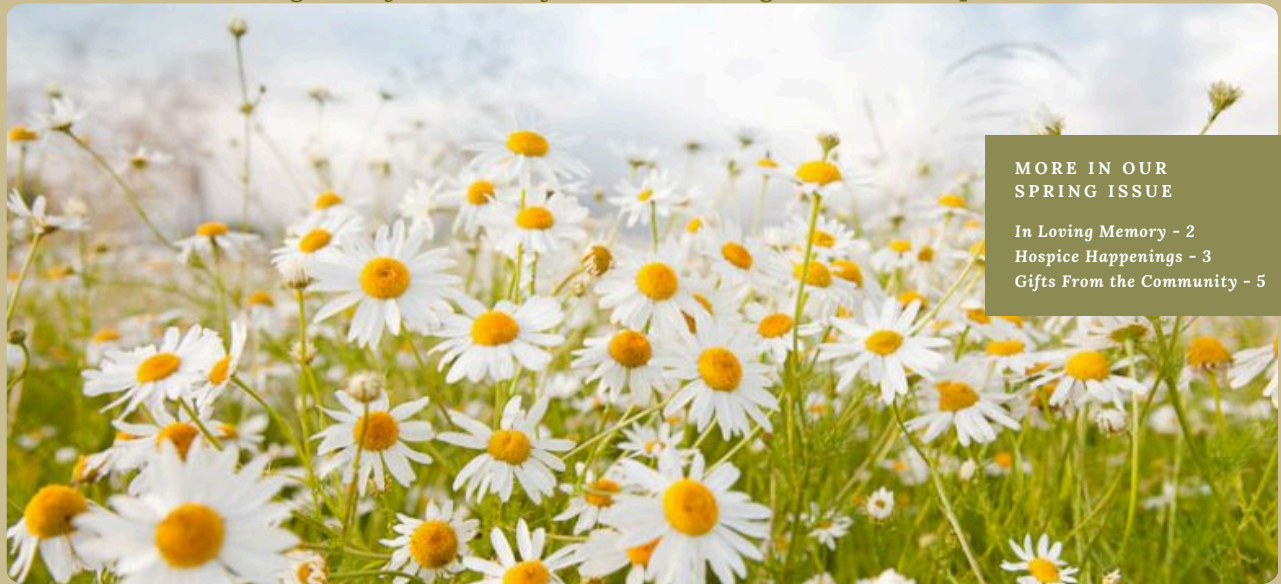


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ORANGE CITY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

Serving our families, friends, caregivers, and partners



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“APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS”

“April showers bring May flowers” is a beautiful metaphor for how difficult or challenging times can eventually lead to growth, beauty, and renewal. When combined with thoughts on end of life and grief, it suggests that even though we experience sorrow, loss, or hardship, those struggles may lead to transformation, healing, and perhaps even a new understanding of life and love.

Grief, like the rain in April, can feel overwhelming, cold, and endless. It’s often unpredictable, leaving us in moments of deep sadness and questioning. Yet, just as the rain nurtures the soil for flowers to bloom, our grief can nourish us in unexpected ways. Over time, though it may not feel like it in the moment, healing can come, and with it, the possibility for new growth – a deeper appreciation for the present, a more profound understanding of ourselves, and an eventual acceptance of the cycle of life and death.

The saying reminds us that beauty often arises after hardship, and though we may never forget the loss, we can find moments of peace and renewal in the life we continue to live. Flowers bloom in May, not because the rain was easy, but because it was necessary. Just like our hearts, which may break in grief but also have the capacity to heal and flourish in time.

In Loving Memory



Mark Myers: 11/2/2024
Gladys Eason: 11/8/2024
Sylvia Buyert: 11/9/2024
Margaret Rosendale: 11/17/2024
Harold Heie: 11/18/2024
Shirley Mouw: 11/19/2024
Nelvin Miedema: 11/28/2024
John Den Hartog: 11/28/2024
Nelma Byker: 12/4/2024
Margaret Klein: 12/7/2024
Debra Van Bruggen: 12/11/2024
Marie Van Veldhuizen: 12/18/2024
Otto Huizenga: 12/29/2024
Margaret Fernow: 12/29/2024
Bethany Buren: 1/3/2025
Casey Korver: 1/6/2025
Judy DeJong: 1/7/2025
Marvin Urban: 1/20/2025

Rodney Van Roekel: 1/23/2025
Delvon Riedemann: 2/4/2025
Deb DeBoer: 2/7/2025
Nicolaas Dorhout: 2/8/2025
Janet Scotty: 2/13/2025
Ellias Visser: 2/22/2025
Duane Bonnema: 2/25/2025
Sonny Van Bommel: 2/27/2025
Rodney Van De Griend: 3/3/2025
Phyllis Jungers: 3/16/2025
Ruth Roetman: 3/19/2025
Louise Auchstetter: 3/19/2025
Elnora Koedam: 3/20/2025
Bernard Paulsen: 3/22/2025
Anna Rader: 3/22/2025
Stephan Saville: 3/24/2025
Audrey Landegent: 3/26/2025
Susan Magaril: 4/9/2025

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends whose loved ones have recently passed away. We are grateful for the opportunity to have shared in the lives of such special people.

RECENT FAMILY COMMENTS

"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the professional, loving, and exceptional care you provided for our father, husband, grandpa, and great grandpa. It was truly a blessing to know you were here to help us along this difficult time."

"A simple "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. People like you make those you come in contact with feel special by your acts of kindness and deeds of thoughtfulness."



HOSPICE HAPPENINGS

- December 4, 2024 was our annual Tree of Remembrance Ceremony where we were able to gather as hospice staff, volunteers, and bereaved families to honor those that have passed on hospice from November 2023 to November 2024. We look forward to gathering again this coming December.
- March 4, 2025 through April 1, 2025 hospice was able to facilitate a grief class with 6 attendees. It was a wonderful time of fellowship through conversation, tears, and laughter. As a reminder, hospice hosts two grief classes a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. This class is held for 5 consecutive Tuesday afternoons from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. If you have ever considered joining a grief class we invite you to sign up for the fall class. More info to come.
- April 8, 2025 OCAHS hospice joined with Vista Prairie at Fieldcrest assisted living in Sheldon to honor residents who have passed in the last year. We always enjoy collaborating with other facilities and an opportunity to surround grieving families.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE



NEW HOSPICE CHAPLAIN

Rev. Dr. Tom Smith is a native of Newkirk, Iowa and a graduate of Northwestern College. He attended Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, and through the course of his nearly 40 years in pastoral ministry served congregations in Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. In 1995 he completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN. For eight years Tom was the Regional Synod Executive for the RCA's Regional Synod of the Heartland. Tom and his wife, Peg, have been married 52 years and they have two grown children and two grandchildren. In retirement Tom works half-time for the RCA as the Associate Director of Church Multiplication, and Tom and Peg together are Retiree Chaplains for retired RCA ministers, missionaries and surviving spouses.



WHY WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Hospice Volunteers are the Heart of Hospice!

Volunteers are a vital piece in our hospice team. They are a group of specially trained, compassionate individuals that give freely of their time to help in a variety of ways. They are creative and flexible in their roles to address patient and family needs. This list of things volunteers do is just the tip of the iceberg:

- read a book or devotions
- hold a hand
- light cleaning/tidying
- bake treats
- write letters
- listen to cherished memories
- touch a heart

Is this something you would like to learn more about? If you have a passion for serving and are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others, please call Amber Theis, Volunteer Coordinator, at 712.737.5279 or email at amber.theis@ochealthsystem.org



“No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you.”

Joseph Addison

GRIEF LIBRARY RESOURCES

Looking for a bookkeeper:

You might be thinking accountant, but we're actually looking for people who might be keeping books.

The books we're looking for belong to the Home Health & Hospice library. We have a good selection of books to help you along your journey as you deal with grief. There are resources for all, including children, teens, young adults, and resources for veterans. We encourage you to use them.

Some books were borrowed through the normal checkout process. Some were simply borrowed. The problem is that they were not returned. Your life is often thrown into chaos when difficult situations arise, so it's understandable that these items can be overlooked.

Would you please check your bookshelves, cupboards or perhaps under a chair to see if a book is there. If found, please return to our office. Or call us and we'd be happy to pick it up. Thank you!

400 Central Ave NW, Orange City, IA 51041 or call 712-737-5279

Gifts

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JUDY DEJONG

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DEB DEBOER

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ROEKEL, CAROL MICKELSON, BARBARA & JAMES EPEL,
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LUCINDA HUIZENGA, JIM DEBOER
VANDE BERG SCALES, GREGORY & GAIL DE WIT, DREW &
ANNE BOALS, ROGER & MARGARET ROGHAI, TERRY &
COLETTE HOFMEYER, SUSAN & VINCENT YINGER, ALLEN
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