



*Amanda & Tyler*

July 2, 2022  
Gosnell Memorial Hospice House  
Scarborough, Maine

Dear Friend,

November 2022

It's that time of year again, when the air turns cold, the trees have lost their leaves and the holidays are in sight. For most people, this is a time of joy to gather with their families and friends. For others, it may be a time of grief and sadness, as they remember their loved one. Or it may be precious time, as they share lasting memories together.

Our goal at Hospice of Southern Maine has always been to create a meaningful end-of-life experience for patients and their families. One beautiful example of this one-of-a-kind, personal experience happened at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House this summer, and *this is hospice*.

*In early July Becky was transferred to Gosnell house accompanied by her two daughters. Before their arrival, House Assistant, Terri, saw in the patient notes that one of Becky's daughters, Amanda, was hoping to have a quick marriage ceremony before her mother died. Terri met with the bride and listened as Amanda described her thoughts on a quick union to make sure her mother could attend. As is usually the case, the staff at Gosnell went into action. Stacey, the House Manager, ordered a cake and Terri and members of the maintenance team got busy setting up a tent, chairs and linens to create a wedding site on the back patio. It was raining the morning of the wedding and staff feared they wouldn't be able to pull off the wedding for this family, but by noon, the rain had*

*ended, and the sun was brightly shining on the altar. Just before the ceremony, staff wheeled Becky's bed outside to the front of the "aisle" where her dream of watching her daughter walk down the aisle became a reality. After the ceremony, the newlyweds cut the cake, took photos, and most importantly, spent time with their mom and family members. Before she left that evening, Amanda said to Terri, "You didn't just give us a ceremony, you gave us a wedding. Thank you." Amanda's mom died the following day.*

We strive to give our hospice families an end-of-life experience that is unique to them and their family members. As Amanda said in an email after the wedding, "We will be forever grateful for what you did to make this moment happen for us and my Mumma." *This is hospice*.

All of us at Hospice of Southern Maine are humbled to be part of these moments and grateful to you, our donors, for the donations that allow us to provide this level of care, compassion and love to all Hospice of Southern Maine patients and their families.

A very heartfelt thank you,

  
Daryl J. Cady  
Chief Executive Officer