

# Honoring Life's Final Passage

With Love and Compassion



Families Caring for Their Own:  
Midwiving Levels 1 & 2 –Two 2-Day Seminars  
September 17th - 20th, 2010  
Instructor - Jerrigrace Lyons,  
Featured in a profound PBS documentary  
“A Family Undertaking” (Now available from Netflix)  
CEU's available for Nurses & CA LCSW's and MFT's

Imagine the opportunity to transform our own views of death, diminish our fears and reframe our relationship to living and dying. Through heartsharing, rituals, writing, quiet space, music and visuals you will discover little known options for after death care, ones that will benefit all individuals and professionals and help create a graceful and personalized final passage.

Some topics we will explore in Level One: (See page two for Level Two Topics)

- ❖ Focusing on death and dying as a sacred time and natural cycle of life
- ❖ Planning ahead, exploring our own wishes, concerns and fears surrounding death
- ❖ Guidance for helping others in their dying and crossing the threshold
- ❖ Social, economic, ecological and spiritual benefits of caring for our own
- ❖ Care, ceremony and honoring of a body while keeping a loved one at home
- ❖ Clips from a new PBS documentary, slides and films from hundreds of personal family ceremonies, home funerals, wakes and green burials

Where: Sebastopol, CA (location given when deposit is received)

When: September 17th - 20th, 2010 /Friday-Saturday Level 1 and Sunday-Monday Level 2

Course Fee EACH Level: \$390 by September 1st, \$415 after. (You may attend one or both)

Discount of \$45 for those enrolled for Level 1 and 2 and FULLY PAID by September 1st.

Fee includes our [Guidebook for Creating Home Funerals](#) and [All Meals](#).

Non-refundable deposit of \$125 (1 level) or \$250 due by September 1st to hold your space.

Level One is a prerequisite for level Two \* 16 Ceu's available per Level for \$2 per unit

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Jerrigrace Lyons, Founding Director of Final Passages, minister, death midwife and Reiki Master has pioneered a new field of “home funeral guidance.” In the past 13 years, Jerrigrace has assisted hundreds of families through their home or family-directed funeral services. She appeared on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, in USA Today & LA Times. She was interviewed on CNN Headline News and Bay Area TV stations as well as featured in the acclaimed POV PBS documentary “A Family Undertaking”, aired nationally in 2004.

Final Passages, an educational non-profit since 1995, is dedicated to compassionate alternatives to current funeral practices. We offer seminars about natural death care, home and family-directed funerals, green (eco friendly) burials and the benefits of participating in personalized family-centered arrangements. This course is the first in a series of three toward a certificate in “Home Funeral Guidance.”

CEU's for Nurses Available: 16 contact hours: This educational Program is sponsored by Wild Iris Medical Education and is approved as a provider by the California Board of Registered Nursing. California BRN provider: CEP 12300 Registration is open to all and limited to 25.

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Level One Dates and Times of Course: September 17th and 18th  
Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm \* Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Level Two Dates and Times of Course: September 19th and 20th  
Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm \* Monday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Level One is a Prerequisite for Level Two

Some topics we will explore in Level Two:

- ❖ Interviewing families concerning a person dying or deceased
- ❖ What to have in your home funeral midwifery kit
- ❖ Care for the midwives
- ❖ Legalities and other components of home and family funerals
- ❖ Forms for agencies and families in your community
- ❖ The funeral industry in our country today and multi-cultural perspectives
- ❖ Hands-on techniques of moving and carrying a body
- ❖ More film on death in other cultures, green burials and family-centered funerals

## More about the course

Thanks to training in natural childbirth and home hospice care, Americans have begun to reclaim some of life's most powerful experiences from the "professionals". Natural, family-directed funerals are the newest element in this movement. The benefits of home or family-run funerals are many, and yet they often remain out of the reach of individuals due to lack of information, misinformation or intimidation. Now you can help play a part in the rebirth of home funerals through this unique educational program.

Are you interested in a personal and more meaningful funeral approach for yourself or a loved one? Do you have a calling to work with people who are moving through their final transition? Did you realize that this could be a sacred rite-of-passage where family or friends can reclaim knowledge and ritual hidden for the past 100 years?

Join us in celebrating a new way to view death in our culture. In a safe and supportive environment, Director of Final Passages, Jerrigrace Lyons will be sharing her skills and personal experience with over 300 family-run funerals. Through storytelling and intimate visual recordings explore dignified, compassionate and inexpensive options available to everyone.

Learn how to help relatives or friends exercise their legal right to create uniquely designed end-of-life celebrations, funeral arrangements and ceremonies, while properly handling paperwork, transportation and other logistics. Families who have chosen this option say, "We can't imagine doing it any other way. It just makes sense and seems so natural." It's a life-affirming experience, and an important missing link in our culture's cycle of life.

Level III, includes a certificate of completion for our death midwifery program. We are currently developing our mentoring program for those who wish to become a Home Funeral Guide or Facilitator.

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### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hm Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Wk or cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Course Level 1 and/or 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Need lodging? \_\_\_\_\_ Need CEU's? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks to Final Passages: \$125 for Level 1 or \$250 deposit for both levels or you can send the full amount to address below. [Call our office to use credit cards.](#) Any remaining balance of seminar, lodging and/or CEU fees may be paid before or at registration. Call for information regarding lodging at the seminar site or at outside hotels.

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