

Vigils are available in the Hospital, a care facility or in a private home.

A vigil is when full-time attendance is requested by family and/or hospital staff during the last few hours of life. A Hospice volunteer may be called upon to sit with a dying person, accompany the family for support or as respite for family. Sometimes a person may be alone and Hospice is asked to be present. We don't give Medical Care or Professional Counselling.

About Our Volunteers:

Hospice volunteers are members of your community. They are carefully screened, selected and receive 30 hours of comprehensive training. They provide services that are tailored to individual needs and are special people who are able to support in a knowledgeable and caring compassionate manner.

Vigil Procedure:

Anyone can make a referral, but the family or the attending care practitioner must grant permission and will respect the wishes of the staff, and family.

To arrange a Vigil please call 250-701-9773

A vigil generally consists of the 48-72 hours prior to the patient's death. Although peoples' condition can change quickly we prefer you to call between 7:00a.m.-10:00p.m. in order to reach and organize a team of volunteers.



Bereavement & Grief Support Services Available:

One to One
Group
Grief Support
Coffee Morning
Christmas Tree Lighting
Memorial Wall Plaque

For more information on these services please call our office 250-701-4242

Palliative Support Hospice Volunteers Can:

- Befriend the client; listen in an atmosphere of trust & confidentiality.
- Assist in understanding the process of dying & grieving (physical changes, psychological & spiritual aspects of dying & grieving).
- Become part of the support network for the client & family.
- Advocate for client if necessary.
- Aid clients dealing with loss of control & offer support at a time when unresolved issues come to the fore.
- Help identify options & find the tools needed to deal with issues.
- Provide information about services available in community.

For information on becoming a Hospice Volunteer or joining a committee please call our office 250-701-4242

Cowichan Valley Hospice Society

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How to Contact Us...

Office Hours are:
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday.

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For further information:

Call (250) 701-4242 or
1-888-701-4242



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United Way, Gaming, Community Organizations, Fundraising Projects, Membership, Bequests, Memorial Wall Plaques, Your Donations.

The Cowichan Valley Hospice Society is a non-profit, registered charity. All hospice services are provided free of charge.

For more information on Memorial Wall Plaques or Bequests please call the office.

Yes I would like to make a donation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Tax receipt issued for \$10.00 & over

Mail to: Cowichan Valley Hospice
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VIGIL PROGRAM



How We Can Help



Support for those experiencing the death of a loved one.