

Our passion is to serve and be an advocate for those living with life-limiting illness. In 2022, we spoke with Angela Eick about her late mother Diane Bullo who received hospice care at home. Angela worked in private care in the community and met our social worker years before her mother needed care. She knew the benefits of home care so when her mother Diane was no longer thriving, she reached out to Hospice of Orleans. Our Clinical Director met with Diane at Medina Hospital to discuss hospice care. Diane was a breast cancer survivor and when scans showed a mass and the doctors encouraged more tests, she decided that hospice would be better for her. Diane had lived with Angela and her family for 15 years and was comfortable being surrounded by the people who loved her most.

"It's a sad journey, but also a beautiful journey," Angela explained. She was her mother's advocate and wanted to be sure that Diane was as comfortable as possible.

"She was in no pain ever. My mother never complained. She might have only been eating a little tapioca pudding and we would ask her how she was doing, and she would always say, I feel fine!"

Angela and her family were impressed by the attention and care Diane received at home. "The nurses and home health aides were absolutely phenomenal and respected my mom so much. Pastor Randy was welcoming and visited us once a week. He was great with my mom and the kids."

During one of the social worker's visits, Diane had a heart-to-heart. She mentioned that she knew what was going on and was at peace with it. She also mentioned how happy she was that Angela was the one taking care of her. "I got choked up because my mother never said those things to me. It meant a lot."

Angela Eick leaves us with this final thought, "Hospice is not a scary experience. Everyone is there for you all the time and then some."

