

Resources for Further Exploration

Books

Caring for the Dead: Your Final Acts of Love: A Complete Guide for Those Making Funeral Arrangements With or Without a Funeral Director
Carlson, Lisa
Upper Access Publishers, 1998.

Legal requirements for home death in all states, the most comprehensive guide for funeral issues. An update on legalities has been compiled since the book was published and is available at www.funerals.org.

Handbook for Creating a Home Funeral
Lyons, Jerri and Janelle Van Melvin, 1998
www.finalpassages.org

Living Into Dying: A Journal of Spiritual and Practical Deathcare for Family and Community.
Poer, Nancy Jewel
White Feather Publishing, 2002
www.nancyjewelpoer.com

Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial
Harris, Jmark
Scribner, 2007
www.gravematters.us

My Final Wishes (pre-planning booklet)
Threshold Care Circle
www.thresholdcarecircle.org

Living Consciously, Dying Gracefully: A Journey with Cancer and Beyond
Manahan, Nancy and Bohan, Becky
Beaver's Pond Press, 2007

Laughing in a Waterfall: A Mother's Memoir
Dietzel, Marianne
Laughing Bridge Publishing, 2010
www.mariannedietzel.com

She Would Draw Flowers
Bergh, Kirsten Savitri
www.steinerbooks.org

Alison's Gift: The Song of a Thousand Hearts Opening
Hogan, Pat
Nosila Publishing, 1999

Internet Resources

Resource Guide: A Manual for Home Funeral Care.
Knox, Elizabeth
Free download at www.crossings.net

Minnesota Threshold Network
Mnthresholdnetwork.wordpress.com

Funeral Consumers Alliance
www.funerals.org

Funeral Ethics Organization
www.funeraethics.org

Natural Transitions
www.naturaltransitions.org

Trust for Natural Legacies
www.naturallegacies.org

Living Consciously Dying Gracefully
www.nanbec.com

Films

The Most Excellent Dying of Theodore Jack Heckelman, produced and directed by Nancy Poer, winner of two film festival awards. The film is a full-length documentary on conscious dying at home with caring community support and a three-day vigil. From the filmmaker: "It was my brother's wish to share his dying this way so we could work together to help others and inspire them for hopeful ways to meet this threshold which we all must ultimately face. It is Jack's last gift and one that is inspiring many people."

A Family Undertaking, a film by Elizabeth Westrate, seen on PBS, this is a full-length documentary profiling a growing trend in America, the return to home funerals. Available from Netflix.