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HOSPICE CAREGIVER & VOLUNTEER**

“On Friday, May 3, 2002, my husband Anthony Carbone died at home in his bed, in my arms, after a long battle with cancer. He was a patient of VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire.

During the months prior, as Tony and I learned to accept the unacceptable, Hospice was a bright ray of sunshine. Not only did Hospice staff and volunteers understand and share our feelings, they helped us embrace the life we had. Thanks to Hospice, we were able to laugh and cry together. Even through our grief and fear, we lived each and every moment fully, and with great love.

After Tony died, I became a Hospice volunteer. I had to do this; my life and my husband's life had been indelibly marked by their kindness and compassion. I needed to share that gift with others.”

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