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TOP CAUSES OF DEATH LAST YEAR

from a August 9th article by Tracy Swartz, NY Post

As a top cause of death, COVID-19 dropped from fourth place in 2022 to 10th place last year. The disease was listed on 49,928 death certificates in 2023 – down from 186,552 in 2022 and a peak of 416,893 in 2021.

After heart disease and cancer, the third most common cause of death is "unintentional injuries". The rate for this collection of preventable deaths spiked 26.3% from 2019 to 2023, fueled by a significant increase in fatal drug overdoses. It was the third consecutive year the number topped 100,000. A current driver of substance-related overdose deaths is fentanyl.

Stroke has replaced COVID-19 as the fourth leading cause of death with 162,639 deaths reported. Chronic lower respiratory disease, Alzheimer disease, diabetes, and kidney disease round out the top eight causes of death.

CHANGING VIEWS

Many families are looking for alternatives to what have become common funeral practices. They may be seeking burial services that put less strain on the environment or a more personalized observance in place of a religious-based funeral.

The funeral industry is changing, offering greener alternatives and end-of-life care with the assistance of death doulas. For more information, see page 9 and also the Autumn 2021 newsletter on our website!

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SENIOR AGENDA COALITION OF RI
16th Annual Conference & Expo
October 9th at the Crowne Plaza 7:30 AM - 12 Noon
Be sure to visit the Funeral Consumers Alliance table !!

