

Profile:

The Simoni Family

Looking back, utilizing hospice gave us a support system. Hospice of the Valley is the hub of a wheel with all sorts of services. I think by watching us, our friends and family began to see that we were being realistic and choosing quality of life at the end of Paul's life and support that we would receive after he was gone. We were always our own advocate with Paul's illness but, at the point we chose hospice, it was nice to know there was someone to hold and catch us. That alleviated a lot of worry. It was difficult to think at that stage and I could focus on Paul and the kids. I'm so grateful because Paul had a classic story book hospice ending. What I mean by that is that I felt like everyone at Hospice of the Valley was walking with us on our journey. I think in the beginning you pray for the person you love to heal, but in the end your prayer changes. You pray that they will be free of anxiety and pain.

And in the end, free of both Paul was able to just let go and pass peacefully in my arms.

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