

**INTERNATIONAL
TRAINER**

Presented over 1000 workshops on childbearing loss/general bereavement to national regional and local groups in 40 states, Canada, Australia, England, and Japan including:

Int'l Stillbirth Alliance Conference, England 2007, Japan 2006, Wash. DC 2005
Birth Int'l Childbirth Conference, Australia 2006, England 2005
National Perinatal Bereavement Conferences 2008, '02, '98, '96, '94, '92, '88, '86
National Parent Care Conferences 1995, '94, '93, '89, '88
Int'l Compassionate Friends Conference, England 1994
National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Conferences 2005, '00, '99, '94
Int'l Childbirth Conferences, 2000, '99, '98, '93, '89
International Bereavement Conference 1991
National Neonatal Nursing Conference 2003, 1991
Speaker at numerous regional, local conferences, hospitals, physicians' grand rounds, communities, and churches each year.

Guest lecturer at Residency Training programs, School of Medicine:
Vanderbilt, Yale, William Beaumont, U of MN
Adjunct Faculty, Georgetown University

CONSULTANT

Consultant/speaker to hospital and perinatal organizations across the US including:
Georgetown University Hospital
Stanford University Hospital
Vanderbilt University Hospital
University of MN School of Nursing
Luther Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul, MN

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR

Co-founder, the former Pregnancy and Infant Loss Center, Int'l non-profit
Director and/or Board Member for ten years
President, Wintergreen Press 1982-present

BOARD MEMBER

International Stillbirth Alliance, 2005-present
National Health Federation, 2007-present

COORDINATOR

Coordinator, former Coalition for Positive Outcomes in Pregnancy

AUTHOR

Couple Communication After a Baby Dies, co-author, 2008
Empty Arms: Coping with Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Death, author, 1982/2008
(over 300,000 copies in print)
Giving Care, Taking Care: Support for the Helpers, author, 1996/98
Remembering with Love: Messages of Hope for the First Year of Grieving and Beyond,
co-author, 1992
Precious Lives, Painful Choices, author, 1992, 2005
The Anguish of Loss, co-author, 1989, 1996
Miscarriage: A Shattered Dream, co-author, 1985/2002

Author of 10 other publications and many articles.

OTHER

Guest on Oprah, Donohue, Home Show, and other national, regional, and local shows

EDUCATION

BA Psychology and Sociology, Hamline University
Teaching Certificate, Hamline University
MBA work at the University of Minnesota, 1979-1982 (not completed)

PERSONAL

Mother of two living children, Kellan and Trevor, and three babies who died
Married to David Ilse, social work supervisor

AWARDS/

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Publisher Who Made a Difference, Midwest Publisher Association, 1992
Who's Who in Professional Executive Women, 1989
Coordinator, Nat'l Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Campaign Task Force
Leadership Minneapolis Award, 1985, Hamline Outstanding Alumni Award, 1985