

Hospice is family. Our patients and their families become part of our family and we become part of theirs. It is a special kind of nursing. It's not an assembly line. With 10 patients and three staff we have time to really care for others when they need it the most, like "Pat." I remember getting in bed with her to hug her and comfort her. It made all the difference for her and I felt good helping her feel loved, cared for and safe. To this day, every time I smell her favorite Bath and Body Lotion, I think of her.

Death is difficult for everyone. It is very important to me that we make their death as comfortable and peaceful as possible. It really bothers me if I can't make that happen on my shift, but it gives me comfort to know my team mates will continue to work hard to bring peace and comfort to all of our patients in my absence.

Every person touches me and stays with me. We had a very special patient called "Bill" who made sure he knew every staff member and volunteer's name. I loved going into his room. As I was caring for him, he was caring for me by asking about my life and my family. I was not just his nurse. He was just as involved in our lives as we were in his. His family was also very special and really went out of their way to know us and thank us.

I also love all the things that Hospice does for the community – Grief Support, the Annual Memorial Service, the Memorial Walk and of course our famous BBQ's. I try to attend all of these events and continue to connect with the families we have cared for. They remain part of our Hospice family. If I am working on BBQ day, I have my nose pressed up against the window watching to see who is coming and I often run down to give hugs and say hi.

This is why I work at Bobby's Hospice to be the best nurse I can be and to make a difference when people need it the most.

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