

*Today's Lecture is Dedicated to
My Favorite Uncle, Bob Giove*



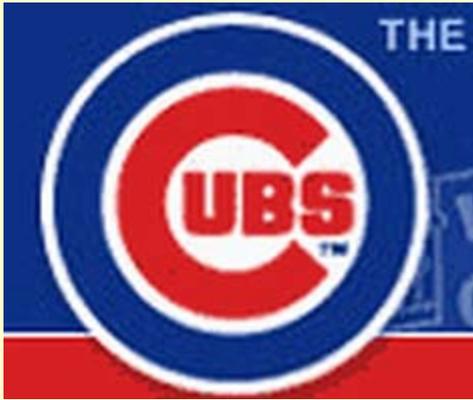
Thanatology

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross found that although many terminally ill patients were eager to discuss their feelings and learn the truth about their condition, doctors often instructed family members to avoid such discussions, resulting in isolation and sorrow for both patients and their families.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross' Emotional Stages of Dying



- Denial and isolation
- Anger
- Bargaining
- Depression
- Acceptance



[A Dying Cub Fan's Last Request](#)

Singer, songwriter, Steve Goodman made a name for himself in 1972 when his song, “The City of New Orleans” became a hit for Arlo Guthrie. The spotlight was on New Orleans but Chicago native Goodman had his heart on his hometown, specifically Wrigley Field. Steve was a Cubs fan who, three years earlier, had suffered when the Cubs blew the pennant to the '69 Mets. It was also in '69 that Steve found out that he had leukemia.

Goodman continued to write and perform through the years, and in 1984 it appeared Steve would finally see the cubs win. He was even invited to sing the National Anthem at Wrigley Field before the first game of the playoffs. But Steve didn't get to sing or see his Cubs clinch. The Cubs magic number was 3 when Steve died in a Seattle hospital at age 36. A few weeks after his death, "The City of New Orleans" was a hit again, #1 on the country charts for Willie Nelson. But that was not "A Dying Cub Fan's Last Request."





Steve Apps/AP

Forever a Packers fan

Ann LaForce and her husband, Dave Petry, spread the ashes of Ann's father, Ed LaForce, in the south end zone at Lambeau Field after Green Bay's NFC championship win on Sunday. Ann said her father attended the 1967 Ice Bowl, the Packers' last NFC title.

Age Related Responses to Terminal Illness

- Children – fear being separated from family
- Adolescents – tend to focus on the quality of present life, may primarily concerned about the effect of the condition on their appearance and social relationships

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- Young Adults – rage and depression over idea that just as life is beginning, it must end
 - Middle Age Adults – primarily concerned about meeting important obligations and responsibilities
 - Older Adults – May feel okay if death brings end to pain and believe death will reunite them with loved ones and friends who have previously departed.

Phases of Mourning



- Shock
- Longing to be with the deceased
- Depression, despair, and anger
- Recovery (more accurately, remission)