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Blessings For Our Little Ones:

After the Loss of a Child



As they participate, they remember.

As they remember, they grieve.

As they grieve, they love.

-Sarah York

We expect our children to outlive us. The death of an infant or child is often the death of hopes and dreams of the parent or parents.

Indeed, the death of any child is tragic...



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other wings.

Holding Carter

Surely, a parent's loss gives greatest cause for pause, reflection and compassion. It certainly is not the natural order of things; losing a child.

How does one begin to cope with the depth of this type of loss?

Thresholds wants to help you say goodbye...

As a way of extending our condolences, we have reduced our service fees for infant and child deaths.

Our infant and child services include:

“Blessings for Our Little Ones” In-Home Ceremony:

Little Ones & children to 13 years of age..... \$988

Direct Cremation (without viewing or ceremony):

Little Ones to 1 year of age..... \$588

1 year to 13 years of age..... \$681

Direct Burial (without rites or ceremony):

Little Ones to 1 year of age..... \$434

1 year to 13 years of age..... \$618

Please ask for our General Price List for more detail and services.



*And remember,
your loved ones are
always with you,
eternally alive
in the warm soft womb of your heart
You are not alone...*



*The process of opening our hearts to all of it
is the process of healing grief.*

*In that sense loss is a gift,
A gift that will open our hearts...
If we let it...
A gift that can help us uncover the extraordinary
LOVE we always hoped, but never dared imagine, is
within us.
It is about finding JOY again.*

-John E. Welshons



It is not length of life, but depth of life.
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Daily, we are touched by the rhythms of life and death, yet now, with the loss of a child, we are out of rhythm. Birth and death have seized much too closely at the same moment leaving us with a pain so profound we think we cannot go on.



Ritual helps us to express the heart and soul of life; it is where we all live. It is not the work of ministers and funeral directors—it is the work of close family and friends. It is the work of those

who knew the person intimately, giving them active participation while giving sorrow words and gesture.

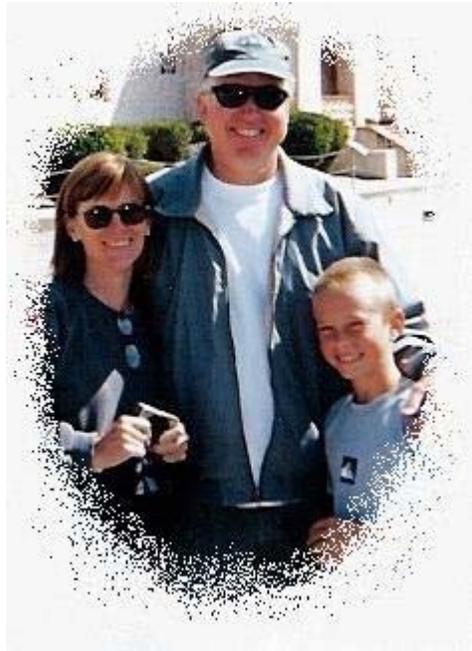


In order to begin healing from such an experience, it is crucial to confront the reality of death. Taking your child home to your familiar surroundings provides you with the opportunity to embrace your emotions safely in your own time; where your feelings can be named; where you can share in intimacy with those that are special; and revisit the memory of your child.

Most people are unaware of their legal right to take their loved one home. This experience is entirely legal for those with the authority to make the decision of final disposition.

Thresholds provides assistance in the process of taking your child home. We act as a mortuary would, but instead of taking your child to an institutionalized facility, with your active participation, your child is lovingly taken to your home. Once home, we assist by guiding you through the process of creating a loving space so that you can honor your child. Some rituals that families find very healing include: bathing and purifying the body, creating the sacred space around your loved one (use of aromatherapy, candles, music, and creating altars, to name just a few), and decorating the casket through art therapy.

Once the home service is finished, you may choose to take your child to a place of spiritual worship for more public services or to the crematory or place of burial.



“A Love Song”

*The mention of my child's name
may bring tears to my eyes
but it never fails to bring
music to my ears
If you really are my friend
please don't keep me
from hearing the beautiful
music.
It soothes my broken heart
and fills my soul with love*

-Nancy Williams