



Dignity Memorial(R) Network Provides Free Resources for the Grieving

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HOUSTON, Oct. 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Service Corporation International (NYSE: SRV) ... The Dignity Memorial(R) network of funeral, cremation and cemetery service providers announces a new grief-management series as part of its award-winning Picking Up The Pieces(R) bereavement program. The new series addresses grief-related topics that concern today's families, including workplace grief, sudden loss, helping children cope with grief, and specific grief reactions to the loss of a parent, spouse or child. A total of 12 topics are presented in easy-to-read pamphlets.

Several well-known international authors contributed to the series, including Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., a practicing grief counselor and educator, and Charles A. Corr, Ph.D., professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Dr. Wolfelt serves as the director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition, while Dr. Corr is the former chair of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement.

The pamphlets were designed to give the bereaved insight into their feelings and hope for the future. As Dr. Wolfelt writes in *When Someone You Love has Died*, "As scary as this may sound, you will never 'get over' your grief. Instead, you will learn to live with it. This does not mean that you will never be happy again ... you too will heal and find continued meaning in living and loving."

The grief-management series was developed by the Dignity Memorial network for free distribution to North American communities. Titles in the series include:

- At Your Time of Loss
- When Someone You Love has Died
- When Your Parent has Died
- When Your Child has Died
- When Your Spouse has Died
- After a Sudden Death
- When Someone You Love is Dying
- When You are a Professional Caregiver
- Helping Children Cope with Grief
- Helping a Friend Cope with Grief
- Coping with Holidays and Anniversaries
- Grief in the Workplace

Additional information about the grief-management series is available on the Dignity Memorial website at www.DignityMemorial.com . To request a free pamphlet from the new grief-management series, call 1-800-9-CARING.

The Dignity Memorial network includes affiliates of Service Corporation International, the world's largest death care company, as well as many other independent funeral establishments. As of June 30, 2003, SCI affiliates operated 2,259 funeral service locations, 431 cemeteries and 188 crematoria in eight countries.

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