HARRIET SARNOFF SCHIFF was a Detroit newspaper reporter whose 10-year-old son died from the complications of congenital heart disease. In reconstructing her life after a period of almost unbearable grief she realized that "it is a tragedy that must not be compounded by allowing everything around you to die also." The experiences of Mrs. Schiff and her husband led her to return to writing in an effort to help others in similar tragic circumstances. The result was the now well-known book The Bereaved Parent (Crown). She has lectured widely on the subject of death and dying.