



Health Sciences Centre
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Scattering of Ashes

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Daniel Barclay
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Reading of Poem
"My Tiny Little One"

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A Moment of Silence

Invitation for the Ritual

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Ritual for the Scattering of Ashes
Memorial

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Scattering of Ashes Memorial Service

Welcome

Good afternoon everyone. My name is Daniel Barclay, Spiritual Health Practitioner at HSC and these are my colleagues, Lorelie Nolasco and Michael Thibert from Indigenous Health Services. On behalf of Health Sciences Centre, its leadership and staff, I welcome you - parents, family, and friends to this service in memory of the children who have passed away before birth or shortly after. It is our privilege to honour you and your children in this manner.

We wish you could be here in person to participate in this ceremony with us. We offer this video with the hope that it may offer some comfort for you.

To the parents and families of the children who we remember especially today, we extend our sincere sympathy. We acknowledge that your loss has been great; it is our hope that your journey through this time is made a little less burdensome by the knowledge that all of us care very deeply.

Our thanks go to the staff at Brookside Cemetery, and Kotaska Cremation Services for their heartfelt commitment to caring, they too honour these children with this service.

It is our desire that this service be meaningful for you and we have planned it with that in mind. This is an emotional time; allow the memories to wash over you; they are precious and we wish to celebrate those memories together with you here today.

Now I would like to ask Lorelie to come forward and read "My Tiny Little One" by Dawn E. Knutson in memory of March Angel.

My Tiny Little One

Though others may forget you
in their thoughts and conversations,
rest assured I never will, my tiny little one.

Though others never knew you,
never felt you, never loved you,
I always did you know, my tiny little one.

And now I continue to do those things,
if only in my mind, for I still need
you in my life, my tiny little one.

You were mine.
You were a promise of joys that were to be.
And while those days will never come,
you'll remain a joy to me, my tiny little one.

For I loved you with all I had to give.
A love that will not forget.
You were my baby and you meant
everything to me, my tiny little one.

*In memory of March Angel
by her mother: Dawn E. Knutson
Lakeville, Minnesota*

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“Let us take a **moment of silence**
To remember and honor your babies“

Ritual for the Scattering of Ashes Memorial Service

Smudge and Drumming

Michael

I would like to call Michael Thibert now who will be providing a smudge and drumming for this ceremony.

Reading

Lorelie

On behalf of the families and staff, I am placing these flowers in memory of the babies and in honour of those who remember them in their hearts today and always.

Let us proceed in peace with these words

Daniel

As you continue to travel on the road ahead, may the love you have for your child remain a part of you.

As you begin to see and reach for glimmers of hope and peace, may you find the courage you need to follow your heart along other journeys and possibilities.

As your life unfolds, the good and the bad, the joyful and the heartbreaking, may you open yourself up to all of it.

May you embrace the fullness of life and love, even as you carry the memory and the ache of your loss over the years.

And may you know joy and laughter and goodness in the midst of your loss.

Closing words

This is the end of the formal portion of the ceremony. Thank you for joining us virtually today. You are welcome to this place anytime.

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