living child, but where does someone go to find a burial gown for a tiny baby – and a preemie at that?

It was out of this unimaginable and unexpected loss that the Mary Madeline Project was founded by little Maddie's grandmother, Carlin Kammerer. It was named in memory of Madeline Marie, and dedicated to "all the babies before and after her that have touched our lives." This non-profit organization seeks to provide comfort and support to families who have suffered the loss of an infant by donating tiny burial clothes made from donated wedding gowns.

The tiny burial gowns are lovingly made by volunteers from donated wedding gowns, and are given as a gift to the grieving parents to dress their little ones. The volunteers sew, knit and crochet to create blankets from donated yarns and other materials. The infant burial gowns are given to Neonatal Intensive Care Units for babies who die in the Neonatal period, and to labor and delivery units for stillborn babies. All this is done to help provide comfort and some measure of stress relief to grieving families.

Donated wedding gowns may be given in memory of a loved one. If this is the case, all of the burial clothes and gowns made from that particular wedding gown will bear a "memory tag" with the deceased loved one's name on it.

The Mary Madeline Project is a 501(c)(3) organization. If you are interested in donating your wedding gown or making a cash donation to help with the purchase of tags, storage bags, sewing supplies and other administrative needs. After we receive a wedding gown, it costs about \$20.00 to make that gown into a burial outfit, package it with a blanket for the hospitals and deliver it. The address is: Mary Madeline Project PO Box 6207 (or 2124 So. 61st Street), Omaha Nebraska 68106. or to donate a gown contact:

In Omaha:	Carlin Kammerer	402.551.7574
In Council Bluffs:	Betty Rowland	712.322.6044
In Pueblo, Colo.	Sylvia Ward	719-542-6579

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