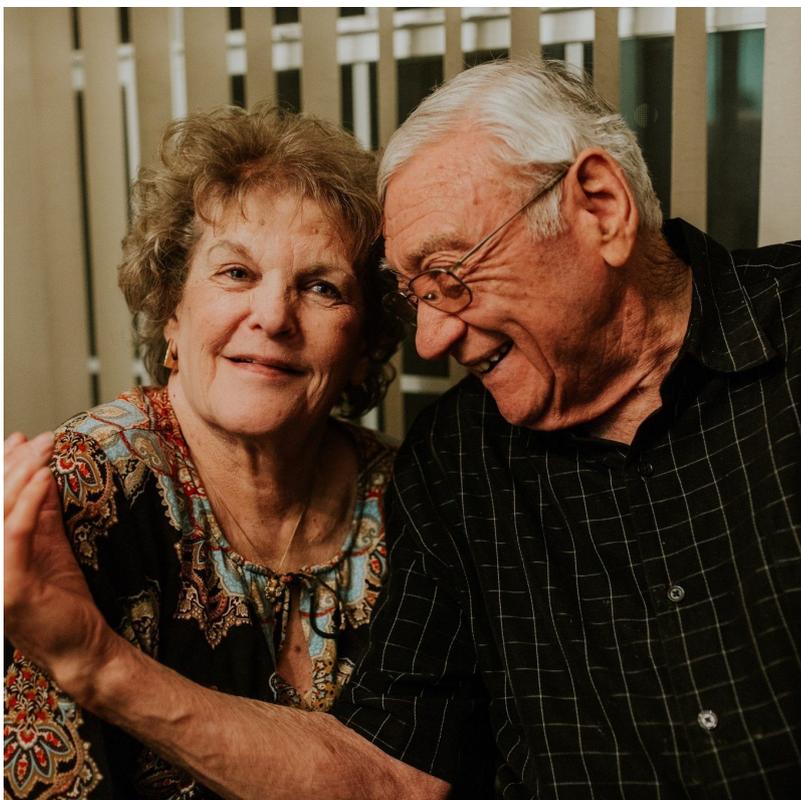


Fighting cancer takes a physical and emotional toll that requires special support. For loved ones, the question of whether to call on a hospice to support a friend or family member with cancer can be a challenging one. Patients may view it as giving up after a long, hard battle with cancer. However, choosing hospice care is about affirming and celebrating life.

Quality of Life

By the time hospice care becomes an option, most cancer patients have undergone complex treatments. Approximately one-third of cancer patients undergo chemotherapy near the end stages of life. They've frequently coped with difficult side effects, including nausea, vomiting, headaches, muscle aches, and fatigue. When cancer treatments become ineffective, or patients can no longer tolerate the side effects, it may be time to consider hospice care.

Receiving hospice care allows cancer patients to rest and enjoy this season of their life without the burden of medical procedures. In the care of a trained hospice worker, family and friends are able to relax and make precious memories with their loved ones.





Focusing on Family

Hospice workers are specifically trained to support family members or other care providers physically and emotionally. Often, care providers have full-time jobs and have been solely responsible for providing care up to this point. In some instances a hospice worker can help free up time, allowing loved ones to focus on one another rather than household tasks.

Your hospice worker develops a special relationship with your loved one and their family, tending daily to their primary medical needs and offering a compassionate ear. Hope Hospice caregivers know that clients need emotional support and kindness above all else.

Qualifying for Hospice Care

[Hospice care](#) is for those who have tried actively treating cancer and are ready to shift gears to focus on having the best possible quality of life. Choosing hospice means receiving med help and personal care needs like bathing.

To qualify for hospice care, an individual will need a doctor's letter giving the patient six months or less to live. The doctor will provide this letter and a referral to hospice care to begin services.

Hospice Care Services

Hospice care workers provide many valuable services for the patient, caregiver, and family members. A registered nurse will provide palliative care to relieve pain and suffering, offer comfort, and manage symptoms.

A unique part of hospice services is spiritual support. Though optional, a chaplain is available to visit regularly to discuss spiritual matters with the patient, caregiver, and loved ones. Hospice workers also offer emotional support. In the event of your loved one's passing, your hospice worker will provide comfort and a listening ear during your time of grief.

Contact Hope Hospice

At Hope Hospice, we treat our clients with love and compassion. The end of a person's life is an opportunity to celebrate them and offer dignity and compassion when facing death. Hope Hospice is honored to be part of the process and continues to serve with a loving heart and



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