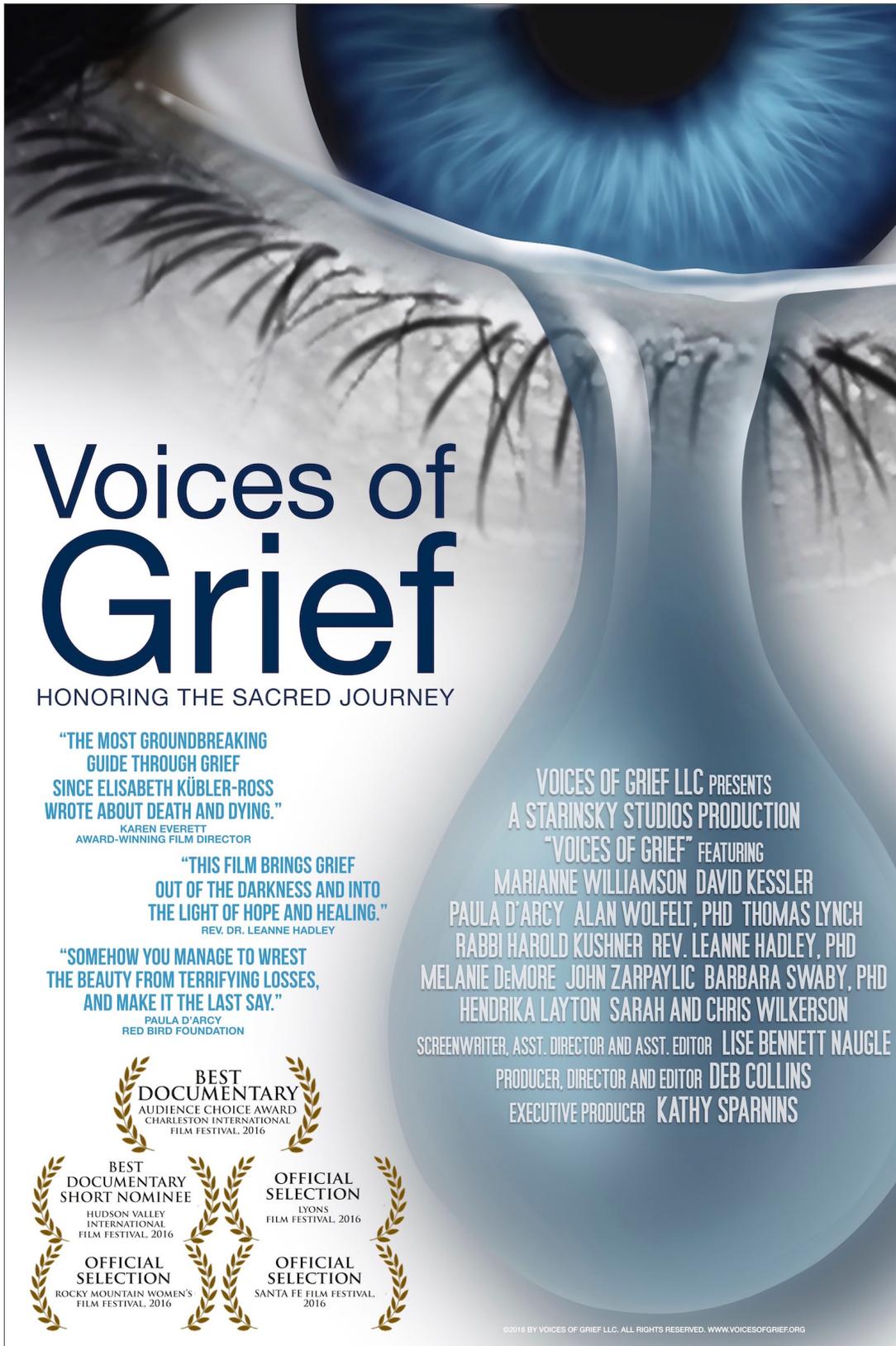




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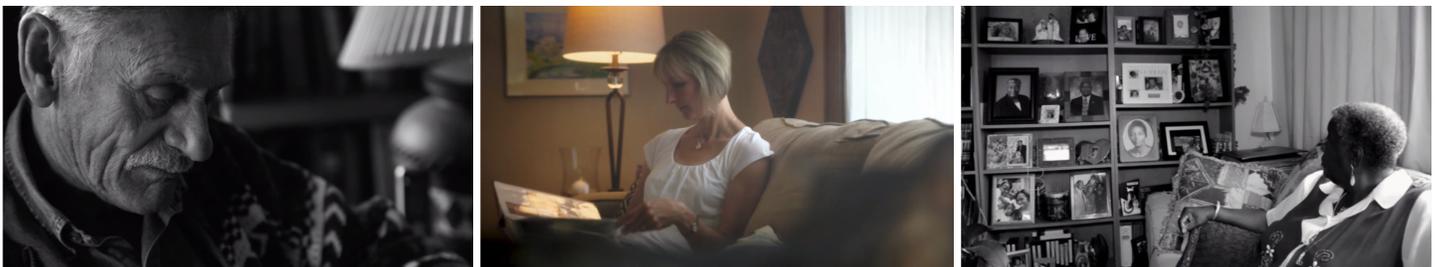
Shares a fresh perspective on the many ways we navigate successfully through grief or companion others along their journey. Wisdom from contemporary authors, grief experts and spiritual teachers is woven through personal stories of loss to explore the roles of compassion, community and connection in this sacred journey.

Extended Synopsis:

Death is universal, and grief is a natural consequence of love. Cultures throughout history and the world practice rituals around death and they mourn in community. Why, then is grieving so difficult for our 21st century society? What have we forgotten? What do we need to remember?

“Voices of Grief, Honoring the Sacred Journey” explores the impact of our modern western culture on the expression and experience of grief: our disconnection to our emotions and our community and the impact of unresolved sorrow on our bodies. It is solution-oriented, encompassing ways to overcome our culturally-imposed restrictions of the grief process. It explores the ancient wisdom of attending to the heart and soul of grief.

The documentary film interweaves individuals’ personal stories of loss and healing together with the insight of nationally renowned experts in the fields of grief and mourning. The film provides both an educational tool for those in bereavement and encourages a more compassionate way for us to return to community and bring this vital part of our life back to the personal rather than the virtual. We show that the goal is not to get over grief; we reconcile and integrate the experience, enabling the possibility of transforming grief into something greater as we carry on the legacy of our beloved.





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Kathy Sparnins delivers the Bereavement Education Groups for Prospect Home Care & Hospice. She also provides grief educational support programs for Pikes Peak area organizations that identify a need.

Kathy’s background includes certification with the Death and Grief Studies Program and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). She has served as a Chaplain intern, a Stephen Minister leader, and trained as a facilitator with the internationally known Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Teens.

Kathy has a Spiritual Direction certification from the Shalom Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon and a B.A. in Psychology from Goddard College. She studied in the MSW graduated studies program at the University of South Carolina and the Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling program at Goddard College.



Deb Collins

Producer, Director,
Cinematographer, Editor

Deb Collins has over 20 years of film/video/multimedia production, directing and editing experience. She is the founder and owner of her own multimedia company, Starinsky Studios, with several decade long clients such as internationally renowned motivational speakers Anthony Robbins and Mark Victor Hansen (“Chicken Soup for the Soul”).

She contributes her skills and talents in technology, visual communications and marketing to clients and projects world-wide.

Deb has a BSEE from the University of Texas. She began her career in electronics technology design and marketing with IBM and Motorola. After founding a software development corporation, she was awarded several U.S. and International patents in learning technology.



Lise Bennett Naugle

Writer, Assistant Director,
Assistant Editor

Lise Bennett (Naugle) brings her experience as both a writer and a health care professional to the project. Lise received her BS in biology and humanistic studies and has a doctorate in naturopathic medicine.

She spent eleven years in private practice before specializing in research, writing, and education about stress and its effects on the body. Her goal as a doctor is to help people integrate the physical, emotional, and spiritual to support optimal wellness and vibrant living.

As a narrative writer, she has won the grand prize in a scene writing contest sponsored by Showtime, was a winner in the Fresh Voices Screenplay Competition with her script, Crossing the Line, and was a finalist in both The Moondance International Film Festival and The Latino Screenplay Competition with En el Nombre de Dios.

Her goal as a writer is to tell stories that matter in ways that move. She brings her understanding of story craft, organization, and the mind-body connection to the production and is enjoying cutting her teeth in directing.