

# Featuring our Volunteers



*Joyce deNeui*

Joyce and her husband, Bud, have been long-time hospice volunteers in the Ortonville/Graceville satellite. They both received their hospice training in March of 1990. Joyce and Bud have 3 sons, 9 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Joyce's work history includes waitressing, working as a nurse's aide, and working as a restaurant cook.

Joyce enjoys baby-sitting great-grandchildren 5 days a week, baking, crocheting, and volunteering. Her favorite recipe is potato salad.



*Bud deNeui*

Bud and Joyce have served as Rice Hospice patient and bereavement volunteers in Ortonville and Graceville for over 20 years. They both enjoy baby-sitting regularly for their great-grandchildren. Bud played church organ for 10 years, and enjoys doing wood-working in his spare time.

Bud was a farmer and served on the Coop board and the county planning commission. He finds great satisfaction in being a part of the Rice Hospice team.



*Marcella Hedman*

Marcella received her hospice training in October of 2003. She serves as an inpatient volunteer at Rice Hospital in Willmar as well as visiting patients in their homes. Marcy's family includes her husband, 2 daughters, 1 son, and 4 grandchildren. She is now retired after working as a nurse for 40 years. (23 of those years were at Rice.)

For special interests, Marcy enjoys quilting, traveling, reading, family and church activities, and she used to do a lot of camping.

Marcy finds great satisfaction in working with people—and she loves to eat her husband's potato klub!



*Elaine Curry*

Since October of 2006, Elaine has served as a Willmar nursing home volunteer at Bethesda Heritage. She and her husband have a daughter and a son, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. In her earlier years, Elaine worked as an office manager and homemaker. Her interests include: reading, cross word puzzles, cooking, gardening and playing bridge.

Elaine's greatest satisfaction has been raising happy, loving children. She also enjoys traveling, and has toured China, Russia and Africa.



*Fern Watland*

Fern has been a Willmar hospice office volunteer since November of 1995. Her husband was cared for by the Willmar hospice staff before his death. Fern has 3 children and 8 grandchildren —and their families live in Willmar, South Dakota, and China. In her spare time, Fern enjoys reading, feeding birds, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

For several years, Fern was a Kindergarten teacher in St. Louis Park before moving to Willmar where she taught for 23 years. She enjoys keeping in touch with family in China and South Dakota through email. She also enjoys attending Bible studies, she loves children, and she appreciates working in the hospice office.



*Danita Olson*

Danita received her hospice training in April of 2003 and has served as a patient volunteer in the Paynesville and Willmar areas. She grew up as the youngest of seven children.

Danita has found great satisfaction in becoming a nurse, and now works as a Registered Nurse at ACMC. Some of her interests include reading, writing poetry, riding horse, and she would like to travel.

"Gone with the Wind" is Danita's favorite novel and her favorite foods include Monkey Bread and spaghetti.