Grandy's arms ached and she felt stone cold empty. There were no words that could describe the pain she was feeling. What's more when she looked out the window it surprised her how the rest of the world was going on as usual, while her world had stopped.

Tear Soup...a book that

* Affirms the bereaved
* Educates the unbereaved
* Is a building block for children

story by
Pat Schwiebert & Chuck DeKlyen
illustrated by Taylor Bills

Also Available:

Tear Soup
Format: DVD
Running Time: 17 min

The poignant story and engaging illustrations that have made Tear Soup a treasured book for people of all ages are given new life in this special video version.

Viewers will find themselves returning again and again to this moving portrayal as part of the ongoing process of healing from grief.

Families, professionals, educators and support groups will all benefit from the insights and comfort provided in this helpful production.

Included with the video is a viewers guide and grief tips. This guide can assist in viewing of the video and starting some discussions amongst the viewers.

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A universal story that teaches us about grief
About Tear Soup

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Grandy’s Recipe for TEAR SOUP

HELPFUL INGREDIENTS TO CONSIDER

* a pot full of tears
* one heart willing to be broken open
* a dash of bitters
* a bunch of good friends
* many handfuls of comfort food
* a lot of patience
* buckets of water to replace the tears
* plenty of exercise
* a variety of helpful reading material
* enough self care
* season with memories
* optional: one good therapist and/or support group

DIRECTIONS:

Choose the size pot that fits your loss. It’s ok to increase the pot size if you miscalculated. Combine ingredients. Set temperature for a moderate heat. Cooking times will vary depending on the ingredients needed. Strong flavors mellow over time. Stir often. Cook no longer than you need to.

SUGGESTIONS

* be creative
* trust your instincts
* cry when you want to, laugh when you can
* freeze some to use as a starter for next time
* write your own soup making in a journal so you won’t forget

SERVES ONE

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