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Interview guide section: SLS' social experiences within their broader social environments

theme	question
narrative prompt	Reflecting on the time following [name of deceased]'s passing, could you share with me how your wider circle, including
	acquaintances and more distant contacts, responded?
social reactions,	How did they react upon hearing about [name of deceased]'s passing?
interactions,	• Were most people in your wider circle aware of [name of deceased]'s passing before you told them, or did they find out from
encounters	you?
	• Were there any reactions or encounters, positive or negative, that particularly stand out to you?
	• Were there any interactions or responses that felt particularly hurtful or insensitive to you? Could you describe a specific
	instance that stands out and how it affected you?
	• Were there any moments of kindness or support that particularly touched you or brought you comfort? Could you share a
	specific encounter or gesture that made a significant positive impact on you?
	Can you tell me about the ways you coped with or responded to the range of reactions from your social circles?
	How did specific reactions you received impact your feelings and your grieving process?
	• Were there any aspects you found particularly challenging?
	• Were there strategies or supports that you found particularly helpful?
	Reflecting on the different reactions you encountered, do you have thoughts on why people reacted the way they did?
	• Are there any factors you think influenced these reactions?
	(Follow-up questions about other social contexts, such as workplace, neighborhood, club, friends of the deceased.)

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changes within the	Since [name of deceased]'s passing, have you noticed any shifts in your relationships with people around you?
social environment	• Could you share how some relationships may have grown stronger or become more distant?
	• What do you think influenced these changes?
	In your interactions with new acquaintances since the loss, how, if at all, does the topic of your loss come into conversation?What has been your experience in navigating these conversations?
	 Have you observed any differences in reactions or interactions based on whether people were aware of the cause of [name of deceased]'s passing? How did these differences manifest, and what are your thoughts on why they occurred?