



Euthanasia and Its Emotional Ripple: Understanding Caregiver and Family Reactions

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Abstract

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Guilt and Relief: Dual Emotions in the Aftermath

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Moral and Ethical Dilemmas

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