

Funeral Rites





Overview

- FUNERAL RITES: THE FINAL-DISPOSITION OF A DEAD BODY
- WE HAVE A MORBID FASCINATION WITH DEATH, BUT IT'S HARD FOR US TO IMAGINE OUR OWN
- MORE PEOPLE ARE PREPARING FOR THEIR DEATHS THAN EVER BEFORE
- EVERY CULTURE AND RELIGION HAS ITS OWN WAY OF THINKING ABOUT, DEFINING, AND RITUALIZING DEATH AND BURIALS
- ULTIMATE GOAL OF THESE TRADITIONS ARE TO HELP PEOPLE BE MORE ACCEPTING/LESS AFRAID, WHILE ALSO ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO LIVE THEIR BEST LIFE

Thanatology

THE STUDY OF DEATH,
DYING, GRIEF,
BEREAVEMENT, AND
SOCIAL ATTITUDES
TOWARD THESE
ISSUES



Significance to Clients

- DYING IS THE SCARIEST THING WE ALL DO
- MAY BE ANXIOUS/AFRAID ABOUT DEATH OF THEMSELVES OR THEIR LOVED ONES
- MAY BE GRIEVING A LOSS
- MAY HAVE DIFFERENT CULTURAL OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ABOUT DEATH

Why are We Afraid?

- DEATH WOULD CAUSE GRIEF TO LOVED ONES.
- PLANS AND PROJECTS WOULD COME TO AN END.
- DYING MIGHT BE PAINFUL.
- NO LONGER HAVE NEW EXPERIENCES.
- NO LONGER ABLE TO CARE FOR DEPENDENTS.
- AFRAID OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH.
- AFRAID OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO BODY AFTER DEATH.

End-of-Life Issues

- MANAGEMENT OF THE FINAL PHASE OF LIFE, AFTER-DEATH DISPOSITION OF BODY, MEMORIAL SERVICES, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS
- PREPARING FOR "FINAL SCENARIO"
- HELPS BOTH DYING PERSON AND LOVED ONES COPE

Final Scenario Options

- PATIENT SELF-DETERMINATION ACT (1990)
- HOSPITAL
- HOSPICE
 - PALLIATIVE CARE
 - INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT
- EUTHANASIA
 - ACTIVE/PASSIVE

A close-up photograph of several pink roses, with the petals showing various shades of pink and red. The roses are in focus, creating a soft, textured background for the text.

After Death Options

US

- BURIAL
 - EMBALMING
 - NATURAL OR "GREEN"
- CREMATION
- DONATION OF BODY OR ORGANS
- **SO MANY MORE OPTIONS**



Talk About It!

- BE INFORMED
- MAKE END-OF-LIFE INTENTIONS KNOWN
 - COMMUNICATE WITH LOVED ONES
 - CREATE ADVANCED DIRECTIVES
 - APPOINT A HEALTHCARE POWER OF ATTORNEY
 - MAKE A LIVING WILL
- WHEN PEOPLE FAIL TO EXPLICITLY STATE THEIR WISHES, THEIR PREFERENCES **CAN'T** BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

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Thank You!

