



Ginger's Pups



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Ginger's Story



Meet Ginger - the wonderful inspiration behind this coloring book. For many years, Ginger served as our grief counselor, dedicating her life to helping others through grief, with a special place in her heart for children struggling with the loss of a loved one.

Ginger herself has experienced much loss in her life, but in her grief, she just couldn't seem to find the kind of support she needed. One day, after years had gone by, someone asked how she was doing. She instantly knew that's what she had been looking for — someone who genuinely cared. She came to us with this revelation, and the idea of having a grief counselor on staff. What she didn't realize at the time was that she was the perfect person for the job!

With her personal experience and her warm and caring heart, Ginger began helping families and kids at Sytsema's in 1995, and continued to do so for nearly 25 years. She made herself available 24/7, sometimes

making housecalls in the middle of the night, listening for hours, sending cards on days she knew would be especially difficult, and to this day, still keeping in touch with those she's assisted over the years.

One way Ginger helped children was by having them draw pictures if they didn't want to talk. She also encouraged having a special stuffed animal to help bring them comfort. It was with this in mind that we created this coloring book full of special memories, and included the snuggly, stuffed puppy that comes with it.

It's our way of thanking and honoring a very special person. One who will always hold a special place in our hearts, as well as in all of those she's helped. Ginger is now retired and enjoying life with her family — but with this coloring book, her care and compassion will carry on forever.

Dedicated to Ginger Wolffis, with gratitude and love.

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A coloring book for children who have lost a loved one.
By the staff of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services.
Illustrated by Cindy Jakeway.

*In honor of Ginger Wolffis, Grief Counselor, who serves our loved ones,
young and old, and everyone in between.*

This book belongs to:

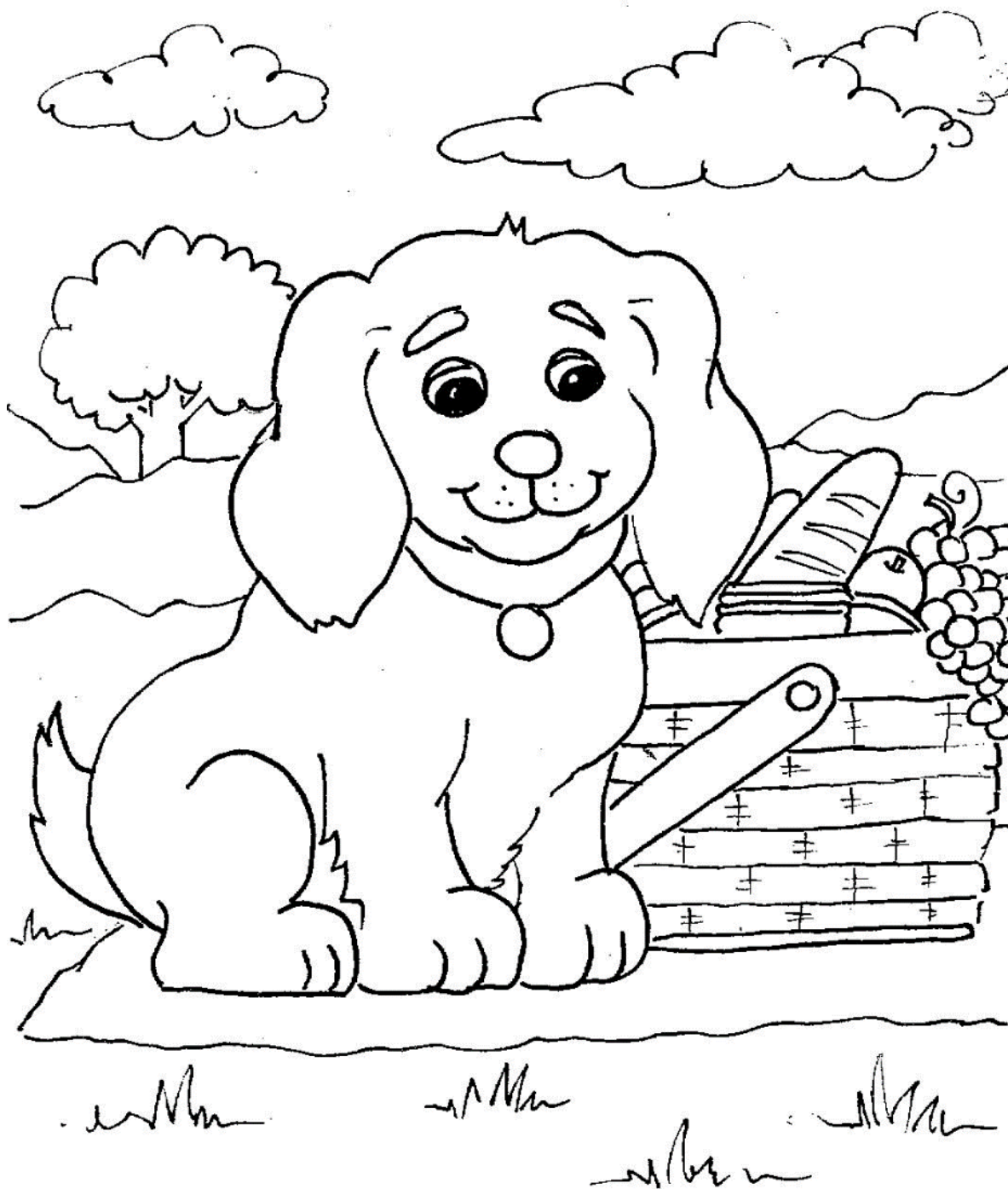
In loving memory of:

Date:



You may be feeling sad to know
that someone you love is gone...
Sometimes when we are sad, we can think
of some of our favorite memories...





A favorite place you went together...





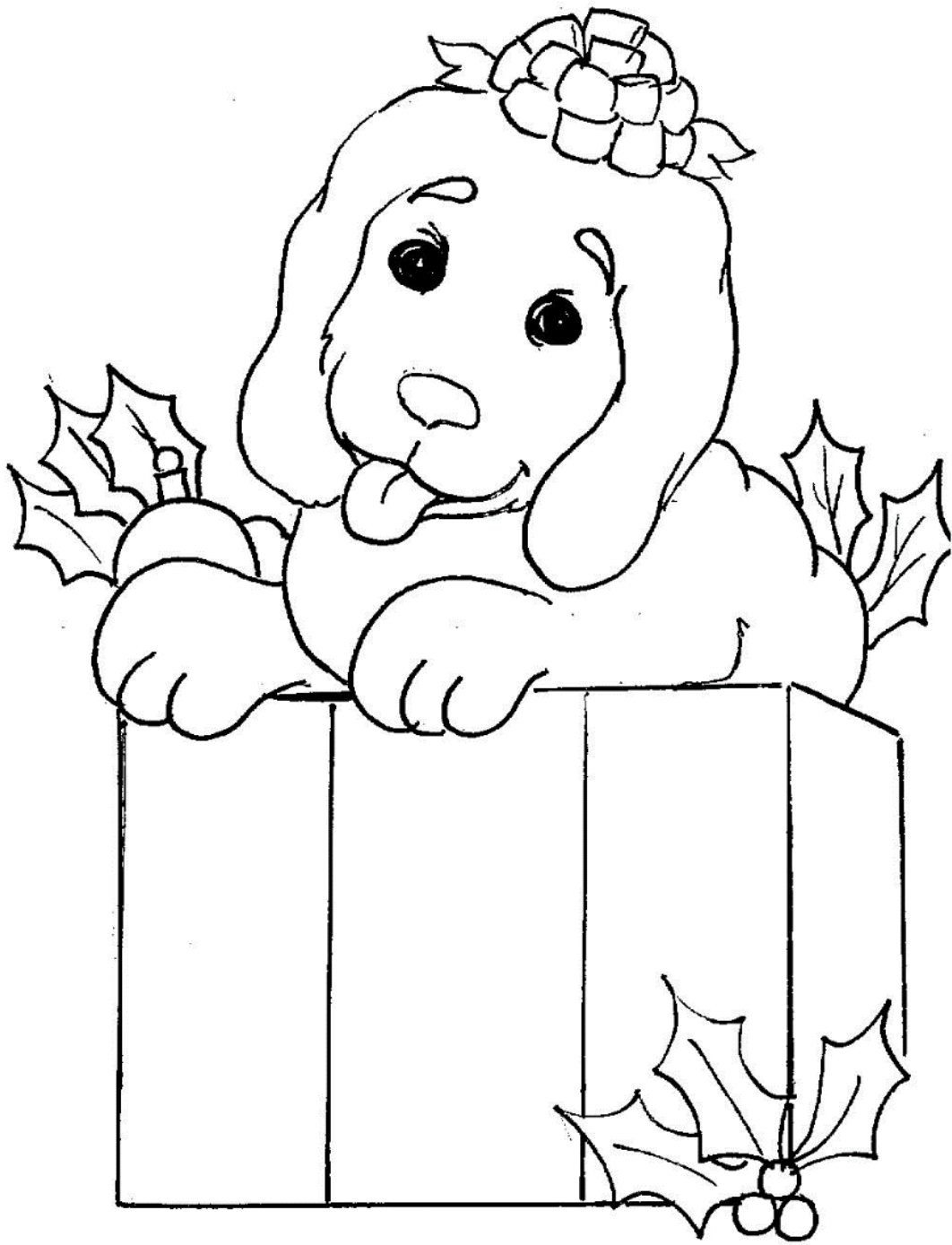
A favorite song you sang together...





A favorite game you played together...



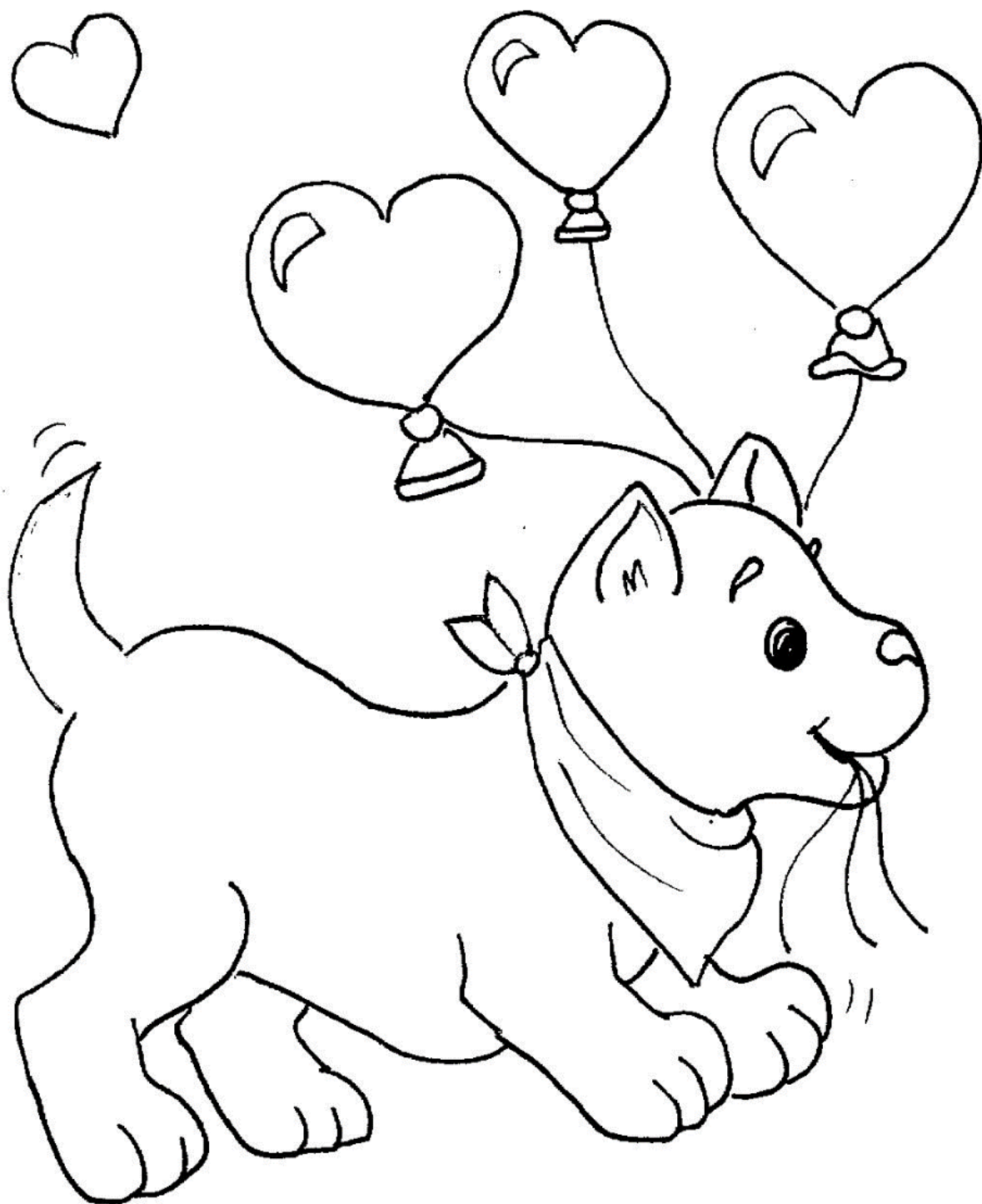


Holidays can have some great memories, too!



Draw one of your favorite memories...





The memories of your loved one live on
in the hearts of you and your family...



How to comfort kids that are grieving

Useful tips by Ginger Wolffis, Grief Counselor

When talking to kids about death...

- 🐾 Look them in the eye.*
- 🐾 Don't spare them your tears.*
- 🐾 Never try to spare a child the truth.*
- 🐾 We don't have all the answers. It's okay to say "I don't know"*
in response to a question.
- 🐾 Ask questions.*
"What's the hardest part for you?"
"What is your favorite memory?"

Remember....

- 🐾 To listen carefully to what they are saying.*
- 🐾 Do not discourage their tears.*
- 🐾 YOU don't have to fix it!*
- 🐾 Hugs are good!*
- 🐾 Be patient.*
- 🐾 We will always miss our loved ones,*
we won't always mourn them.



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