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Janice Krause

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Relationship builder

Janice spends her time building relationships with everyone who comes into her life. She feels that God created people to have relationships and that is what her life has been about. “I am having a grand ole time.” Janice lived this philosophy through her past career as a pediatric nurse and is continuing it with her current family relationships. Her older sister, younger brother and nieces and nephews live in Oregon and she sees them often. “This illness has been a journey for me both physically and emotionally but no matter what condition my body is in, I still want to develop relationships with people.”

She enjoys her visits and relationships with Willamette Valley Hospice staff; “I feel like I have been royally pampered by hospice.” “Even though this body is going downhill fast, Christ is within me and providing me a sense of peace and joy from within.” It is obvious that Janice’s joy has touched many people throughout her life. One cannot meet her without experiencing this and walking away from the encounter feeling a sense of hope.

Janice is diagnosed with abdominal cancer. She underwent chemotherapy in 2005 and decided to forego it when her condition recurred in 2007. After being told there was no cure for her condition she decided she did not want to live her remaining days with the ill effects of chemotherapy. Janice followed through with her plan to live her life to the fullest, enjoy every day, and continue relationship building.