

The Bridge Is Love: A Journey Through Grief to Joy After the Death of a Child

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“The Bridge is Love” is a beautiful but heart-rending story about a how a family dealt with the tragic loss of their four year old son. Scotty died in a car accident. The story is written from both the parent’s perspective of how they dealt with their grief and in a fictionalized account from Scotty’s perspective as an angel. When a young child dies tragically, the grief of the parents and family members runs very deep. Dr. Mayhall hung on to hope and her faith in God that Scotty lives on in heaven.

As Dr. Mayhall went through the stages of grief, she found positive things to do to help her deal with the pain and make a difference for others. She also became involved with The Compassionate Friends Network and was able to reach out to other people to help them through their grief.

I highly recommend this book to families that are grieving from the loss of a loved one. It will help you to know that the horrible feelings that you are experiencing are normal. Dr. Mayhall writes about how hard it is to be a parent and lose a child. Parents tend to feel like they did something wrong, or didn’t do something that they were supposed to, when their child goes first. You learn that this is something bad that happens, but not to blame God for it. God is what helps you through this time. In this story, Scotty also meets with Jesus and Jesus helps him understand that Jesus is helping his family through their healing.

If you have experienced the loss of a child, this story will give you hope and help you with your healing.