

Chapter 1 : Friends of Widows

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Chapter 2 : 10 Ways to Help a Friend Who Is a New Widow

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Emily Hill Being a friend to a widow is a special calling in itself. It requires patience, compassion, and a lot of prayer. Whether you knew her before her husband died or you became friends after, you are important. Hours after I found out about the death of my husband, a few women came to simply be with me. They said their condolences and then they just stayed around the house. It was nice to have people near, while not having the pressure to communicate. Questions meant someone cared. The obvious thing to do may be to cry with her, but it is so important to not forget to laugh with her. Having a birthday party, holiday party, Super Bowl party, or any get-together and think it may be too soon to invite your widowed friend? After the loss of my husband, I felt like a complete outsider. I knew grief made people uncomfortable, so to have friends that I knew still wanted me around, grief and all, was upliftingâ€”even if I turned the invitation down which I did a lot. Acknowledge the hard days. I have had amazing friends who have surprised me with handwritten cards, flowers, and gift cards. Their awareness of tender days for me has been so encouraging to me, and I could never thank them all enough. Be there to help. Not having a husband to help me with things around the house left me feeling like a burden on others. I could be wrong, but I think every widow will be grateful for yard maintenanceâ€”and some house cleaning. Pray and get into the Word. Pray for her and her children to draw closer to the Lord in their time of suffering and pray for yourself to help them along their journey. Read the Bible with her, text her scripture, encourage her in the Lord. Align your own heart to the Word so that you may be encouraged to encourage, as well. There is no real timeline or order for grief. Grief is as unique as each of us are.

Chapter 3 : Elijah and the Widow - friend

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March 8, 8: My heart is torn. Over three days, they bonded in their grief as Jonathan, now 28, took the women sailing and out to the best restaurants in town. The two started talking on the phone every week and regularly texting. A month into their new friendship, Jonathan realized he had romantic feelings for Cady. Today, experts say such relationships are more common than many realize. After the death of a loved one, their spouse is often drawn to their best friend or sibling. He confessed his true feelings. Cady said that she felt the same way but needed to take it slow. In April, he asked Cady to marry him. In August, they were married in Tulsa, Okla. But these relationships can also be quite controversial and strain relationships. Jonathan recalls feeling judged by strangers and acquaintances. In , a year after her first husband, Christopher Lyons, was killed in Iraq, she married his best friend and squad leader, Jeff Hunter. Jeff Hunter wearing goggles and Christopher Lyons in Iraq in When other military folk learned of their relationship, she was the subject of gossip at the annual Marine ball. Bethany Hunter wed Christopher Lyons in September In , he was killed serving in Iraq. The couple now live in Albuquerque, NM, where Jeff works as a sheriff. They have four kids, including Ella and a son named Atticus Christopher, in honor of their dearly departed loved one. And we talk about it. Fisher was best man when Todd wed Taylor. Kennedy Six months after John F.

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Each widow receives and responds to the love of a friend in different ways, so you have to discover for yourself the best, specific, ways to support and love your friend. Just know that being there on the journey with her is a good place to start.

As we age, the easy social connections that we enjoyed as schoolmates, parents and colleagues change. As a result, many women find themselves facing shrinking social circles and needing to make new friends. In other words, we find a void in our lives and no easy way to fill it. In our search for companionship, technology is a blessing and a curse. On the one hand, services like Skype and Facebook allow us to stay connected with friends and family throughout the world. Do you sometimes feel the same? Despite all of the challenges, it is still clear that making friends and maintaining worthwhile relationships is essential after 60. The good news is that having a rich social life after 60 is absolutely possible but, only if we take matters into our own hands! There are millions of wonderful people in the world who want more friends, people just like you. But, in order to find them, you need to face your fears, explore your passions, use your network and, most importantly, take a chance on reaching out to others. Here are a few ideas for making new friends in your sixties. Do you ever feel lonely? That might seem strange to hear, coming from someone who started a community of 50, women over 60. But, the truth is that we all feel lonely from time to time. I know women in marriages and with big families that feel like they have no-one to talk to. Feeling lonely from time to time is natural. What we do about our feelings of loneliness is a choice! The first step to dealing with loneliness is to separate yourself from the feeling so that you can give yourself permission to make positive changes in your life. Let me be clear. If you are feeling lonely, you are not alone. The fact that you are feeling lonely is not your fault. Nor is it something to be ashamed of. Once you admit this, you are more than half way to building the social life that you deserve. The longer you stay in your own cocoon, the greater the chances that you will slip into an even darker mental state, like depression. What do you value most in your friends? Do you look for people who enjoy the same activities as you? Do you like spending time with people who share similar beliefs to you? Or, do you prefer acquaintances that challenge your beliefs and make you think? Perhaps you enjoy the company of people who share similar political or religious beliefs. No matter what your preferences, it pays to be conscious in your choice of friends. This is true for a few reasons. First, and most obviously, when you know what kinds of friends you are looking for, you can choose to engage in activities that will give you an opportunity to meet new people of your choosing. For example, are there political, religious, sports, social or other groups that you could reengage with? Second, taking the time to think about what friendship means to you will make it more likely that you will see opportunities to start conversations in more natural settings at the supermarket, in the post office, or in the park. Write your thoughts in a diary, if you have time. Friendship takes time, effort and advance planning. Sometimes the people that you find you have the most in common with may not be the people that you knew when you were younger. You might be surprised that you have developed common interests with your old friends in the years after school. Or, you might find that an old friendship that lapsed due to distance can be picked up where it left off. For all you know, they might be in the same situation as you. So, send a short email or use Skype to stay in touch. Keep in mind that the first few connections will always be the hardest. The more people you are able to connect with, the easier it will be to find other long-lost friends. People almost always like to stay connected and you never know where a new contact will take you. Follow Your Interests to New Friends One of the fantastic things about being 60 is that we finally know what we want. We understand our values and know what we want to accomplish in our lives. This is one of the reasons that your passions, interests and skills can be such a great source of friends. What are you passionate about? Do you have a favorite hobby like gardening, chess, knitting, tennis, golf, writing, cooking or reading? Do you have any special skills that other people might be interested in learning? Be open to connecting with people of all ages! Some of the strongest friendships that I have are with people decades younger than me. One of the ironies of social events is that everyone tends to think that they are the only one that is nervous to talk to others. As long as you are in a public place, the worst that can happen is someone might not be what you are looking for in a friend. There are many fantastic men out there who would love to

be friends with you. But, unlike when we were teenagers, you may need to take the initiative. Just smile and move on to the next friend. There is also nothing wrong with using online dating sites to find new friends. Many single men and women over 60 are starting over and developing casual, relaxed relationships, without the pressure. Maybe one of your new friendships will lead to something more romantic. Even if your friendship is totally platonic, it can still be a source of fun, fulfillment and companionship. If you are interested in finding a romantic partner, you may enjoy my interview with dating coach, Lisa Copeland. Finding new friends after 60 can definitely be a challenge. But, if you face your fears, define what you are looking for in a friendship, make the most of your own network and reach out to people who share your interests, there is no need to be lonely. You deserve to have friendship in your life and I hope that you find people that make you truly happy! What do you think? Have you found it easier or harder to make friends after sixty? Leave a comment and let us know. Finding friends is important at any age, and this is especially true for women over 60. You will love her honest and sometimes irreverent talk about menopause, intimacy, dating and the mindset needed for reinvention in our 60s.

Chapter 5 : The Widow (Kate Waters, #1) by Fiona Barton

Home» Relationships» Friends» 3 Ways to Meet New Friends - Help for Widows 3 Ways to Meet New Friends - Help for Widows The most difficult part of being a widow is different for everyone, but meeting new friends is often at the top of the list.

Share via Email Women make up 11 million of the 13 million bereaved spouses in the US. Without warning, he had died one morning in and left her alone. He was only 73 and she was 61; they had thought they would grow old together. But he died without leaving her so much as a hand-scrawled will. All she found in his office were a bill-cluttered desk next to a filing cabinet filled with moldy Halloween candy. Mom survived the loss. But she never forgave him for leaving her. Of the approximately 13 million bereaved spouses in America today, 11 million are women. Many women are blindsided by it because couples rarely talk about the inevitable. Should the body be cremated or preserved or buried quickly but intact? Will the funeral service take place in a house of worship, a funeral hall, or at home? What kind of casket is required? But her husband Paolo, even in the final stages of a years-long battle with lung cancer, was unwilling to talk about arrangements of any kind. After a brief long-distance courtship, Paolo emigrated from the Netherlands and moved in with her; they were married in Later, the couple returned to Europe. Benilda went back to university. They were living happily until calamity struck. She felt compelled to return stateside to care for the young man. The couple resumed a long-distance relationship. But in , she got a call from a hospital in Amsterdam informing her that Paolo was very ill; doctors had discovered a large tumor in his stomach, and they were about to operate. She immediately flew to his side. Benilda and Paolo then found a place in the south of France. For a while, he seemed to recuperate, but his recovery was transient. The cancer metastasized on his lung, and, after suffering terribly, Paolo died in early In a foreign country. I love it here now, but it took a while. Any budgeting I had done was inadequate, as Paolo left me nothing but bills. The two fell in love, married and made plans to raise a child. But when Deb went to the doctor complaining of back pain, she learned that her cancer had returned. She felt embraced by her social circle. Francie Bonomie, a fellow New York writer, tells the story of her friend Peggy Weinberger, a suburban socialite, who awoke one morning to find her husband dead next to her. She was excluded from the realm of the couples, who had been her best friends, exiled to the netherworld of single ageing women and smarmy men. When you get a divorce, your family is no longer a family. But you move on. Some women simply cannot be alone and are so afraid of the stigma of being single that they are willing to settle for men who are not loving, validating, or solvent. Maybe because I feel too old? Maybe I carry too much guilt? You have to come back. They will be cast out into an unkind, unfriendly world of creditors, misunderstanding friends, overbearing relatives. At least in this country, there is hope for rejuvenation. It ensures that when the time comes, both are able to be fully dedicated to each other and to the moment rather than torn by uncertainty. Having a living will, even if it is impossible to anticipate everything, is important, and I would recommend having a proxy, someone you trust to help with medical decisions. People should give that to one another.

Chapter 6 : Gateway Christian Center - in Bangladesh

The Widow's Friend we support The Widow's Friend, a ministry that includes two medical clinics, an orphan's home, a hostel for girls and a high school for the deaf. Officially recognized and registered by the Social Welfare Ministry of the Bangladesh government, the Widow's Friend is making a tremendous impact in one of the poorest and most populated nations on earth.

At worst it can be debilitating. I know because, at age 35, I became a widow myself. While many people want to help, it can be difficult to know how to approach someone consumed by such overwhelming grief. And unfortunately, the result is many people end up feeling paralyzed and offer no help at all. Bring Food, but Coordinate with Others When tragedy hits, people tend to show up with casseroles, cookies and other edibles. That can be a perfect response. It is particularly good if your friend has kids or grandkids in the house to feed. However, good intentions can quickly overwhelm a grieving family if they receive multiple meals in a single day. Try a website such as [TakeThemAMeal](#). Not only does this ensure your friend is getting one meal a day, but it helps avoid duplicates of the same meal within a week. Help your friend by cleaning the house or weeding the garden. Alternatively, arrange for a handyman to come in and take care of all the items that formerly may have landed on her honey-do list. Again, sites like [SignUpGenius](#). If you ask your friend whether she wants help, she could say no even if she really is floundering. That was one-part pride talking, one-part denial. Plus, people in the thick of grief often have no idea what they need. They are in shock and can barely get out of bed in the morning. They cannot articulate how someone can make their life better. Those things may be true, depending on your beliefs, but they are not comforting. Too many people seem to want to bury all mention of the deceased. And I get that. There is no expiration date on her pain. Make a note of these dates in your calendar and when the day arrives, reach out to your friend with a card, call or text. Offer to Take the Kids on a Fun Outing If your friend is caring for kids or grandkids, find an opportunity to take them out for the day. A couple of my friends did just that, and it gave my kids a welcome distraction while providing me with some much-needed time alone at the house. Becoming a widow can be an isolating experience. Provide Compassion, Not Pity This is a tough one because there is a fine line between compassion and pity. The first time you see a new widow, please by all means share your deep sorrow for her loss. Have normal conversations with her. Some widows want to be surrounded by others; they want to talk about their husbands to anyone and everyone. Others prefer to stay home alone and process this loss on their own. How people deal with loss changes as time goes on. Are you a widow? Please share your story.

Chapter 7 : Friends of Widows: July

A prophet named Elijah warned people a famine would come. There was no rain, and plants didn't grow. Elijah drank water from a creek. God sent birds to bring him food.

These posts are just to be used as guidelines or starting points for you to use as you figure out how you can best support your friend. We offer you support, and a place to begin. The first question you should ask yourself is: Are you a physical or emotional supporter? Of course, I was a emotional supporter also but, many of the lengthy cries with Michelle, were filled by other friends while I was in the background doing the dishes! I am not sure why I seem to leave the dishes in the sink at my own house though! I Violet am also a doer by nature. But now, I have become an emotional supporter for Rachel, I call her every few days, check up her via email, send her cards in the mail on important days etc. I do these things to make sure she knows she is not forgotten. In this article, I Gwen again will mainly address the physical supporter with some resources that cover the emotional supporter. I realize that there is a fine line between supporting and enabling your widowed friend. My suggestion is to imagine the time when the widow will be able to start reengaging in life an how that transition is going to affect them. She literally sat on her couch and cried for months while everyone not only was fulfilling the physical needs of her house but, people were stepping in to discipline her children, get them bathed, etc. She was continually saying she was afraid people would forget about her and continue living their lives when her life was never going to be the same again. Because everyone was performing every function of her household and child rearing, when people finally did need to get back to their lives, it added to her feelings of abandonment and loneliness and it took a lot for her to reengage since everyone had been doing everything for her. Ask them what they think they can do and what they would like you to do. There may be some things or decisions that your friend cannot handle at first, that is okay. But instead of doing the grocery shopping for her every time, offer to do it with her instead. Same goes for laundry and cooking. You can do it for her some, but oftentimes offer to do it with her. Something else you can do to help your friend is to connect her with other widows. There, she can find people to emotionally support that really understand what she is going through, because they are going through it too. I have recently found the resources listed below. People gave Theresa quite a few books but Theresa was not ready to read a book for many months after her husband died. After a few months, I started reading the books people had given her and that when I felt I finally started to gain some understanding. Here are a few resources I wish had been available after the funeral: Most of those items can be substituted for any religion. Her to-do list is the most thorough I have read thus far regardless what religion you choose to believe. I laughed and cried through this book because I was able to look at my parenting skills and apply a few things. I use the word few loosely! The basics for a widow to quickly learn how to function immediately after the funeral through the next 90 days, I really like an article written by Linda Della Donna called For the New Widow: She has an entire series of articles, they are great resources for a new widow. She has written many articles for friends of widows as well. These articles will be in your best interest to read to know what the widow is thinking and feeling. For those of you offering emotional support, we could write an entire novel on what to do. Ellen Gerst has the perfect saying to describe the decisions ahead for a widow. You can make a conscious decision to move forward through your grief journey in order to find a place of peace, acceptance, and personal renewal, or you can decide to stay stuck in sadness forever. Over time, you must learn to put your grief in perspective and let it work for you, rather than be its slave. It is not possible to go back in time before your loss. Your ultimate power lies in how you respond to the new circumstances of your life. Remember that has the friend of a widow, it is not your job to tell her how to grieve or when she should be doing or not doing things. Your job is to support her as she grieves in her way. All the support and love you can offer will not make it all better, but it can help her to know that she has not been abandoned by every one, and she is still loved. And something a simple of that is essential to a widow and every one really. I hope these resources and tips can assist you to gain a bit more insight into what a widow is feeling and how to best support her after the funeral. As the supporter of a widow, I had many people judging me on if my actions were enabling, supporting, not enough, etc for Theresa. What I know is

that if you move forward with a prayer in your heart to have God and her soul mate both watching you from heaven and assisting you with her needs, that you will know how best to serve your widowed friend.

Chapter 8 : How to Find Friends and Fight Loneliness After 60

10 Ways to Help a Friend Who Is a New Widow By Maryalene LaPonsie 2 years ago Family Whether it comes unexpectedly or after a long illness, losing a spouse is traumatic at best.

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