



Sharing A Legacy, A Life Review

Mission

Benton Hospice Service provides compassion, comfort and support through your end-of-life experience.

Values

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Stewardship
- Relationship-centered care

Helping you live out the rest of your life, on your own terms, among people who care

Gloria was an amazing woman who loved life and music. When she was facing the end of her life and was admitted to Benton Hospice Service, Gloria and her family had her stories captured on video to leave a lasting memorial for her family. Gloria's family requested two life history videos be made; one focused on her childhood and the other on her music. The videos were created by hospice volunteers.

Janet and Paul Hochfeld are volunteers that have been producing life histories for hospice patients for the past several years. Janet says, "It's heartwarming to hear patients recall memories. Emotions come up as if it was yesterday." Paul, a retired physician, adds "It's good to be reminded frequently of how fragile and precious life is. When talking to people who are terminally ill... more urgently than the rest of us...there's a certain quality to the experience that's very real. When I worked in the emergency room, I got to touch

people's very vulnerable humanity with some frequency. Doing life histories gives me a chance to do that again, albeit in a different role. People facing a terminal illness are in many ways more alive than the rest of us." One of the biggest lessons that Janet and Paul have learned while producing life histories of hospice patients is "carpe diem" or seize the day.

For someone facing end-of-life, a life history review can be a time to reflect on one's life and celebrate its meaning, creating a more positive focus for time remaining.

It's been over ten years since Gloria died. Gloria's children still value the life history videos made of their mother and have shared them with her grandchildren. During an interview for this story, Gloria's daughter Christine said "It was nice to hear some things that we didn't realize or she didn't tell us while we were growing up." In her videos Gloria shares family photos and tells stories like how her mother, Julia, almost died during childbirth as the umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck. She almost died, too. On her birth certificate her mother was named "Julia," but on her baptism certificate she was "Julianna." Gloria recalls how her mother made all the children's clothes. She made their mittens, coats, jackets – everything. The only thing she didn't make was their long underwear which they had to wear in the winter time to beat off the Minnesota cold. Gloria recalls how they hated wearing long underwear.



AS PART OF HER LIFE HISTORY REVIEW, GLORIA PLAYS PIANO WITH HER BANJO PLAYING FRIENDS

Introducing the

KLIEWER

Legacy Society

In honor of Dave & Jean Kliewer



Dave Kliewer, a leader of the medical community of Corvallis, and his wife Jean, urged others to join them in the development of Benton Hospice Service. Their experience, wisdom, and compassion were revered by peers and patients, and carries on today.

Our Kliewer Legacy Society honors donors who have established planned gifts or provided for Benton Hospice Service in their wills. While recognizing our donors' generosity, we hope their example will inspire others to consider this creative and effective form of philanthropy. With planned gifts, donors demonstrate their abiding stake in our community. The Kliewer Legacy Society invites its members to participate in special events throughout the year that offer a deeper look at Benton Hospice Service's challenges and opportunities in the company of fellow donors. We plan to list the names of our Kliewer Legacy Society members in our bi-annual newsletter. However, if a donor prefers anonymity, we are glad to respect this wish.

Become a member simply by notifying us that you have included Benton Hospice Service in your estate plan or will. There is no minimum gift level and membership is lifelong and complimentary. We hope you will join us. Find out more by contacting Laurie Russell, Director of Community Engagement at 541.452.8147 or laurie.russell@bentonhospice.org

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A Life Review

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Even at a young age Gloria was interested in music. In her video, Gloria tells a story of when a three act play came traveling through her small town. A contest was held during intermission for the children. Paper and pencils were handed out and excerpts from ten songs were played. The children had to write down the title of each song. Whoever identified all ten first won a prize. The first nine were easy for Gloria but identifying the tenth proved challenging. She couldn't think of the name but finally came up with "The Old Gray Mare" just in time! There were two prizes, one for a boy and one for a girl. Gloria chose the ukulele and the other winner chose the harmonica, "which was a good thing," said Gloria in the video, because "he already played one anyhow. We each got what we wanted." Gloria's mother helped her out with reading the chords so she learned to play the ukulele. She even played for her classmates one day.

Her musical career continued to grow and she learned to play the guitar. Gloria tells how one day during high school there was a need for piano players and not guitar players. She had limited experience with the piano but she decided to give it a try. She spent hours trying to find different chords and keys on the piano. Finally she got it. "I teamed up with a couple of fellows, a horn player and drummer, and we got our first gig playing at the Eagles Club. And it was fun!" That was the beginning.

Christine said her mom played for more than 45 years at night clubs and entertainment events. After that she played at nursing homes, which she really enjoyed. Christine added that her mom was very specific about her music, she liked to play ragtime not classical. Even while on hospice, Gloria continued to play music, having jam sessions on Fridays until she couldn't play anymore. Christine said "mom loved playing piano. She played until the day before she died."

Through the process of creating her life history video, Gloria was able to live out the rest of her life, on her own terms, surrounded by the music and people she loved. A life history review is rewarding for the patient as well as their families and loved ones. It's a free service Benton Hospice is pleased to offer to its patients and their families.

Carpe diem!

Your gift today will help others like Gloria create lasting memories for their families and friends.

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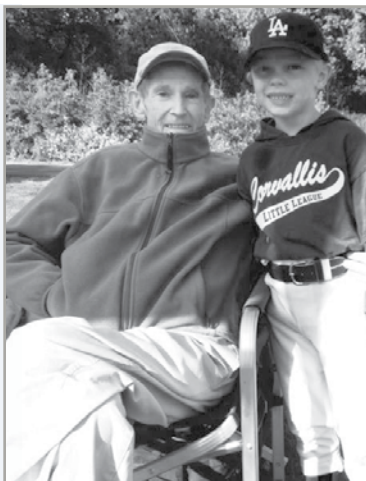
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GRIEF SUPPORT

Eight-week sessions open to any adults who have experienced a loss. Pre-registration required.

Location: Benton Hospice Service office main meeting room

Thursday evenings, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, beginning April 7 or July 7 OR

Friday mornings, 11 am to 1 pm, beginning April 8 or July 8

Family Grief Group

Held the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 pm at Old Mill Center for Children and Families, 1650 SW 45th Place, Corvallis. Families must register and complete a brief questionnaire before attending. Call 541.757.9616 to register or for more information.

May Memorial Event

At Bruce Starker Arts Park, 4485 SW Country Club Drive, Corvallis

A springtime, outdoor memorial event at 10 am on May 21 to honor those who have died by gathering, sharing their names and releasing flower petals into the water. Music and refreshments provided.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Two-day training offered mid-June, October and February. Pre-registration required. The next training is Tuesday and Thursday, June 21 and 23, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day

CAREGIVER CONNECTIONS

For family caregivers to share and learn from each other. Drop-ins welcome.

In Corvallis: 2nd and last Tuesday of each month, 1:30 to 3 pm, Benton Hospice Service office

In Lebanon: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1:30 to 3 pm, Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent Street

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

A six-week educational program designed to help family caregivers. Series location rotates between Corvallis, Albany, Philomath and Lebanon throughout the year. Call for details and to register. Upcoming workshops:

In Albany: April 12 to May 17, 10 am to 12:30 pm at the Albany Senior Center

In Corvallis: Aug 11 to Sep 15, 2 pm to 4:30 pm at OSU LaSells Stewart Center

COMFORT CRAFTING CIRCLE

An afternoon of knitting, crocheting, and crafting for hospice patients and families. First & third Wednesday of every month, 1 to 2 pm, Benton Hospice Service office main meeting room

TICKETS FORE CHARITY BENEFIT FOR BENTON HOSPICE SERVICE



Event: Aug 25-28, 2016

Tickets Cost: \$25

Proceeds benefit Benton Hospice Service

Benton Hospice Service is selling tournament tickets to the WinCo Foods Portland Open and we get to keep 100% of every dollar sold! This family-friendly event is Aug 25 to 28 and tickets for the full four-day event are just \$25.00 each and parking is free! Visit www.bentonhospice.org/golf for details and to purchase tickets. Remember to select "Benton Hospice Service" as your charity of choice. A WIN-WIN!

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*At 10am on May 21, 2016 at Bruce Starker Arts Park in
Corvallis to honor those who have died and our grief*

*“My family has used Benton Hospice Service
twice in the past three years. Most recently these
wonderful humanitarians assisted my 99 year old
Father while supporting his family. The only tears
I shed during my Dad’s last days were because of
the loving support I received from Benton Hospice
Service and not because my Father was dying.
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extremely medically competent while providing
loving care for Dad. My family has been blessed
because of this wonderful organization.”*

Thank you, Ormond T. Galvin