

- 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



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.

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A Gentleman Cowboy in a White Hat

By Jean Wehmeyer



Donald Wehmeyer

Donald Wehmeyer loved Jesus, his family, horses, roping and Hospice of South Texas. Donald and six additional cowboys were the founding core committee of the Lassoing Loving Care Team Roping fundraiser in support of Hospice of South Texas and their inpatient facility the Dornburg Center of Compassion. Donald was not only on the steering committee but was also an active participant as a team roper with his buddy Richard Meyer, who happens to be Dr. Ty Meyer's father, HoST's full time medical director. Donald was participating in another charity roping fundraiser when he suffered a heart attack which resulted in a hospitalization. Unfortunately, a trip back to the hospital when he was still not feeling "right", found him with kidney cancer that had spread to his adrenal gland. He was immediately sent to MD Anderson where the team there determined that due to his heart issues, he was not a candidate for surgery. Donald, a true Texas cowboy, always wore his cowboy hat, his starched jeans and shirt, and the special belt buckle he won roping, which opened lots of doors to roping stories with his medical team.

A series of chemo therapies over several years bought him more time to do the things he loved so much. Then COVID hit and the routine visits to MD Anderson stopped. Eventually, the chemo and an experimental trial took a toll on his body, he was told they could do no more and he was sent home and told to call hospice. BUT there was so much more that came with our call to Hospice of South Texas (HoST) on December 21, 2020! Donald's quality of life was enhanced through the wonderful care of his HoST team and RN, Kimberly. He was able to continue to serve as president of the Victoria Electric Co-op, conducting ZOOM meetings when COVID kept everyone at home, new technology for him. He was able to keep on with his board duties with the San Miguel Co-op board and South Texas Electric Co-op. He still rode his horse on a regular basis until the last year, and enjoyed a daily trip out to feed his horses until the May before he passed.

His nurse, Kimberly, came as often as needed to the house, answered all our questions, and was always up for hearing another roping story. To say that everyone we spoke to at HoST was kind and helpful is an understatement. HoST chaplain, Larry Green, played many roles in Donald's life – he was doctor, pastor, friend and counselor. Pastor Larry was a comfort to us all in a difficult situation. At Donald's request, Pastor Green did an amazing funeral service because he knew Donald so well.



Donald displays a champion Tod Slone Saddle for Lassoing Loving Care

From the moment Donald received his terminal diagnosis he was emphatic that his last days on earth would be spent at the Dornburg Center which he had so lovingly supported over the years. He wanted others to have the opportunity to experience the peace and tranquility in their final days that HoST's inpatient center offered. He did not want to leave me, his children or grandchildren with the final picture of him dying in our home.

On Friday, August 20, 2021, Donald's condition changed and his nurse assessed that he needed more advanced medical care for symptom relief in the inpatient center. Donald found a real peace and calm there, as did Jacob, one of his ten-year-old grandsons, who announced it was such a nice place that he wanted to retire there when it was his time too.



Donald and Richard roping

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A Gentleman Cowboy in a White Hat

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Donald our gentleman cowboy in his signature white hat

Dr. Meyer told us what to expect, and if you knew Donald you knew he moved at his own pace and he was not ready to go just yet. He improved a little, enjoyed having a few visitors and was encouraged by Pastor Westbrook to retell his favorite cowboy adventures. Donald said he was having a good time dying as he knew without a doubt where he would go after he drew his last breath. Two weeks passed and we asked Dr. Meyer each day what was happening, he told us it wasn't his time and "you know he is stubborn and it will happen when he is ready." In May we had celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary and on the 23rd day of his inpatient stay, September 11th 2021, he went to his heavenly home.

Every single staff member at the Dornburg Center cared deeply for Donald and our family. They loved his stories, his smile, his good humor and even some of his feisty remarks. Eva, his CNA, respected his dignity and made his bath time bearable. Tracy LVN, was so good natured about Donald calling her Dana and Ashley RN just had a sweet spot in her heart for Donald. Lily, from dietary, always checked in to make sure we were getting something to eat. HoST nurses Chelsie, Kelly, Angela, Vanessa and Linda, all gave him the best care and their undivided attention while they were tending to his needs. Their patience was amazing, listening to so many family members all wanting to do what they thought best for Donald. They offered words of comfort,

hugs, kindness and understanding. Follow up phone calls to check on us have been received at just the right time and Pastor Green's HoST grief counseling is available in our local church twice a month.

Donald lived his life helping others. He was a faithful fundraiser/volunteer for Hospice of South Texas. He knew he wanted to spend his last days at the Dornburg Center of Compassion. He showed his family and friends a facility like no other, a temporary peaceful, tranquil home away from home. He wanted those he loved and cared about to know that this wonderful place exists and is an option for hospice care.

Our family would like to thank Hospice of South Texas and every staff member at the Dornburg Center. The kindness, love, and care we all were shown throughout Donald's stay was truly remarkable; something we will never forget and a kindness we will never be able to repay. Thank you for becoming a part of our family and sharing all the laughs, hugs, stories and tears.



Education and Technology Enhancement

We appreciate the M.G and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation for their grant to create the Talent Development Lab and iPads which enable our teams to provide the best care to our patients and families, and the Dickson-Allen Foundation for their grant to provide the VOIP phone system to communicate with patients and families. Hospice of South Texas is honored that these generous foundations help support our commitment to those who need our expertise and to the communities we serve. We continually strive to offer the highest level of skill with a philosophy of caring which respects and values each patient. Because of these foundations, education and technology have been enhanced allowing the focus of our services to remain solely on patients and patient care.



Morgan Wyatt, Kim Perez, Ty Meyer, Gabriela Sullivan, Angela Harper with the new iPads



Volunteer training in the Talent Development Lab



Amanda King using new phone system

Hospice of South Texas is so Proud to Support Veterans

Hospice of South Texas is so proud to support Veterans by providing the highest level of specialized care that is focused on each individual's unique needs and the needs of their families. We are in partnership with We Honor Veterans (WHV), a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) which has developed a specialized hospice care plan for Veterans who are nearing end-of-life.

This unique program focuses on matching our veteran volunteers with our veteran patients. The veteran volunteers make visits to veteran patients and facilitate conversations with them and participate in acts of appreciation and recognition.

Hospice of South Texas had the privilege of providing this wonderful service to E. W. Longenecker, a WWII Veteran, and his family. This is what his daughter had to say...

"My deepest thanks to Jerry Fortenberry, Veteran Volunteer, Kim Moore, Volunteer Coordinator, the prayer shawl team, and the staff at the Dornburg Center of Compassion for the special We Honor Veterans ceremony that you provided for Dad. In the midst of very difficult days, you gave us a beautiful, meaningful experience!

I'll never forget the tangible sense of honor, appreciation, dignity that I felt in the room, as Jerry, Kim, the staff and our family gathered at his bedside. I was asked to share some of Dad's personal WWII accounts. Everyone listened with genuine interest and respect as I shared a little bit of Dad's story.



E.W. Longenecker,
United States World War II Air Corps

The framed Certificate of Appreciation and the beautiful handmade red, white and blue prayer shawl that were presented to Dad will be treasured by our family for years to come.

Thank you for intentionally creating this experience to honor Dad and his service to the country he loved - and thank you for providing this beautiful memory that we will always hold in our hearts."

God Bless You!
Lori Johanson



We have embraced our mission to serve America's veterans. It's our way of saying thank you for the sacrifices they have made in serving us.

Volunteer Landscaping Corps

Our Landscaping Corps of wonderful volunteers worked all spring to remove and replant damaged trees and shrubs. Cypress trees along with knockout roses, lantanas and hawthorn plants were added to the memorial garden area and grounds. This beautification project was planned by Kathryn Weber, Michael Martignoni and Monroe Rieger and was executed by many hardworking volunteers.



Volunteer Landscaping Corps hard at work