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This is Florence Johnson for Brookings Harbor Voices and I'm here to let you know about local meetings for those who've suffered the death of their son, daughter, grandchild or sibling. None of us who attend these meetings ever wished to be a part of this group but following the death of our loved one we found that by talking with others we were not alone in our grief.

The grief experienced due to the loss of one's child cannot be described in words. It is a grief that emotionally isolates the bereaved parent due to the public's basic inability to understand. In this country we've become accustomed to fast results to problems with electronic media and television shows in which major crimes are solved within an hour's time. The death of one's child, grandchild or sibling is not an experience from which we quickly recover. I know from personal experience that a lifetime of healing takes place after losing a child, as we bereaved parents adapt to a world in which our child no longer physically exists. Nicholas Wolterstorff expressed it best using the written word when he lamented upon the death of his son, "All I can do is remember him, I cannot experience him. Nothing new can happen between us."

What the newly bereaved parent does not yet understand is that healing does occur over time, and happiness and purpose in life can again be realized. Hearing the survival stories of others helps.

If you have lost a son, daughter, grandchild or sibling we encourage you to come to a meeting. Find out if it helps you. For more information about this local group, call Georgia at 541-469-5814. That number again is 541-469-5814.