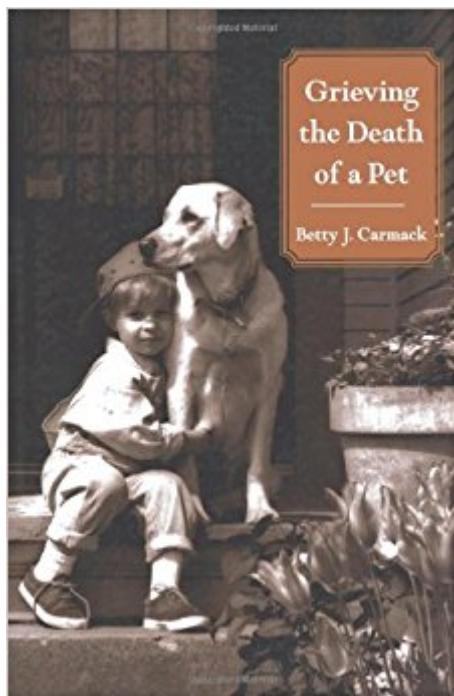


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# Grieving The Death Of A Pet



## **Synopsis**

Because our relationships with our animal companions are unlike human relationships, the death of a pet is like no other loss that we will experience. In this book, Betty J. Carmack draws on the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, her own experience, and interviews with dozens of pet lovers to guide the reader through the initial loss of a pet to the dawning of new hope and reassurance.

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"Rocky's loss taught me how deeply we grieve for our loved animals, the intensity of pain and the length of time it can last," writes Betty Carmack, a nurse and professional pet loss counselor. In Grieving the Death of a Pet, Carmack draws from her experience of counseling more than two thousand people who have lost a beloved pet, as well as the loss of her Rocky and other furry friends. She offers the book as a kind of pet-loss support group to counter "a world that reminds us repeatedly that grief for an animal doesn't count as much as grief for a person." It's poignant and sometimes heartrending, filled with personal stories of love and loss as well as Scripture and thoughts on faith. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"...a must read for everyone facing the intense pain that comes with losing a cherished animal companion." -- Ed Sayres, President, San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"...offers the nurturing supportive hug that we all need when we experience the loss of a kindred spirit." -- Allen M. Schoen, DVM, author of *Kindred Spirits*"...poignant and sometimes heartrending, filled with personal stories of love and loss." -- Publishers Weekly"This book will touch

your heart and help it to heal..." -- Bernie Siegel, MD, author of Love, Medicine & Miracles

This book helped us... We would sit @ night and I would read this @ night. We still miss our beloved Sadie but we found out it's ok to mourn and not to listen to people say " it's just a dog, get over it all ready, It's been a month you should not still be crying "

I lost my 17 year old siamese cat and can't even describe the absolute devistation and loss I feel. The evening this book came was yet another night I opened my door and my Samantha was not there to greet me. I sat down with this book that was suggested to me by a pastor and read it from cover to cover and it helped to validate every feeling I am having. Some people understand pet loss, others don't. It helped me tremendously and I would recommend this book to anyone that has lost their dear pet friend.

Very very helpful for anyone experiencing the loss of a pet..anticipates your questions and answers them so thoughtfully and supportively..if you read one book..look at this one.i have gifted it and folks always thank me..makes you realize you are not alone in your feelings..

I bought this for my mom when her dog Mitsy died. I am sorry it took so long to review it. More books like this should be written that bring true comfort to those who have lost family members in the way of pets. They bring us so much comfort and it's rare to get what we need when that happens because to many they are just 'animals' but for those of us who loved them, they were a part of us.

I have been waiting for Betty Carmack's book all of my life. My feelings have never before been so validated. Throughout childhood, I have had numerous little creatures: hamsters, birds, dogs, turtles, and mice. Now after 45 years, I can finally grieve the loss of those precious creatures without anyone calling me foolish or overly sentimental. No one will ever again tell me that "little boy's don't cry." Little boys cry--right along with the rest of humanity--at the loss of one of these precious companions.Betty Carmack's decision to let the "experts" be those who have actually grieved the loss of a pet gives her book more validity than if she had quoted from a thousand researchers. We hear the stories of these people and their companion animals through all the stages of grief. Pets are not just "nice things to have around." They are the truest and most steadfast listeners to all of life's pains and joys. When they die, they leave a hole in our hearts. For some people, their cats or dogs or lizards are their closest companions. Such companions are

never too tired to listen. No matter what we look like, whether bathed or not, shaven or not, they hear all that we are and hope to be, uncluttered by "unfinished business" in human relationships. True, they cannot take the place of another human being. Likewise, no human can ever offer the degree of unconditional love that animals, fish, and birds can."Grieving the Death of a Pet" is a triumph. It is a gift, given by an expert who was humble enough to let the very people she comforts be our comforters, the very people who know best what we feel and why. How can I thank someone for giving me back my feelings and childhood memories? Thank you, Betty Carmack. Thank you for the gift of your book and the gift of you.

I have just finished reading this book any can't say enough positive things about it. Ms. Carmack's book is not a "quick fix" to help someone through the grief process of loosing a pet. It is however, a book for anyone who has a pet, anticipates the loss of their pet or who is currently going through the grief process. Ms. Carmack candidly talks about her own personal emotions concerning the pets she has lost as well as stories of others and their pets who range from cats, parrots, horses, dogs. This is an "easy read" that will capture your attention from the start. You won't want to put it down.

Her book has been an invaluable resource to all to whom I have sent as a gift.I have an extra copy on hand for my daughter when her 12 year old lab can't carry on anymore...

We had to put one of our cats down who had cancer of the kidneys. It was the hardest thing to go through after having to watch my father pass away. Pets do become a part of the family and this book helped to validate alot of the feelings I was having.

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