

Library Books & Resources Available through Mourning Hope's Lending Library:

**Section: Youth Books**

**Topic: Loss of a Pet**

Title	Author (Last Name)	Description
I'll Always Love You	Wilhelm	In this gentle, moving story, Elfie, a dachshund, and her special boy progress happily through life together. When she is young, Elfie is full of pep and pranks; but as her master grows taller and taller, Elfie grows fatter and slower. One morning Elfie does not wake up. The family grieves and buries her, and the boy refuses a new puppy. He is not yet ready for another pet; but when he is, he will tell that one, as he told Elsie every night, "I'll always love you."
It Must Hurt A Lot	SA	Describes a boy's reactions of anger, grief, and eventual acceptance when his dog dies. Includes suggestions to parents for helping a child deal with loss.
My Friend Matilda	Keckler	This is a story of a young person, Chris, and his golden retriever. Designed to provide some clues about how to extend a friendship to someone who is going through a difficult time in life. Matilda journeys with Chris through his battle with a life-ending disease.
My Friend, I Care	Karnes	"My Friend, I Care" is a booklet intended for the newly grieving. It addresses the normalness of grieving while offering suggestions for moving forward into living. Many use it as a sympathy card.
My Pet Died	Biale	Designed to help young children and their families through life's most trying times. Making a scrapbook about the death of a beloved pet shows children that it's all right to talk about death, ask questions, be sad, and feel better gradually. By writing, drawing, cutting, and pasting, a child can make a comforting memento to turn to again and again.

Remember Rafferty	Johnson	A book about the death of a pet for children of all ages. This book is unique because of the scrapbook in the back for children to write down memories of their beloved pet. Rafferty is a family dog that gets very sick. The family makes the difficult decision to end his life. Talks about remembering your pet and grieving the loss.
Saying Goodbye to Your Pet	Heegaard	Children can learn to cope with pet loss. This book offers a gentle, positive way to help kids grieve the loss or death of a pet.
The Accident	Carrick	After his dog Bodger is hit by a truck and killed, Christopher must deal with his feelings of depression and guilt. "The subdued illustrations -- their details warmed by washes of golds, browns and tans -- are realistic and feeling. An honest look at grief with no tidy answers." -- School Library Journal IRA/CBC Children's Choice
The Tenth Good Thing About Barney	Viorst	This story about the death of a pet is a wonderful starting off place to talk with children about your beliefs about what happens after a loved one dies as well as the many ways they can remember them.