

Sue Knight Deutsch is an ordained Cantor, inspirational speaker, certified resilience coach, and author of “The Healing Hand: 5 discussions to have with the dying who are living”. Originally trained as a psychiatric social worker in her native England, after raising her three children, she studied music and liturgy and was invested into the Cantors Assembly, and further trained in hospice care. She holds certifications in positive psychology, yoga, and meditation. Sue served for sixteen years as the sole spiritual leader and chaplain of a Jewish assisted living facility in Orange County, California, where she counseled those who were at the end of life, and their families, and supported those families after loss.

Sue is no stranger to loss. Her father died when she was six months old, and she was put into foster care before she entered kindergarten, when her 26-year-old widowed mother was admitted to a psychiatric hospital. She came to the United States in 1977 and married Michael. Their three children are each spaced over five years apart because in between each live birth, she had four miscarriages and a stillbirth. With all her loss, professional training, and sitting at the bedside of those who were dying, it was the experience of losing her husband to cancer in 2009 that broke her life open and deepened her calling, and in the process of her own grief she wrote a book to reach out to others beyond her pulpit. Sue teaches workshops on how to be present for those who are ill, as well as resilience and transformation workshops in which she incorporates positive psychology, poetry, storytelling, yoga, chant, and meditation. In addition, she leads contemplative services, serves clients in their life cycle events, and maintains her counseling and coaching practice in Laguna Hills, California.

And... Sue loves to dance!  
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