



Today is Hospice Sabbath.

Here's one family's hospice story...as shared by Jim Brewer of Trinity:

"My wife Shirley's diagnosis with lung cancer was just the beginning of a long journey. In our 42 years of marriage, I'd never seen her down, but the last 12 months while she was totally bedridden were tough. I had a lot of help taking care of her from my daughter Jami and other family members and friends. Then my sister, who's a nurse, told me to talk to the people at Hospice.

Little did any of us know that there was so much help available through Hospice of the Piedmont. I thought it was just for the very last stages of life. After talking with the admissions people, they began services the very next day, which was a tremendous help for me. They came three days a week, and were there whenever we needed them. It really confirmed my belief that the Lord works things out if we just let him.

The thing I liked about Hospice is that once they get involved, you really don't have to worry about anything—the hospice team just takes care of you and your loved one from there.

Shirley lived to see and get to know our granddaughter Gracie, which was a joy. Shirley stayed at home as long as we could take care of her, but she was able to be at Hospice Home at High Point at the very end.

Losing Shirley has been an adjustment. But the counselors at Hospice's grief counseling center have helped to make life's transition much easier.

And I feel that the word needs to get out to the community about the great work Hospice does, how well they're trained, and mostly how caring they are so that they can help others going through the same thing we did."

We all want the best care for our loved ones, especially those with a life-limiting illness. It's time to call Hospice for help when you or a loved one have:

- Frequent emergency room visits or hospital admissions
- Constant calls of concern to your physician
- Unintended weight loss
- Continuous pain or shortness of breath
- Trouble with daily activities like dressing, bathing, or walking
- Caregiving needs or emotional/spiritual concerns.

With so many services available, Hospice can help to provide just the right care and support at this critical time.

If you have recently lost a loved one, please call our Grief Counseling Center for individual counseling and support groups – both free of charge to anyone in the community. And if you would like to help others in need, please talk with our volunteer coordinator about volunteering. For more information on Hospice of the Piedmont and any of these services, please call 889.8446.



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