



Hospice Northwest

Offering Comfort and Support During the Holidays

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Memories of shared laughter and special holiday traditions are treasures that many of us hold in our hearts when our loved ones are no longer here to share the Christmas season with us. Anyone who has lost a loved one can attest to the bittersweet feelings we experience during the holiday season. The smell of pine or the glitter of coloured lights can elicit some of our sweetest memories, as well as our deepest sadness. Hospice Northwest recognizes the uniqueness of each grief journey. While nothing can take away from the intensity of emotional grief experienced during the holidays, the organization believes that compassion and understanding can help.

Joan Williams, executive director of Hospice Northwest, describes a unique addition to their grief support services. "Hospice Northwest is offering a collection of personalized memorial ornaments which act as symbols of the spiritual presence of those who are no longer with us," she says. "The Wings of Remembrance collection features ornaments in various styles, including a delicate Life's Way Porcelain Heart and crystal Snowflakes from Heaven. The ornaments are beautiful reminders of a loved one and provide the grieving with a way to celebrate those they will never forget."

A candlelight memorial service will also be hosted by Hospice Northwest on December 5 at Trinity United Church.