Bill of Rights for the Bereaved

- 1. Do not make me do anything I do not wish to do.
- 2. Let me cry.
- 3. Allow me to talk about the deceased.
- 4. Do not force me to make quick decisions.
- 5. Let me act strange sometimes.
- 6. Let me see that you are grieving too.
- 7. When I am angry, do not discount it.
- 8. Do not speak to me in platitudes.
- 9. Listen to me, please!
- 10. Forgive me my trespasses, my rudeness, and my thoughtlessness.