

## Grief Coalition Speaker Bio's for Winter, 2025

1. Margarita Alvarez experienced the loss of her husband who was only 44.
2. Norine Larson was in charge of the Trust Grief Group in the south Minneapolis area for many years.
3. Donna Mathiowetz is a grief speaker from Hastings, Minnesota who talks about her own grief experience.
4. Brenda DeMotte is a uniquely experienced professional with 35+ years of private practice as a grief therapist preceded by a career in funeral service. She was the founder and director of Professional Counseling & Grief Services and most recently authored her book entitled, "Grief Demystified".
5. Jay Hillestad is a chaplain and CPE educator with Spiritual Health Services at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina.
6. Mary Marcoux is a hospice chaplain in Bloomington, is a bereavement coordinator, a certified thanatologist, and gives a good overview of grief.
7. Annie Lumbar Bendson has experienced child loss, parent loss, and spouse loss.