



Local author delves into the hearts and minds of the dying

Bringing comfort to patients receiving end-of-life care takes time, compassion and a strong emotional capacity on the part of concerned family and caregivers. But in her work with the hospice patients, themselves, veteran nurse and former hospice board president Camille Pavy Claibourne RN, Ph. D., observed an unyielding sense of hope and comfort.

In *Dying in God's Hands*, Claibourne documents 15 South Louisiana hospice patients' musings on faith, God and hope for an afterlife. The 152-page hardcover book is the byproduct of Claibourne's doctoral dissertation in thanatology, the study of death and dying. Through her interviews, Claibourne gained insight into the emotional and mental state of the patients, breaching landmarks that could reshape models of care for people living with life-threatening illnesses. Though none of Claibourne's interview questions asked about the patient's religious beliefs or views on life after death, virtually all of those interviewed shared their thoughts on faith and eternal life.

**"The patients who were facing imminent death all talked comfortably about the Divine in their lives - almost as if they knew something I did not. Our discussions made me feel they were living and dying in the hands of God - which is what led to the title of the book." - Camille Pavy Claibourne**

BBR Creative took pleasure in designing the cover for what truly amounts to an evocative look into the hearts and minds of patients receiving end-of-life care. Published by Acadian House Publishing, *Dying in God's Hands* is available through bookstores nationwide. It can be obtained by visiting [Barnes & Noble](#), [Acadian House](#) or by mail order from Acadian House, P.O. Box 52247, Lafayette, LA 70505, (800) 850-8851.

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