Mercy Hospice Bereavement Program

Mercy Hospice offers a bereavement program which is provided for the bereaved for 13 months after the death of their loved one. This service is a part of the hospice benefit and is provided at no cost.

Telephone Contact - Staff contact the bereaved at one, five and twelve months after the death of their loved one. Staff assess the impact of the loss and provide emotional support and counseling.

Grief Counseling Visits - Bereavement professionals offer grief counseling to those who may benefit from talking about their loss. They educate and encourage the use of coping mechanisms; assist in recognizing, developing and utilizing support systems; and assist in adjustment to new tasks of daily living.

Bereavement Companions - Hospice Volunteers are available to provide comfort and companionship, with a focus on the spiritual and emotional needs of the bereaved. Volunteers make telephone calls or visits, and may provide transportation to Hospice-related functions.

Grief Support Groups - Support and connection comes from being with others who have also experienced a loss. Please call the Bereavement Program office for scheduled dates, times and locations.

Memorial Celebration Services - Families, friends, hospice staff and volunteers are invited to attend these services which provide loved ones an opportunity to honor, remember and celebrate the life of the deceased. Services are held annually in St. Louis and Washington.

Mail - Mailings include newsletters, current information, and announcements about special events. Monthly mailings are sent to the bereaved for the first year following the death of their loved one.

Information and Referral - Bereavement specialists evaluate individual needs, and provide information and referral to resources, as needed.

For further information about the Mercy Hospice Bereavement Program please call:

St. Louis: 314-729-4410
Washington: 636-239-8849