Residents can find support on the grief journey

By Paul Ivany Special to The IFP

It was Ben Franklin who said "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." It is easy to talk about taxes but talking about death is much more diffi-

One reality of death is that a funeral service does not bring closure. It is not the end. It is just the beginning of an often long, challenging journey through grief. That's why Jones Funeral Home and Norval United Church have partnered in recent years to offer a variety of Grief Support Groups.

"Walking Through Grief" is a nin- week program where participants watch a DVD, share in discussion, and find support from others who are grieving.

The next "Walking Through Grief" group starts Tuesday, Oct. 20.

An Open Grief Support Group is offered the second and fourth Monday of the month. People attend whenever they wish. This group provides a safe, comforting environment for support on an ongoing basis.

A Parent's Grief Support Group is offered on the first Wednesday of every month. This group is for those dealing with the death of a child. It could be a young child or an old child, a recent loss or a loss from years ago. The grief of a parent is unique. Coming together with those who know what you are going through can be so healing.

All of these Grief Groups are offered at Norval United Church, 486 Guelph St.

A special "Child Loss Family Night" has been planned for Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7-9 p.m. in "The Studio" at the Georgetown Library, 9 Church St. Especially for parents and siblings who have suffered the death of a child in the family, this evening of hope will feature guest speakers and a special time of remembrance. This evening is open to all.

Would you benefit from one of these groups? Do you know someone who could use some support?

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