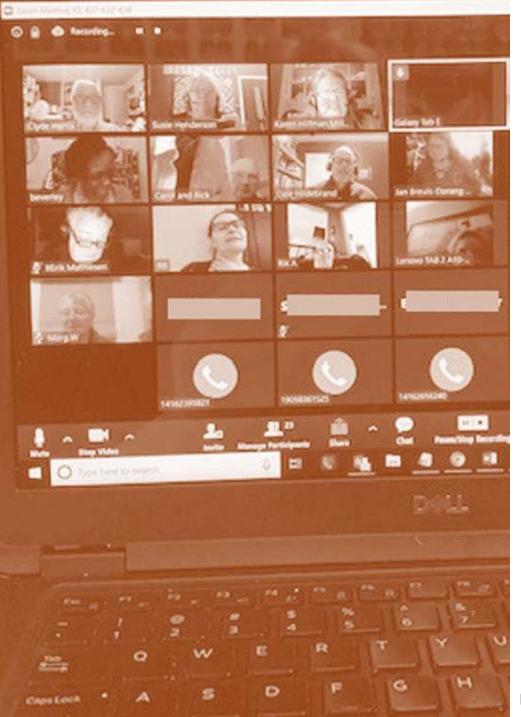


Grieving and Remembering at Home

WHILE SHELTERING AT HOME DURING COVID-19

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Tell the Stories

AN ONLINE TIME FOR STORYTELLING WHERE EACH PERSON TAKES A TURN TO SHARE AND OTHERS LISTEN WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. RECORD THE SESSION AND USE IT TO INFORM A REFLECTION AT A FUTURE MEMORIAL SERVICE.



Share Food

EXCHANGE AND ENJOY A FAVORITE RECIPE AMONG HOUSEHOLDS. INCLUDE AS MUCH OF THE STORY AS YOU CAN ABOUT THE DISH. OR CONNECT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS GRIEVING AT MEALTIME AND EAT TOGETHER.

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Share Music

SHARE A MEMORIAL PLAYLIST ON YOUTUBE OR SPOTIFY. HOW TO CREATE A PLAYLIST ON YOUTUBE ON SPOTIFY. LONG BEFORE THE NIGHT (PICTURED LEFT IS POSTED BY LIVING PRESENCE MINISTRY ON YOUTUBE.

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Sacred Space

INSIDE: CREATE A MEMORIAL ALTAR -- A PLACE TO PRAY, SHED TEARS, REMEMBER SACRED TEXTS, REMIND YOURSELF OF DIVINE PRESENCE. COULD INCLUDE: PICTURES, FLOWERS, CANDLES, PERSONAL ITEMS – I.E. GARDENING GLOVES, GUITAR PICK, KNITTING NEEDLES, BINOCULARS, ETC.

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OUTSIDE: CREATE A SPACE TO HONOUR THE PERSON AND YOUR GRIEVING BY CREATING AN EARTH ALTAR. TAKE A MINDFUL WANDERING WALK, COLLECT WHAT SPEAKS TO YOU, ARRANGE IT, OFFER IT AND THEN LEAVE IT. WWW.MORNINGALTARS.COM

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Legacy

FIND A WAY TO CARRY MEMORY FORWARD. PLANT A TREE OR A PERENNIAL. DONATE TO SOMETHING THAT WAS DEAR TO YOUR LOVED ONE. TAKE UP A CREATIVE PROJECT LIKE A SCRAPBOOK OR MEMORY CARDS. SUSIE'S EXAMPLE ARTFULACTSOFMEMORY.WORDPRESS.COM/ Photo: Susie Henderson no permission needed to re-use



There's no easy way to do this So do it right: Weep, laugh, watch, pray, love, live, give thanks and praise, comfort, mend, honour and remember.

GS THOMAS LYNCH

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