

The option to be home



Gwen Duncan (daughter), Roy Hackler (spouse) and Kim Hagee (daughter)

“It would have been impossible to keep Mom in the comfort of her home without their help.”

— Gwen Duncan

Nine years ago, Joyce Hackler was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease. As the disease progressed, she experienced increasing difficulty dealing with day-to-day living, and required repeated trips to the Emergency Room.

During an ER visit two years ago, a nurse asked Mrs. Hackler’s adult children if they had considered hospice care. Initially, they were taken aback, fearing the question meant their beloved mother was near death. But they soon learned that hospice is not just an end-of-life option, and Wythe Hospice of Southwest Virginia could provide the help they needed to keep their mother living safely and comfortably in her own home.

Wythe Hospice delivered essential medical equipment to Mrs. Hackler’s house, setting up a hospital bed, a lift, a special chair and more. Hospice also provides all of the medicine and healthcare supplies Mrs. Hackler requires.

Best of all, hospice provides expert medical advice and support. The care team includes physicians, nurses, aides, a social worker, a Chaplain and volunteers. All work with the family to ensure that Mrs. Hackler gets outstanding care, and that family members do not feel overwhelmed. A year after the Hackler family contacted Wythe Hospice of Southwest Virginia, their mother is at home with the best of care.

“We have **peace of mind** knowing the staff of Hospice of SWVA is there for us.”

— Roy Hackler

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