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Placemats

Purpose:

A placemat supports communication between staff, residents, families and volunteers by:

- providing non-verbal communication that a resident has died
- honouring the resident
- providing opportunity for verbal communication if desired (all people grieve differently thus some may not want or may not be ready for verbal communication)

Process:

Death of the resident → Personal Support Worker places a placemat at the setting of a resident for three meals → After third meal, the placemat is removed by the Personal Support Worker