

HOSPICE VIGIL SERVICES

Requesting Hospice VIGIL Services

Hospice Vigil Services are often requested by medical staff; however, they may also be requested by caregivers, loved ones or the individual themselves. Please call our Vigil Services Convener, Shirley Jensen, at (250) 212-5877

Presentations to Groups

Our Executive Director or Vigil Services Convener is available to speak to members of your organization on Vigil Services and on Hospice Programs in our community.

Donations

Donations help Hospice continue its care of those living with or dying from advanced illness and through bereavement. Thank you for your support!

“You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of your life. And we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.”

– Dame Cicely Saunders

Hospice is a non-profit, community-based, charitable organization working in cooperation with health care agencies, hospitals and other community resources.

Hospice is committed to meeting the needs of the terminally ill and their loved ones by providing trained volunteers, resource materials, counselling and public awareness.

We are funded through the United Way, gaming, Interior Health, donations, fundraising, memberships and memorial bequests.

Our services are provided free of charge.

Volunteers providing bedside support and a caring presence in the final days and hours of a person's life.

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Philosophy of Hospice VIGIL Services:

To provide a companion and an empathetic witness to the transition that occurs with death.

Trained volunteers are available around the clock to sit at the bedside of those who need this compassionate service.

Vigil services reinforce the individual's dignity and worthiness of companionship in this most emotionally vulnerable time.

Vigil Support

WHEN are Hospice VIGIL Services provided?

When an individual has hours to days to live, Vigil service is provided in the absence of loved ones when commitments or distance keep them away. As well, in the case of those who are present, a Vigil volunteer can relieve them through the night so that they can sleep knowing that a trained Vigil volunteer is with their loved one.

WHERE are Hospice VIGIL Services provided?

Hospice Vigil volunteers provide services in individual's homes, in long term care facilities, in the hospital or at Hospice House.

WHAT do Hospice VIGIL volunteers do?

Vigil volunteers offer comfort, support, companionship, information and guidance. They may sit in silent reflection, play soft music, and provide a gentle touch of comfort or a listening ear for individuals or loved ones who may wish to share their thoughts and feelings. Mostly, Vigil volunteers are a calming, peaceful presence for the individual and their loved ones.

Services

Call 250.
763.5511



WHO are Hospice VIGIL Volunteers?

Vigil volunteers reflect the social, spiritual and cultural values of the community. Through their caring, volunteers affirm each person's core values. They are an essential part of the Hospice Palliative Care Program.

Vigil volunteers attend a formal interview and provide an RCMP security clearance prior to being accepted for training as a Vigil volunteer. Volunteers, who are accepted in the program, attend 40 hours of intensive palliative volunteer services training over a nine week period. Beyond the training, volunteers are mentored until they achieve the comfort level necessary to provide service on their own. In addition, Vigil volunteers sign a pledge of confidentiality and provide services without judging or giving advice.