RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS

Honoring and Memorializing the Deceased in Your Memory Home

The Cornell Center for Research on End-of-Life Care, based at the Weill Cornell Medicine, is currently recruiting participants for a study titled “Building and Benefiting from a Memory Home: A Pilot Study”. The aim of the study is to examine and enhance the user experience for those who visit the Memory Home – a web-based application to honor and memorialize the deceased person and explore the relationship between the using of Memory Home and grief intensity.

If you are 18 or above, a United States resident, and lost a first-degree family member (i.e., parent, spouse, child, sibling) between 6 months and 2 years ago, know how to operate a computer, and have access to the Internet, we sincerely invite you to participate in this study. If you decide to participate to the study, you will be asked to fill out several questionnaires that take less than 30 minutes to answer and use the Memory Home application on your computer for one month. After interacting with the Memory Home you will be asked to complete a similar set of questions. We will then examine how your experience interacting with the Memory Home relates to your grief.

Your personal information will not be asked and the information you provide will be coded anonymously. In addition, the confidentiality of the data will be protected by the Principal Investigator.
The Memory Home application can provide an opportunity for those who are willing to create his or her own account on the internet to honor, memorialize, and reminisce about the deceased. In other words, those using the Memory Home will be able to upload and “decorate” their Memory Home with photographs, notes and shared memories of the deceased, and related memorabilia. Your participation will contribute to improvements in the Memory Home application and make it more useful and beneficial to bereaved people. Your participation is very much appreciated.

This study has been reviewed by the Weill Cornell Medical College IRB Office, and it received ethics clearance through the WCMC IRB Office (Protocol #:1810019629). If you have any concerns or questions regarding this study, please contact:

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We look forward to inviting you to create your Memory Home