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Bereavement: Qualitative Evidence for
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Table 1
Sample characteristics for qualitative studies of religion/spirituality and adjustment to bereavement

	Author(s), Year of Publication	Population/Sample Size	Study Design	Age (yrs.) of Bereaved	Type or Cause of Death	Time Post Loss
1	Ablon, 1973	4 widows and 6 parents who lost a child	Interviews	NR	Fire	5 yrs.
2	Angell, Dennis, & Dumain, 1998	1 woman who lost her mother	Case study	30	Unexpected	3 mos.
3	Balk, 1983	33 teenagers who lost a sibling	Focused interview and questionnaire	14-19	Accident or terminal illness	4 mos.-7 yrs.
4	Batten & Oltjenbruns, 1999	2 male and 2 female adolescents who lost a sibling	Semi-structured interview	15-18	Suicide or car accident	3-19 mos.
5	Cait, 2004	18 women parentally bereaved as adolescents	Semi-structured interview	19-45	Cancer, heart-related, or other	5-35 yrs.
6	Coleman, Ivani-Chalian, & Robinson, 2004	43 men and women, some of whom experienced loss	Longitudinal, multiple interviews	Over 65	NR	NR
7	Danforth & Glass, 2001	6 widows	Reflective interviews	51-56	Natural causes	1.5-5 yrs.
8	Davis & Nolen-Hoeksema, 2001	205 adults who lost a family member to terminal illness	Structured interviews	Mean = 51.2	Cancer, AIDS, or other causes	Pre-loss and 1, 6, 13, 18 mos. post-loss
9	DeFrain, Millspaugh, & Xie, 1996	172 mothers and 21 fathers who experienced a miscarriage	Partially open-ended questionnaire	20-67	Miscarriage	1 mo.-42 yrs.
10	Doran & Hansen, 2006	3 families who lost a child	Case studies	17 and older	Sudden, traumatic, non-suicide	3-6 yrs.
11	Douglas, 2004	8 women and 4 men who lost their spouse, fiancé, or child	Open-ended interview	32-65	NR	3-19 mos.

12	Frantz, Farrell, & Trolley, 2001	397 adults (73% women) who lost a loved one	Structured interview	Mean = 40	39% sudden and unexpected; 61% lingering	1 year
13	Fry, 1998	55 widows and 37 widowers for questionnaire (48 and 30, respectively at Time 2); 27 for interview (at Time 2 only)	Open-ended questionnaire, In-depth interview (Longitudinal)	64-83	NR	4 mos. and 1 yr.
14	Gilbert, 1992	54 parents (married couples) who lost a child	Minimally-structured, naturalistic interview	26-42	Fetal and infant	6 mos.-7 yrs.
15	Golsworthy & Coyle, 1999	6 widows and 3 widowers (devout Christian)	Semi-structured interview	53-78	3 sudden, 6 expected	1-3 yrs.
16	Gudmundsdottir & Chesla, 2006	15 adult family members of a child who died	Interview	NR	SIDS or other illness	6-33 mos.
17	Harvey, Barnett, & Rupe, 2006	1 woman who lost her mother	Interview	25	Breast cancer	7 yrs.
18	Harvey & Chavis, 2006	1 woman who lost her mother	Journal or list serve posting	NR	Cancer	NR
19	Klass, 1996	(a) One mother who lost a fetus and a toddler; (b) one father who lost a teenage son	Open-ended interview	NR	(a) Miscarriage and car accident; (b) NR	NR
20	Longman, 1993	30 women and 12 men who lost a loved one; grief support group participants	Self-administered questionnaire Longitudinal	19-83	In hospice	3 mos.-2 yrs. and 3 mos. later
21	Lovell, Hemmings, & Hill, 1993	40 females, 24 adult teachers and 16 adolescent pupils who lost a family member; matched Scots and Swazis	Semi-structured interview	12-Over 40	NR	Mean=2.5 yrs. for Scots and 2.8 yrs. for Swazis
22	Meert, Thurston, & Briller, 2005	33 parents (20 mothers, 12 fathers, 1 grandmother) who lost a child in the pediatric intensive care unit	Semi-structured, in-depth interviews	23-81	65% chronic and 35% acute illness	2 yrs.

23	Miles & Crandall, 1983	(a) 61 fathers; (b) 8 fathers and 30 mothers; (c) 36 parents, all of whom lost a child	(1) Open-ended questionnaire; (2) Semi-structured, open-ended questionnaire; (3) Open-ended questionnaire	NR	(c) Chronic disease or sudden accident	NR
24	Murphy et al., 2003	115 mothers and 58 fathers who lost a child; from the Parent Bereavement Project (recruited for an intervention)	Questionnaire	Mean = 47	Accident, suicide, homicide, or vehicular homicide	5 yrs.
25	Parker, 2005	8 women and 4 men who had Extraordinary Experiences after bereavement	Interview and questionnaire	23-60	NR	At least 1 year
26	Parkes, 1965	17 women and 4 men who lost a family member; patients in a mental institution	Open-ended interview	12-69	Various including cancer and heart-related	Under 6 mos.-6 yrs.
27	Richards, Acree, & Folkman, 1999	70 care-giving partners of men with AIDS	Open-ended, unstructured interview (Longitudinal)	NR	AIDS	3-4 yrs.
28	Robbins, 1990	10 women who lost their mother	In-depth interview	39-53	NR	18 mos.-15 yrs.
29	Rosenblatt, 2000	58 (29 couples) parents who lost a child	In-depth interview	33-68	Infant to adult loss	8 mos.-35 yrs. (median = 7 yrs.)
30	Schwab, 1990	25 married couples who lost a child	Semi-structured interview and questionnaire	27-60	Chronic and acute illness, accident, murder, SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage	1 mo.-8 yrs. 11 mos.

31	Schwartzberg, 1993	19 HIV-positive gay men, some of whom experienced bereavement	Semi-structured interview	27-50	AIDS	NR
32	Shuchter & Zisook, 1993	250 widows and 100 widowers	Structured interview and questionnaire (Longitudinal)	NR	NR	2, 7, and 13 mos.
33	(Hines) Smith, 2002	30 women who lost their elderly mothers	Semi-structured interview	39-68	NR	NR
34	Sormanti & August, 1997	34 mothers and 9 fathers who lost a child	Open-ended questionnaire	27-63	Cancer	Within the past 5 yrs.
35	Thompson, Noone, & Guarino, 2003	15 widows	Interview and questionnaire	Mean = 79	NR	6-8 mos.
36	Vaisanen, 1999	22 mothers and/or fathers who lost a child, and a focus group of 12 mothers and 1 father	Interviews, therapy sessions, or letters	NR	Perinatal loss, SIDS, or neonatal loss	Mean = 2 mos.; at least 1 yr. for the focus group
37	Van, 2001	10 African-American women who experienced involuntary pregnancy loss (IPL)	Open-ended interview	Mean = 29 at loss	IPL	Mean = 4 yrs.
38	Van & Meleis, 2003	20 African-American women who experienced involuntary pregnancy loss	Semi-structured interviews	Mean = 32	IPL	Mean = 2 yrs.
39	Winston, 2003	10 grandmothers who lost a child and assumed the parenting role for the grandchild; participants in support group or referred to study	Interview	52-70	AIDS	NR

NR: Not reported