



**Pre Conference Workshop**  
**Boulder, CO**

**Oct 7th & 8th**

## **Educating, Inspiring, and Empowering Communities in Family-Led, Home Funerals\***

*\*A Home Funeral is a family or community-centered, heart-led response to death and after-death care. Families and communities may play a key role in all or some of the aspects of caring for the body, conducting ceremony, filing paperwork, and final disposition.*

### **The Sacred Art of Caring for Our Dead**

- **Explore Challenges and Fears**
- **Learn Care of the Body - Bathing, Preparation & Preservation for a Home Vigil**
- **Discuss Environmental, Psychological & Spiritual Benefits of our Funeral Choices**
- **Unearth the Laws about Home Funerals**
- **Discover Options for Final Disposition including Green Burial**
- **See Films & Hear Stories from Home Funeral & Green Burial Archives**

Teaching together for the first time, nationally-recognized leaders of organizations at the forefront of the US home funeral movement!

***Final Passages, Crossings and Natural Transitions* are dynamic non-profits providing education and trainings to individuals and communities on family-led, home funerals and green burial options.**

#### **Jerrigrace Lyons:**

*Final Passages*

([www.FinalPassages.org](http://www.FinalPassages.org))

Jerrigrace, a minister, Reiki master and death midwife, has pioneered the field of "home funeral guidance." She is dedicated to compassionate alternatives to conventional funeral practices. Jerrigrace can be seen on the PBS documentary "A Family Undertaking" sharing her wisdom and experience about natural death care, family-directed home funerals, green (eco-friendly) burials and the benefits of participating in personalized family-centered arrangements.

#### **Elizabeth Knox:**

*Crossings: Caring for Our Own at Death*

([www.Crossings.net](http://www.Crossings.net))

Beth came to home funeral care education through personal loss and has since been sharing the love and wonder of home funerals with families and communities so that they can make informed choices when the need arises. She appears in the documentary, "A Family Undertaking", and the origins of her work with Crossings appear in the book, "Alison's Gift". A deep connection to the environmental movement is an important aspect of her work.

#### **Karen van Vuuren:**

*Natural Transitions Funeral Guidance*

([www.NaturalTransitions.org](http://www.NaturalTransitions.org))

Karen is a transition guide with a background in hospice and elder care. She is also a former news journalist turned documentary-maker whose focus is on end of life issues. Her most recent work, "Dying Wish", has been featured at national conferences and film festivals.

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