

ABOUT MAGGIE CALLANAN, RN CRNH

Speaker • Writer • Hospice Nurse



Since becoming a hospice nurse in 1980, Maggie Callanan has studied, taught, and written about the unique and symbolic communication of the dying, which is often labeled as “confused language” and consequently often ignored by professional and family caregivers.

She is the co-author of the celebrated book Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness Needs and Communication of the Dying, which is now published in eight languages. She was the first coordinator and contributing author of the “Dealing with Death” column in the *American Journal of Nursing*. Her next book is due in 2006.

Maggie is a world-renowned speaker on topics relating to the care of the dying, as well as coping strategies for hospice staff and volunteers. Hospices, hospitals, medical schools, church groups, community groups, and national conference audiences have greeted her enthusiastically.

She has been a board member of the International Association of Near Death Studies (IANDS) and the facilitator of the IANDS National Capital Area Chapter support group for Near Death Experiencers.

In 1995, she was named the Hospice Clinician of the Year and received the prestigious National Hospice Organization’s *Heart of Hospice* award.

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