



Children are meant to outlive parents

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Andrew McArthur, left, with his brother James. Picture: Facebook (supplied by the Australian)

It is great sadness to hear of Bev and Stewart McArthur young lad involved in a fatal accident.

I write this brief article in support of Stewart, Bev and their family and our hearts go out to them during this very difficult period. We as parents can only share the grief and send our prayers to those left behind. A candle has been snuffed out and we who are left behind in the darkness grope for something solid to hang onto. There is no answer, there is no bright side, no silver lining and certainly there is nothing that can replace the void left behind. We have our children besides us from the day they are born and we see them grow and develop into young adults, watching them enjoy, study, play, laugh, chatter, argue with other siblings, and hearing their voices in the background while we go about our daily chores whatever they may be.

No parent wants to get a knock on the door to be confronted with a Police Constable that they have bad news. No one wants to hear that their sons are in accidents. No one wants to hear of friends, family and/or relatives that young one has passed away. My family and extend our deepest sympathy to Bev, Stewart and the family on their recent loss. There are no words that will provide comfort, no tears that will bring them warmth. The only comfort we provide is to support the family in their time of need and help them recover to move on with their lives.

Easier said than done, for it is very difficult to come to terms with a tragedy of such great proportions. Again our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Bev and Stewart. May the Good Lord embrace the young fellow and hold him tight with love. The following article is from the Australian.



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Former MP Stewart McArthur's son killed in cycling crash

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Former member for Corangamite Stewart McArthur pictured with then Prime Minister John Howard in 2004. A cyclist who was killed after being struck by a car in Sydney is the son of a former federal MP. Andrew McArthur was hit by the vehicle in popular cycling spot Centennial Park at 7.20am on Tuesday morning.

Paramedics were already on the scene attending to a two-car crash which occurred 30 minutes earlier and a few metres away from where Mr McArthur was struck. He was taken to St Vincent's hospital where he later died. A report will be prepared for the coroner. Mr Macarthur, believed to be in his late 20s, is the son of former Corangamite MP Stewart McArthur who held the Victorian seat for 20 years until he was defeated by Labor MP Darren Cheeseman during the 2007 federal election. His mother Beverly McArthur is a Corangamite Shire councillor and the Liberal Party's country vice president.

Andrew McArthur attended Geelong College and studied at Melbourne University. At the time of his death he worked as an asset analyst for UBS investment services in Sydney. Polwarth MP Richard Riordan said the McArthur were held in high regard by the community due to their longstanding commitment to the public. "Andrew's father was a long-time member of Federal parliament and his mother has had a great long life in the public service."

He said. "Stewart and Beverley McArthur still hold a high profile in our community." Mr Riordan said the loss of the young man would be felt throughout the area. "Our broader community shares the grief and heartbreak they are feeling at the loss of a strong hardworking young man." he said. A funeral date has yet to be arranged.

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