

# Communicating Grief Online

After a person's death, it can be hard for the bereaved to cope with their grief. While grief traditionally has been a private and predominantly hidden matter, currently many ways of dealing with death and grief become visible on the Internet. On virtual cemeteries as well as in online forums or on social network sites, mourners seem to find new ways of expressing their grief. Based on a mixed method investigation combining qualitative and quantitative content analysis of grief posts, this contribution

answers the questions, which topics are discussed and according to which social patterns and rules grief is publicly communicated in an online forum.

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