

Using spiritual reminiscence with a small group of Latvian residents with dementia in a nursing home: A multifaith and multicultural perspective

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Key Words:

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Research aim:

This article examines spirituality and meaning in the experience of dementia of older Latvian residents

Results/Conclusion:

Main themes identified were need for connectedness; spiritual and religious practices; vulnerability and transcendence; physical health issues; wisdom and memory; war experiences; hope/fear; and communication style of facilitator.

Implications:

Found other people in the group provided the most support (more than an outsider could have done) because of the understood and shared experience

Cultural Group(s):

Latvian

Location of study:

Age group:

Number included in study:

3 people participated - forms part of a larger study of 113 individuals with dementia

Type of participants:

residents of a residential care facility who were involved in a larger study of 113 people with dementia

Research approach:

Qualitative

Type of data:

Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Data were analyzed using grounded theory and NVIVO7 computer package for qualitative data analysis.

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: