

## **Hospice of Western Kentucky**

At Hospice, the care we provide our patients is so much more than just meeting their physical needs. From finding ways to bring families together when loved ones live far away, to honoring veterans for their service, we strive to meet all the needs of our patients. What matters to them, matters to us. For instance, it truly bothered one of our patients when she could no longer take her beloved little dog to be groomed. Knowing it would help the emotional well-being of the patient, her Hospice team went to work on a special surprise. They found a groomer who was willing to come to the home — free of charge— and give “Pookie” a makeover much to her grateful owner’s delight.

In another situation, one of our patients was sharing with her hospice nurse memories from her childhood in Pennsylvania. A particularly fond memory was stopping in for pizza at Tuzzi’s Baking Company after school with her siblings. She said she could still smell and taste her favorite slice. That gave her nurse an idea. With the help of the internet, her hospice team found that the pizza company was still in operation and arrangements were made for a very special delivery to be made all the way from Pennsylvania. When the company heard how they would be bringing joy to our patient, they were more than willing to be a part of the special surprise.

And when a hospice patient in Hancock County was experiencing loneliness and boredom, it only took the granting of one small wish to lift his spirits—we gifted him an iPad tablet so he could connect with others and play his favorite games.

We truly believe that Hospice is not about dying—it’s about living.