

- End of life care for everyone that needs it regardless of ability to pay
- Grief support and bereavement services
- Innovative programs and training for our volunteers
- Community and professional education in end of life issues
- General endowment to ensure our future needs will be met



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Your Non-Profit Community Hospice

Our Mission

The mission of Hospice of South Texas is to ensure palliative and compassionate care to patients with a life-limiting illness, so as to enhance natural death with dignity. Hospice addresses the physical, spiritual, psychological and social needs of patients and their families with special emphasis on family bereavement.

“The highest of distinctions is service to others” - King George VI

By Scott Wideman

In a year when service to others was displayed time and time again in every facet of the health care world, Ronald G. Wideman was able to be comforted in his final days by one of the very services he gave so much of his time to when able during his retirement.

Hospice of South Texas and the Dornburg Center of Compassion was a familiar cause and destination for Ron Wideman, who was a dedicated Hospice of South Texas Volunteer. From weekly visits to award military veterans, with a “We Honor Veterans” certificate, for their service to a last few visits with his patients in their homes or at the Dornburg Center, Ron took the time to listen, assist nurses, or simply sit with a patient as they made their transition. Ron’s passing hit a little deeper with many of the staff that had become accustomed to seeing a consistently well-dressed gentleman show up with a smile and brighten the day of caretakers and patients.



Ron, Janis, Sarah & Scott



Ron presenting veteran certificate

Born in Lufkin, TX in 1942, Ronnie “Gene” Wideman was the youngest of six brothers and sisters, the baby. After graduating high school and taking a few college classes, Ron’s service to his country began in the Air Force and transitioned to the Navy for over two decades. Serving in places including Boston, Pensacola, Corpus Christi, Washington, DC, Iceland, Panama, and Scotland, Ron answered the call and fulfilled his duty retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in the early 80s.

A recruiting station assignment in Houston during the oil crunch led to raising his family in Houston, TX. Post military retirement gave Ron another chance to serve others as a civil servant with Immigration and another two decades with EEOC, retiring again as an investigator. Finally choosing to be as close to his youngest grandchildren as possible, Ron moved to Victoria, TX where he spent his last decade.

Ron was faithfully and happily married to his wife Janis for 50 years in April 2020. They had one child, Scott, and 5 grandchildren: Tyler, Emily, Ellie, Alexa, and Alyse. Ron liked to travel with Janis and really enjoyed researching genealogy with several trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. After seeing the world, the only place Ron didn’t want to go was California because he was sure it was going to fall off in the Pacific during an earthquake.

A second retirement gave Ron the chance to pursue his third career full time, serving others. He liked wearing the blue jacket at Citizens as a pastoral volunteer. ‘Poppy’ Claus also enjoyed dressing up as Santa and giving candy canes to patients and their families if they were unfortunate enough to be stuck at Citizens hospital on Christmas Eve. The delight and surprise on patients and any visiting children warmed Ron’s heart as he visited every room he could and even included the nurses and staff that pulled the Christmas Eve shift. (Continued)



Ron and family

“The highest of distinctions is service to others”- King George VI

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Chaplain Larry Green presenting veteran certificate to Ron

Ron was a deacon at Northside Baptist and served by leading the senior group on many field trips, dinners, and activities. Ron also managed to get not one, but two state historical markers granted in his hometown. And of course, Ron was a Hospice volunteer that truly cared for the patients he was assigned to comfort. He took great pride in presenting the many certificates of thanks to his fellow military veterans benefiting from Hospice of South Texas. National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) was also important for Ron as he served as a representative and attended conventions and meetings to be an ear and a voice for federal employees around the Crossroads and beyond.

Several ailments including multiple cancers, the loss of a kidney, and finally leukemia slowed Ron as COVID stormed the nation. Ron never contracted COVID and did not pass from COVID, but it did prevent him from being able to visit those that needed his comfort most. Unfortunately, his illness began to progress suddenly, making Ron's final visit to the Dornburg Center one to relieve his pain and suffering. The attentive care provided was a perfect setting of compassion for a well-deserved servant of God until he passed July 29th,

2020. Even with the state and federal restrictions regulating care facilities, the many nurses, doctors, and administrative staff provided a warm, caring, and peaceful environment for Ron's final days and for that, the family will be eternally thankful. Very few communities have such an elaborate facility engineered to comfort both patients and their family to the end. Victoria, TX is blessed in this way.

Ron was not an arrogant or prideful man and did not serve others for recognition. His legacy is his attitude to place others before self, from his family to his country to his patients. Whether comforting people and their families when they received the shocking news of a cancer diagnosis to dropping off a candy cane to a hospital patient to remembering his service on the 'Lady Lex' (USS Lexington) and USS Iwo Jima (among others), Ron was the epitome of service: To God, To Country, To Family, and To Serving Others.

My favorite memory of my father, Ron Wideman, was Christmas Day in 1983. We walked up a mountain stream in Scotland, just outside a little town called Dunoon. He let me pick up and keep some rocks off the bed of that stream and I have no idea what if anything we talked about. But he made that walk about me and he made me feel loved, as he did for so many others over his 77 years. He is missed by those that knew him and his example of service truly distinguished him among men.



Ron and family



Lassoing Loving Care

Our Ninth Annual Lassoing Loving Care Team Roping event surpassed all years by roping in over \$57,000! The loyalty and dedication of our cowboy chairmen have made this event so successful. Those from our South Texas area on this committee are Richard Meyer, Donald Wehmeyer, David Egg, Tod Slone, Lee Putnam, Roger Fagan, Slade Doehrman, Gill Dollins, Danny Gamblin, Chuck Doebbler, Becky Urban, David Rutherford, Tommy Joost, George Reese, Hilary Lucas, Gayla Whitaker, and Amanda King.



Many thanks to all volunteers and staff who always sell raffle tickets, donate auction items and lend helping hands with willing hearts. Lassoing Loving Care would not be one of the best team roping events of the year were it not for all our generous sponsors and talented cowboys. Be sure to "grab your rope" for our Tenth Annual Lassoing Loving Care Team Roping coming in March of 2022.

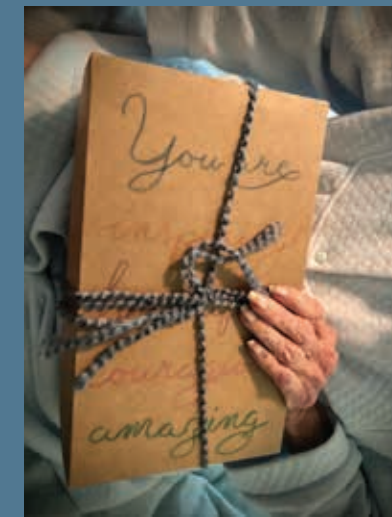
Girl Scout Silver Project

Dallyn Pesek, an 8th grader at Shiner Catholic School, chose Hospice of South Texas (HoST) patients for her Girl Scout Silver Project. Dallyn wanted to make a difference in the lives of HoST patients and bring a little happiness into their lonely days. She worked with the HoST advancement office to determine the needs of the patients.

Dallyn stated, "We often forget about those going through the last days of their life, and now with Covid-19 they are often lonelier than we even know." So, she set out to make care boxes for the patients so that they would know and feel the love and support of their community during the end stages of their life. The boxes included, a fleece blanket, word search book, lip balm, socks, calendar/notebook, bodywash, lotion, candy, Kleenex and a prayer card. Each box was decorated by hand and contained a personal note of love and encouragement.



Maria Hermes, Dallyn Pesek and Valerie Parr



Dallyn said she chose Hospice of South Texas for her project because "If anyone has ever been in contact with HoST, you will know what an amazing organization it is! I was able to see what they did for my Grandpa when he was dying of cancer and for my Grandma who was caring for him. They helped him live his last few months in peace, with dignity, and also helped him to live as comfortably as possible." Dallyn, with the help of friends, families, businesses and organizations, was able to complete over a hundred and twenty-five care boxes! Dallyn stated, "I hope these caring boxes will remind Hospice patients that they are loved and valued, courageous, beautiful, amazing, and inspiring, like my Grandpa!" Hospice of South Texas is grateful to Dallyn for putting her heart into this project to help our patients.



Dallyn Pesek and her care boxes

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Social Worker Angela Harper delivering a care box

