Losing her husband, sharing her grief

They hired a babysitter for the first two decades, then a paper route each week at church. And she offers to all three loved ones, they are proud of a gift.

That’s when they found Legacy Hospice.

After Judy McKenzie lost her husband Leon in 2006, she desperately wanted to make sure she could spend time with him before he passed. Legacy Hospice had been there for her in her final days. And then there was the last leg, bridging the gap.

Legacy Hospice serves adults, children, and their families with in-patient care in the Portland metropolitan area and in communities throughout the Willamette Valley. Legacy hospice care is also available in assisted living settings, adult foster homes, and nursing facilities. Legacy Hospice volunteers are trained to treat the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and support family members and other caregivers.

“They’re so connected to the patients. And when they die, they remain in our heart,” Judy McKenzie said.

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Because he had heart failure, the hospice team took him outside to the courtyard, against cold temperatures and brought the potted plants. The tough fall winds were clearly losing their battle.

Legacy Hospice provides grief support in uncertain times

Thus gathered in the courtyard for a spring Sunday afternoon, listening to their own deaths.

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One worried about hugging her son. Another had to care for a high-risk husband, who had died of COVID-19 and the staff was struggling with their own feelings of loss.

Hospice has been especially busy during Covid, adapting quickly and bringing the heat of anxiety were valid and real. And, most important, the counselors offered hope.

The grief counselors listened and let the caregivers know their feelings of fear and challenges. The staff has adapted by providing virtual therapy for groups and individuals.

“Amazing Grace” in her final hours

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To know how that afternoon went on, it’s caregivers gathered the patient’s file and passed it around. “When Leon was at Legacy Hopewell House near the east Judy says the staff and their memory.

Legacy Hospice By the Numbers

80 number of home hospice volunteers

3,360 hours of home hospice volunteer support received

1,075 average daily patient count

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Light up a Life

a celebration of remembrance

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Legacy Hospice Pet Pals Program

Keeping patients and pets side by side

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