

Mother received special care

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Editor:

My mother, Donna Murray, lived the last 15 months here in Grand Rapids at Grand Village. She was a victim of Alzheimer's. The staff of Special Cares One at Grand Village truly made my mother's "new home" our family home too. She was treated so kindly and always looked so nice. She was a busy lady in the beginning and the staff helped her to keep busy, but as the Alzheimer's continued to take its toll on mom she slowed down and finally was in a wheel chair most of the time. The staff continued to help her keep busy. We are so grateful for the care she received while she was there.

A few weeks ago my mother took a turn for the worse. Hospice was called in and they moved mom to Unit 2 so she would have a bigger, private room for our family. The staff of Unit 2 took right over where Special Cares One left off. They too made this "mom's home." The love and caring they showed her warmed our hearts.

We have a big family and "mom's home" became our home as we all "camped out" in the sitting area taking over chairs, couches, floor space and what ever else was available night after night. It was truly "mom's home" and they opened it to us as such. We got warm blankets, coffee, and hugs. Hospice volunteers and nurses visited us daily. The support we received from them and the staff of Grand Village was awesome.

Mom died on Sept. 29 with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by her side. We want to thank all those at Grand Village who made it possible to say good bye in such a wonderful manner. We truly felt the warmth and love you gave to mom and us during her time here with us in Grand Rapids.

Bless you.

Donna Murray's daughter,

Patty Murray Christensen

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