

## MARILYN WILLIS, MA, LPCC, NCC



Marilyn Willis is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and Nationally Certified Counselor, who graduated from Colorado Christian University with a Master of Arts in Counseling. Marilyn lost her mother when she was fifteen, and thereafter attended a grief group in high school which started her on the road to healing. Over the past twenty years, Marilyn has been leading grief groups at churches, nursing homes, and as a hospice bereavement coordinator. From these many years of helping countless grieving individuals, Marilyn developed a restoration program to help survivors of loss take practical steps from loss to survive and thrive again in their restored life.

As the Bereavement Coordinator for Gentiva Hospice, Marilyn attended to the grief counseling needs of over 250 families as well as staff bereavement counseling needs. Marilyn and her team provided Expressive Arts camp for grieving children, a celebration of life for grieving families, and supplied resources to the community. Mary Wall, RNC, the President of the Board for Kauai Hospice stated, *“Marilyn was hired as our bereavement coordinator and quickly became the best bereavement coordinator I have worked with. Marilyn was most well known in the community for the impactful grief groups she led for Gentiva Hospice families and the community. All her members felt accepted, understood, and more at peace after completing the group. In RESTORED, Marilyn has been able to bring the grief group experience, that so many in our hospice and community have benefited from, directly to your home and heart.”* Marilyn’s Bereavement Program received high accolades from critical state auditors during a surprise inspection.

Marilyn is the author of “RESTORED: A Self-Paced Grief Workbook for Your Journey from Loss to Life”, where she has gently guided the survivor of loss from their unique loss experience to the restored life they are seeking. It is not always possible or affordable to attend a grief group or extensive counseling, and this workbook was created so that you can still share in the wisdom and experiences of others who have suffered loss and be equipped with knowledge about the process of mourning. Find out more at:

[www.goodmourningwithmarilyn.com/restored](http://www.goodmourningwithmarilyn.com/restored)

Currently, Marilyn volunteers as Bereavement Coordinator for The Well Community Church in Fresno, California, which includes follow-up after funeral services. Marilyn educates the community on grief and loss related issues through in-person classes and her blog writings found at:

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