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## **Online Memorials Give Those in Grief a Way to Express Their Loss**

**Virtual Memorials for loved ones free at [www.HospiceofSantaBarbara.org](http://www.HospiceofSantaBarbara.org)**

**June 10, 2008, Santa Barbara, CA**—Hospice of Santa Barbara, Inc. offers the web as a place to honor the loss of a loved one. Photos, comments and tributes may be posted at the organization’s website, [www.hospiceofsantabarbara.org](http://www.hospiceofsantabarbara.org) in their new Memorials section.

Anyone can visit the section (located under the Community tab on the homepage) and create a personal memorial page for someone who has touched their lives. There is also a section for the loss of a cherished pet. This special place is open for all to visit and remember the life of those who are no longer with us. Guests can comment on individual memorials as well, sharing their thoughts and memories of the departed. All submissions and comments are posted upon review.

“Our hope is to give those in the Santa Barbara community many ways in which to heal and communicate their loss in a healthy and positive way,” said Gail Rink, Executive Director of Hospice of Santa Barbara. “The memorial section at our website is one more way to do this, and importantly, it is available to anyone.”

[Hospiceofsantabarbara.org](http://Hospiceofsantabarbara.org) has been a source of valuable information not only to those living with an illness, but also to anyone grieving a loss or experiencing the impact of death, for many years now. In addition to the memorials section, the website has recently been updated to include a link to Gail Rink’s bi-monthly Noozhawk column, *Open Arms*, and a link to the organization’s new Facebook profile—“SB Hospice.”

[Hospiceofsantabarbara.org](http://Hospiceofsantabarbara.org) also features information about advance directives, end-of-life treatment and wishes. Individuals can now download California State Advance Directive forms directly from the organizations website, free of charge.

Online visitors can expect to find comprehensive information about support groups and therapies that Hospice of Santa Barbara has to offer the community. Volunteer opportunities are also available for those who are looking to help. Hospice of Santa Barbara, Inc. is a volunteer hospice organization that works to heal emotional, social and spiritual pain associated with life-threatening illness and death. All services are free of charge.

The mission of Hospice of Santa Barbara, Inc. is to provide care to anyone experiencing the impact of a life-threatening illness, or grieving the death of a loved one.

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