

“Grief is like a long winding valley where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape”
C.S. Lewis, a Grief Observed.

Life's Landscapes is a community service program provided by Gorsline Runciman Funeral homes. Since 1972 Gorsline Runciman funeral homes has provided an aftercare follow-up program to the families they serve and the community at large. Many different programming has been offered thorough out the 38 years. We would like to describe a few components of our current programming we think our pretty unique. Dignity Memorial L.I.F.T. (living information for today) is an encouraging and social support program just for widow and widowers. Although this is a national program we have made our luncheons a time to really give information pertinent to widow and widowers. After a time of socializing and eating lunch together we have special speakers. This years topics include: our vision, the 2nd fifty years, restoring family photos, cooking for one(back by popular demand), When and how to sell your family home, limited mobility exercises, insurance supplements, and personal safety. Our L.I.F.T. group has special outings, this spring we went in limousines on a day trip to a butterfly garden, we had a evening at the theatre for a barbershop singing performance and meet bi-monthly for an afternoon of game/card playing.

Lastly, our Supportive Soles, a walking support group, provides a weekly therapeutic approach to support the grief journey. The walk is held at a local nature center, which offers beautiful surroundings. This is open to all bereaved. The benefits to the families is very hard to measure, however, we know that each of these programs are unique and are not offered elsewhere in our community. The numbers have consistently increased to 35 people at our luncheons. Each week we have between 8-16 walkers at Supportive Soles.