

NEEDS OF THE DYING

- 1. The need to participate in one's own death - to know one is dying*
- 2. The need to live to the end with dignity*
- 3. The need for hope (not hope of cure, but hope that accompanies faith and meaningful living)*
- 4. The need to work through and express feelings of guilt, denial, jealousy, anguish and other coping emotions - to grieve*
- 5. The need to be listened to without censure or anger and accepted - regardless of the defense mechanism used*
- 6. The need to feel valued*
- 7. The need to contribute*
- 8. The need to be remembered*
- 9. The need for control - even if it is only menu choices*
- 10. The need to communicate*
- 11. The need for family and friends to resolve their own unrealistic expectations and not expect the dying person to fill their needs*
- 12. The need to maintain self - confidence, security and self - esteem*
- 13. The need for permission to die*