



Forum on Aging

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Closing Keynote: Caring for the Aged: The Grief We Carry Within Us

PM Workshop 1: Being with the Dying and Those Who Love Them **Speaker:** Kim Vesey, RN

Kim Vesey Bio:

Kim Vesey is a certified registered nurse with a focus on hospice and palliative care, as well as a certified expert in thanatology, the study of death and grief. With more than 40 years of experience in hospice care, she began her career by providing companionship to individuals nearing the end of life and their families. Throughout her journey, she has held numerous executive leadership roles, most recently serving as the executive director of Ohio's Hospice of Dayton until mid-2023.

Vesey made her speaking debut at TEDx Dayton with her compelling presentation, "First Breath, Final Breath." In her talk, she highlighted the stark contrast between the extensive preparations for the first sacred breath of life (birth) and the often-inadequate preparations for the final sacred breath of life (death).

Following her retirement in she founded "My Hope Path," a company dedicated to offering education, a series of children's books, and various comforting resources to assist those navigating their grief and moving toward hope.

In addition to her extensive hospice experience, which has provided her with invaluable insights about both living and dying, Vesey has also endured significant personal losses. This unique blend of professional expertise and personal experiences has established her as a knowledgeable grief specialist and educator.