

KELLY OGDEN

Strong

FAMILIES HONOR THEIR LOVED ONES
AT THE WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every September, three generations of Ogden women gather at the Walk of Remembrance to honor the people they loved most. Last year, the walk took on an even deeper meaning.

McKenzie Ogden has attended the Walk of Remembrance alongside her mother, Kelly, and grandmother, Clara, for many years. Together, they walked in memory of McKenzie's aunt, Tracey, who passed away in 2007. After losing her daughter, Clara began searching for support and connection through Angela Hospice's grief services, even though Tracey was not an Angela Hospice patient.

Clara found comfort in Angela Hospice's grief care programs and joined a quilting group, where she connected with others navigating loss. Inspired by the experience, she began creating memory bears from the clothing of loved ones for children who had lost a parent or grandparent. It was through these grief support services that she first learned about the Walk of Remembrance.

Since then, Clara has attended every year. Over time, Kelly and McKenzie joined her, and the walk became a family tradition, an opportunity not only to grieve, but to celebrate the people they love.

"The Walk for me has been a great place to express grief, but also celebrate the lives of those we've loved and lost," McKenzie shared.

Last year's walk carried a different weight for the family. After a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, McKenzie lost her mother, Kelly, in 2024. For the first time, the family attended the Walk of Remembrance without



Kelly, but in celebration of her life and memory.

In honor of Kelly, the family formed a team for the first time, lovingly named "Kelly Ogden Strong." What followed was an overwhelming outpouring of support from relatives and friends all walking together in remembrance.

"It showed us how many people loved her and were impacted by her love," McKenzie said.

For families like the Ogdens, the Walk of Remembrance offers a space where grief and joy can coexist.



This year's Walk of Remembrance will take place Saturday, September 19, 2026, on the Angela Hospice grounds in Livonia. This family-friendly event

celebrates the lives of those we've loved and lost while supporting the compassionate, caring programs provided for patients and their families. Scan the QR code or visit angelahospice.org/walk to register.

For the Ogden family, the Walk of Remembrance has become a lasting reminder that no one has to walk alone in grief. As they return again this September, the Ogdens will continue a tradition that has helped them heal, remember, and feel supported through every season of grief.

BEHIND THE WALK: LARRY STOCK



LARRY & ELENA

Larry Stock doesn't just run a business, he builds relationships rooted in trust, care, and community. Larry's relationship with Angela Hospice began more than two decades ago. As the founder of In-Stock Marketing, he has been a faithful friend and supporter for years, providing everything from marketing materials to employee apparel, and most recently sponsoring our Golf Fore Angela golf outing.

Larry shares, "We've always believed that when you help others, it comes back in a positive way. Supporting Angela Hospice is especially meaningful to us because of the impact they make on families in our community."

Larry's work is all about family as well. His wife, Wendy, handles embroidery; his daughter-in-law, Rainy, serves as graphic artist and office manager; and his 4-year-old granddaughter, Elena, affectionately known as the "the boss," brings joy and energy to their daily work. Longtime friend Rebecca helps foster the strong client relationships that are central to the company's success, while his nephew Chris oversees the screen printing that helps bring large projects to life — such as the Walk of Remembrance t-shirts they produce each year for hundreds of Angela Hospice supporters.

Larry's work reflects a deeper purpose: supporting a mission that honors life, compassion, and remembrance. We are grateful for his continued partnership and the heart he and his family bring to all they do.



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HOW YOU CAN BECOME A GEM!

One of the definitions of the word gem is:
a highly prized or beloved person.

The gems at Angela Hospice are those who **Give Every Month**. Both definitions are true of our GEMs, and important because these individuals have chosen to be a part of something so special: making an impact on the lives we touch every day.

We invite you to become a GEM and join our family of supporters. Your consistent monthly gift will help us continue our important work and mission of providing caring, compassionate, and Christ-like care to all.

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When you become a GEM, you give stability. Your recurring gift ensures we can continue our mission every day, without interruption. And it happens monthly without you having to remember; saving you time, stamps, and giving you peace of mind knowing that you helped Angela Hospice fulfill its mission without thinking about it.



Sign up today at angelahospice.org/donate/. It's easy, automatic, and powerful.

Join the Angela Hospice community of GEMs and be a part of our treasured mission.

For more information log on to our website or contact Jennifer Dale, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Growth at 734.953.6009 or jdale@angelahospice.us.

COMING THIS OCTOBER:

Our Grief Care Team will host a meaningful and adventure-filled camp for grieving children:

**"OVER, UNDER, AROUND, AND THROUGH:
COME TRAVEL GRIEF AND JOIN OUR CREW"**

October 17-18 • 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia

At this special camp, children will engage in creative activities — including music, art, storytelling, movement, and memory-making — as well as guided discussions designed to help them express feelings, build coping skills, and connect with peers who understand their experiences.

"Through this imaginative, travel-themed journey, children will explore the different journeys that grief can take, learning that there is no single 'right' way to move through loss," said Joyce Lee, grief counselor with Angela Hospice.

Along with her fellow grief counselors, Angela Hospice's music therapist, and compassionate volunteers, Joyce will help provide a safe and welcoming space for campers as they navigate big emotions, unexpected detours, and quiet moments of reflection.

"Together, we'll remind children that while grief can feel like a difficult road, they don't have to travel it alone. Each 'stop' along the journey offers opportunities for healing, resilience, and growth," Joyce said.

Register for Camp Monarch: angelahospice.org/campmonarch
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NURSE DENISE GRABOWSKI (CENTER) EXPERIENCED THE LOVING SUPPORT OF HER COLLEAGUES, NURSE GRETCHEN MOORE AND SOCIAL WORKER KELLY KOVACH-COLLICOTT, AS THEY CARED FOR HER MOTHER.

Sew MUCH TO DO

There's something that seems so right about being able to live on your own terms, right until the very end.

Angela Hospice can help patients do just that, offering support to help them live with dignity and choice, while providing families the honor of supporting their loved one in a way that is both meaningful and memorable.

As an Angela Hospice nurse (and volunteer before that), Denise Grabowski knows this through and through. But having just recently walked that journey alongside her mother, Theresa Monforton, that understanding is now even deeper.

"I'm so thankful that she was able to be at home," said Denise, who has worked as an Angela Hospice nurse for the last 18 years.

Staying at home was important to Theresa. She was a meticulous housekeeper. She enjoyed watching the stock market, playing bridge, and working on her sewing projects — which she did even in her final days.

While on hospice care, Theresa was adamant about finishing her sewing projects for Angela Hospice. Having taken the volunteer training course eight years



TERESA MONFORTON (CENTER) WITH HER DAUGHTERS CELESTE (LEFT) AND DENISE. DENISE HAS BEEN AN ANGELA HOSPICE NURSE FOR 18 YEARS.

Theresa displayed her generous spirit even throughout her last days on earth. If she's inspired you to show your generosity, visit angelahospice.org/donate to make a gift today; or to learn about volunteering for Angela Hospice, visit angelahospice.org/volunteer.



TERESA COMPLETING HER VOLUNTEER PROJECTS ON HER 1953 SEWING MACHINE. THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN ON APRIL 6.

ago at age 90, Theresa used her excellent skills as a seamstress to make blankets for Angela Hospice's military Veterans and sew catheter bag covers.

"It was really great that she went through that class, because at 90, although she was still driving and she was still able to play bridge and she had her friends, my dad had passed and it gave her purpose," Denise reflected.

A mother of six, grandmother to 11, and great-grandmother to 11, Theresa had a deep Catholic faith and enjoyed caring for others. Her generosity often included baked goods as well!

During her time in hospice care, Theresa showed Denise how to make her traditional French-Canadian meat pie.

"We have a whole video, like 2 hours of her, so we all know how to make the meat pie now," Denise said.

It's moments like these, a legacy now forever preserved, that Angela Hospice makes possible for families.

"That was a blessing," Denise shared of her mother's time on hospice care. "We were able to get so many things done with her."

Theresa passed away in her home on April 15.

"I'm glad it was peaceful," Denise reflected.

Having the support of the Angela Hospice team — even for a hospice nurse like Denise — helped to make the transition easier for the family.

"Everyone [from Angela Hospice] that came out was just wonderful," Denise said. "You know, it's never easy, but having hospice made it a lot easier."

Caring FOR MOM

Dawn Foster's mother, Judith Burgett, experienced the caring embrace of Angela Hospice at the Livonia Care Center.

After experiencing a stroke, Judith spent time in a rehab facility while her family eagerly awaited signs of improvement.

"She was getting better to a certain degree," Dawn noticed. "But as a family member, you just want your loved one to get better... and I wanted to bring her home."

Then one day as Dawn visited her mom, the realization felt undeniable. "It hit me. She's not improving."

Dawn realized it was time for hospice care, and was able to bring her mother to the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia, where Dawn has worked on Angela Hospice's Environmental Services team for 16 years. While it wasn't her wish of bringing her mom "home," in a way the Care Center is like home for Dawn.

"Her being here at the Care Center was very moving for me," Dawn said.

Dawn was able to take time off to be with her mom at the Care Center, where she saw all her mother's needs being met.

"The service is just impeccable. And so working here, it just brought more pride that I'm an Angela Hospice worker, that I'm part of the team to make another family feel supported," Dawn said.

Being in the Care Center allowed Dawn and her siblings the opportunity to ask questions, understand what their mom was going through, and experience the support of the hospice team.

"To see the outpour of our colleagues and everyone's support, all the way across from the volunteers to the staff...it was just awesome," Dawn said.

Dawn said her mother's personality shone through even while on hospice care as she joked with her care team.

"She just had a sense of humor and people just gravitated to her. I always looked up to my mom," Dawn said.

As hard as it was to lose to her mom, Dawn is grateful she was able to experience Angela Hospice's care in her final days.

"I wouldn't change it for the world," she said.



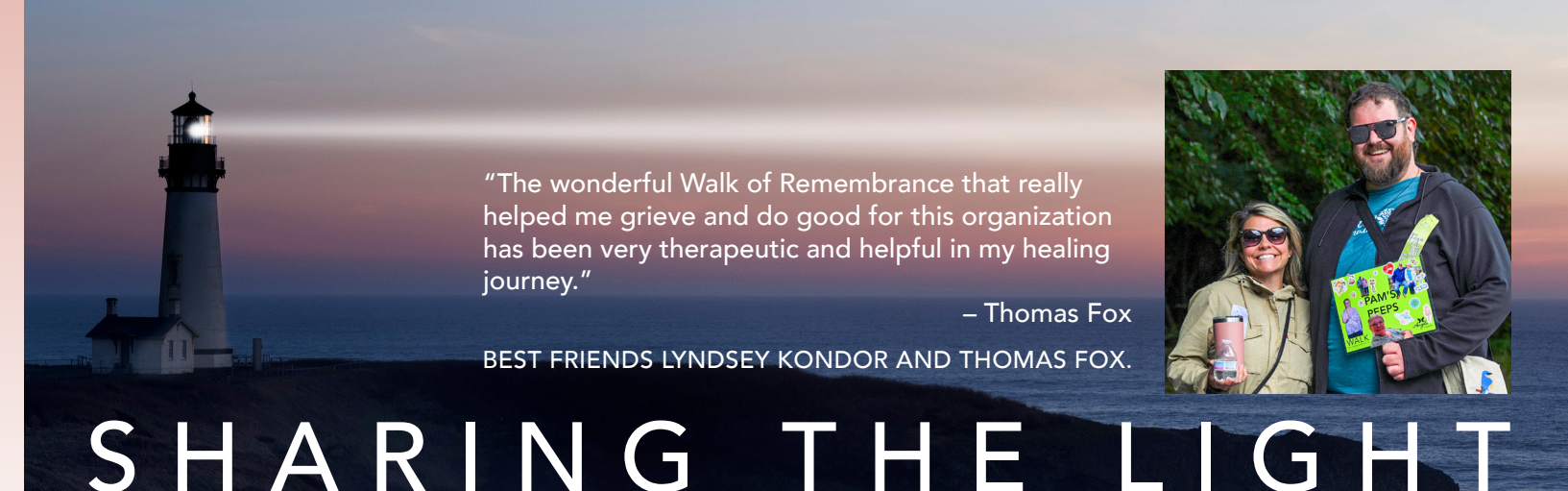
DAWN AND HER MOTHER, JUDITH.

It makes her work at Angela Hospice even more meaningful now. Dawn said it has given her a deeper sense of purpose.

"We spend so much time at work. It's not just a job. It's not just a paycheck. It's rewarding," Dawn said. "It's giving back."

You can give back and help more families to experience peace and support during a challenging time.

Visit angelahospice.org/donate to give toward Angela Hospice's Care Centers and other charitable programs.



"The wonderful Walk of Remembrance that really helped me grieve and do good for this organization has been very therapeutic and helpful in my healing journey."

— Thomas Fox

BEST FRIENDS LYNDSEY KONDOR AND THOMAS FOX.



SHARING THE LIGHT

As a devout Catholic, when a terminal diagnosis led Pam Fox to seek end-of-life care, she knew she wanted Angela Hospice. It was December of 2024, and to Pam's surprise, Angela Hospice's Waterford Care Center had just opened. Pam became one of the first patients to experience care in the new center.

Pam moved into a beautiful room overlooking Scott Lake, and the team was able to make her comfortable, meeting her medical and spiritual needs, while taking care of her family as well.

"The hospice team there were tremendous in reducing my anxieties and my worries, explaining to me what was going to happen," said Thomas Fox, Pam's son. "Being my mom's only caretaker and being with her every day since her medical emergency, it was nice to have a team there that I knew and trusted that could take care of her."

Being confident that the hospice team was able to take care of his mother's symptoms and manage her care, Thomas was able to spend quality time with his mom, like taking her to the Chapel on campus for Mass.

"The life that was given by Angela Hospice to my



THOMAS FOX AND HIS MOTHER, PAMELA FOX.

"WE PUT OUR TRUST WITHIN ANGELA HOSPICE," THOMAS SAID.



Nicole Romero, M.Div
Lead Spiritual Care Counselor

"Nicole went above and beyond trying to take care of my mom's religious and faith-based need. To have someone to talk to who had that spiritual component — that was very important to my mother,"

Thomas shared.

mother...it's a treasure that I'll cherish forever," Thomas said.

His mother's terminal illness came just one year after Thomas's father died in a car accident. Losing both of his parents in such a short period of time brought intense grief.

"It's like a tsunami. You feel like you're drowning. You are just treading water, trying to stay alive," Thomas explained. And when Angela Hospice's Grief Care team reached out to him, "It's the lighthouse within the dark," he said.

Thomas has participated in a number of Angela Hospice's free grief care programs, provided through the generosity of Angela Hospice donors.

"It's a warm hug when you come to a grief care event," Thomas said. He explained that as much as it can be intimidating to share your story, getting it out provides a release of so much tension that can built up throughout the stress of caring for a loved one.

"To know that Angela Hospice is there for you within that moment is major," Thomas said. "I highly recommend the Angela Grief Care team."

Recently Thomas shared his story far and wide by giving his testimonial about Angela Hospice's care in a streaming TV commercial for Angela Hospice. You can watch it on our website.

To offer your support and provide that light in the darkness for families like Thomas's as they cope with loss, visit angelahospice.org/donate to make a contribution toward our grief care services today.