



Children's Bereavement Letter: A Parent's View

My name is Lynn Carpenter and my 12 year old daughter's name is Kaitlynn. I can't imagine how Kaitlynn would have made it through the recent loss of her great-grandmother without the overwhelming support Hospice & Community Care provided.

My grandmother, Mildred "Nanny" Sexton, lived with my mom, just around the corner from our home. Not a single day went by that Nanny and Kaitlynn didn't see or talk to each other. They were extremely close. Nanny was diagnosed with colon cancer on August 1st, 2005 and passed away on November 7th, 2007. During that very confusing time, Kaitlynn would not open up to anyone in our family.

Hospice & Community Care was recommended by one of my grandmother's doctor's.

From the very beginning, Hospice was there for not only Kaitlynn but for the entire family. Kaitlynn participated in school-based grief counseling sessions once a week and individual grief counseling sessions once a week at our home. In addition to that, Kaitlynn participated in Rain & Rainbows Children's Camp, Project HOPE, and Camp Hopeful; over the winter holiday she also attended the Stars of Remembrance Memorial Service.

Words cannot begin to explain how much Kaitlynn benefited from those activities Hospice provided then and still to this day. As her mother, I can't tell you how much comfort I get from knowing that hospice is there for Kaitlynn. Our loss was great, but with the help of Hospice & Community Care we made it through one of the most difficult times of our lives.

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