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Nana Tells Story of her Nine-Year-Old Grandson's Murder

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Author, Toni Nunemaker has now published the story of her nine-year-old grandson, Connor Verkerke's murder on August 4th, 2014. It was a story that stunned the nation, a child killed another child. Connor, his brother, and their best friend, were lured to the park across the street from their home by a boy who had buried a knife in the sand so that he could use it to kill someone. The boy, twelve-year-old Jamarion Lawhorn, wanted to die himself because he said he was tired of living and he believed the police would come and kill him if he stabbed someone else to death. He chose Connor.

Nunemaker, originally from Columbus, IN, is a music teacher at the same school her grandsons went to. She tells her story for the first time in her new book, "Hey Nana! Connor's Story of Love". Her writing allows the reader to go into the emergency room where Connor lay dying, to attend the memorial service where hundreds gathered to say good-bye to Connor, and then to move towards healing by the book's end. Her powerful message of love, forgiveness, and learning to be compassionate throughout this horrendous tragedy inspires others to love more deeply, and to recommit to living their best life.

Toni is available for interviews and book signings. Please contact her at:

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