

The Healing Center



a grief support community
adults • children • families

The Healing Center is a non-profit organization that provides a safe, supportive, confidential and nurturing environment for people to move through their grief.

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Ceremony of Remembrance

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So long as we live, they too shall live,
for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.

-Gates of Prayer

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Welcome & Opening

Jill Tan

Reading

"Funeral Blues" by W.H. Auden

Michele Koger

Music

"Danny Whispers" by Mary Lydia Ryan

On the heels of my purposefully adding healing elements to my original music, I lost one of my dear friends who is my older brother, Danny. In processing his passing, I composed this song recalling tender memories and finding peace in his absence and moving on to brighter places. MLR

Reflection

"Remembering Their Light"

Jill Tan

Sharing of Memories

Please feel free to come forward and share your photo or memorabilia

Reading of Names

Jeanne Lowman & Tom Freeman

Lighting of our Candles

Music

"Touch the Hand of Love" by Blossom Dearie

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Responsive Reading

"Lighting the Way" by John O' Donohue

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Music

"I Cried for You" by Katie Melua

Tom Freeman

Closing Words

"Beannacht" by John O' Donohue

Jill Tan

Music

"Prelude No. 1 in C Major" by J.S. Bach (Gounod)

Melet Whinston & Caroline Rhoads

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Beannacht

On the day when the weight deadens on your shoulders and you stumble, may the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind the grey window and the ghost of loss gets in to you, may a flock of colours, indigo, red, green, and azure blue come to awaken in you a meadow odelight.

When the canvas frays in the currach of thought and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours, may the clarity of light be yours, may the fluency of the ocean be yours, may the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you, an invisible cloak to mind your life.



Thanks to all of you for coming today. We are grateful for the trust you have put in The Healing Center and for allowing us to accompany you on this journey. Our hearts are with you each and every day.

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~ Mary Lydia Ryan ~ Melet Whinston ~ Grady Paden ~ Caroline Rhoads