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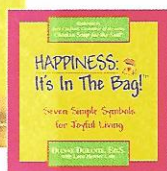
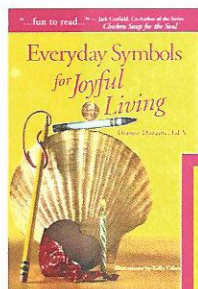
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Dianne is the author of *Happiness: It's in the Bag!*™ and *Everyday Symbols for Joyful Living*, available wherever books are sold.

Look for her upcoming books, *Everyday Symbols for Surviving Grief* and *Everyday Symbols for Passionate Parenting*.

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Dianne Durante, Ed.S., is an expert on marriage, family, and the educational system. She has more than 35 years of experience as a therapist and educator, has hosted her own radio talk show, and is the author of numerous grants and articles.

One of her first grants is now a unique self-guided self-esteem program called Circle of Hearts, used by churches and community groups to build stronger communities through connection. Her motivational columns have been published worldwide in business, lifestyle and educational publications.

A member of the prestigious National Speakers Association, Dianne is known nationwide for her innovative, interactive presentations, which combine symbols and stories to keep audiences laughing as they learn to remember the basics for living a happy life.

Dianne has created and conducted parent education programs for the traditional and blended family, as well as support groups for divorced parents and children of divorce. She has taught psychology and sociology courses at the university level on topics such as women, aging, wellness, death, and love. She was a member of one of the first Critical Incident Stress Debriefing teams sent to Oklahoma City to help survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing. Dianne also volunteers for the American Red Cross, counseling those affected by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Dianne completed her degree as an Educational Specialist in Marriage and Family Therapy at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. She earned her Masters of Education in Counseling Education at William Paterson College in Wayne, New Jersey, and her Bachelor of Science in Education/Psychology from the University of Dayton in Ohio. She has received advanced training in Women, Family Systems, and Alcohol Studies from Rutgers University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey, in addition to training in Ericksonian Hypnosis and NeuroLinguistic Programming. She is a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the Florida Counseling Association, Nationally Certified Counselors, and the American Orthopsychiatric Association.

Born and raised in Chicago, Dianne moved to the New York/ New Jersey area to further her education in 1969. She currently resides in Naples, Florida, where she runs a rewarding and successful counseling practice. She loves the beach, the color purple, her work, and her family.