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The Most Difficult Hours: Mexican Migrant Women and End of Life Care

In Santa Barbara's wealthiest and middle class neighborhoods, a new form of paid care has evolved in the context of globalization and demographic changes: Mexican migrant women care for elderly residents in private homes. Hidden from view and often alone, Mexicanas care for wards through the end of their lives. This paper explores the emotional and physical tasks associated with the end of life and the meanings and consequences that these intimate labors hold for workers.