Recommended Readings on Death and Dying

Being with Dying: Cultivating Compassion and Fearlessness in the Presence of Death. Joan Halifax. By Upaya Zen Center teacher.

Making Friends with Death: A Buddhist Guide to Encountering Mortality, Judith L. Lief. Based in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

Awake at the Bedside: Contemplative Teachings on Palliative and End-of-Life Care, Koshin Paley Ellison and Matt Weingast, eds. Contributions by many Buddhist teachers, also poetry.

Ten Tousand Joys and Ten Thousand Sorrows: A Couple's Journey Through Alzheimer's, Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle. The author and her husband were both teachers in the Thich Nhat Hanh tradition.

Facing Death and Finding Hope: A Guide to the Emotional and Spiritual Care of the Dying, Christine Longaker. Based in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living Fully, Frank Ostaseski. The author co-founded the Zen Hospice Project.

Lessons from the Dying, Rodney Smith. Vipassana teacher and former Seattle Hospice director.

Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, needs and Communications of the Dying, Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley. By two hospice nurses.

Alive Until You're Dead: Notes on the Home Stretch, Susan Moon. Essays by Everyday Zen lay teacher.

Who Dies? An investigation into conscious living and conscious dying, Stephen Levine. Prolific writer and teacher based in Vipassana tradition.