

CASE STUDY: EUNICE

For use with Navigating Loss, Loneliness, and Aging: Reconnecting to Sources of Strength Series

CASE STUDY #4 Eunice is a 68 year old female who has been attending the Sunrise Adult Day Center for 10 years. She has a developmental disability and has required assistance her entire life. She lives with her son, the primary caregiver. Eunice loves attending the center and each morning greets everyone as they arrive. She enjoys helping staff set up activities and is very social. She likes to get hugs from everyone and staff and participants enjoy her sweet disposition. In fact, it feels as though she is the “face” of the center.

One day, Eunice does not show up to the center and it is soon discovered she has died in a car accident. Her son, the driver, was injured but is expected to be okay. Everyone at the center is shocked.

PARTICIPANTS	STAFF	PARTICIPANTS' FAMILIES/CAREGIVERS
<i>Discuss or write about how you think participants might feel?</i>	<i>Discuss or write about how you think staff might feel? How can you honor Eunice? How can you support participants and staff?</i>	<i>Discuss or write about how you think participants' families/caregivers might feel?</i>