

**SOME FAMILY-RELATED VARIABLES IN
ATTITUDE TOWARDS AGING AMONG THE ELDERLY**

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the relationship of attitude towards aging with some family-related variables including: perception on spouse's death, perception of social support and satisfaction with family life. A total of 61 (N= 61) male and female, widowed and non-widowed elderlies, was included in the study. The design of the study was descriptive-correlational. Data were analyzed using Spearman's rho Correlation Coefficient and Mann Whitney U Test with alpha level pegged at 0.05. Results showed that there was a significant difference in attitudes between widowed and non-widowed elderlies with the latter showing more positive valence. In addition, the elderly's perception of social support was significantly correlated with their attitudes toward aging. The expected relationship of the elderly's attitude towards aging and other variables were not supported.

Keywords: attitude towards aging, perception of social support, perception on death of a spouse, satisfaction with family life, aging, elderly, widowed, non-widowed