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for complete descriptions of our hospice & bereavement programs and services, as well as our calendar of public education events.

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Memories of my Grandpa

By 10 year old Marah Orvis, written for her grandfather, Gary Orvis, and read at our Annual Service of Remembrance on November 1, 2009.

My Grandpa was a man with a great sense of humor. He also was very artistic and inventive in many different ways. He was caring for all creatures. He was very kind and well known around town. You could usually find him up in his garage inventing something out of the ordinary.

We started a little thing a few years ago and it was drawing and creating comic strips and taking turns sending them back and forth to each other. Another time we decided to fool drivers passing by the road. We hung a swing over the brook. We put a life size cloth doll on the swing, dressed it up so it looked like me! Grandma also helped with the clothes for the doll.

Those are some of my favorite memories with Grandpa. I was very fortunate to have such a wonderful and fun Grandfather. Even though he's not physically here he is still always in my heart.



Marah's father, David Orvis and brother, Jeb, light candles for their father and grandfather, Gary Orvis, at the Service of Remembrance. Families and friends of hospice patients, as well as community members, lit 275 candles honoring their loved ones. Margie Bekoff, harpist, and Marina Carter, classical pianist, framed a moving ceremony.

Congratulations, 2009 Training Class!

This fall, 20 Addison County community members completed the HVS 30-hour volunteer training class. Over the course of 10 weeks, the class met with many local resource people who provide hospice and palliative care to the Addison County community. We welcome our newest volunteers: Sarah Ashe, Katy Bauer, Laurie Borden, Steven Brown, Jim Bruce, Julia Child, Deborah Diemand, Barbara Hammerlind, Kristin Hirsch, Chris Hopwood, Karri Ingerson, Nancy Kerwin, Lily Kielman, Mitch Kramer, Grant Lefevre, Tracey Orvis, Mary Paquette, Emily Rossheim, Suzanne Sawyer, Karen Winston, and Suzanne Wolins



What Does It All Mean?



We Want To Hear From You

On three different evenings this fall, community members from Middlebury, Bristol and Vergennes met to share their thoughts, questions, concerns, wishes and interest in palliative and end of life care in Addison County. Each discussion included community members as well as representatives from Hospice Volunteer Services, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Partners in Palliative and Home Care and Addison Respite Care Home. Watch for a summary report in local papers in the near future.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One? Feeling Uncertain about the Holiday Season?

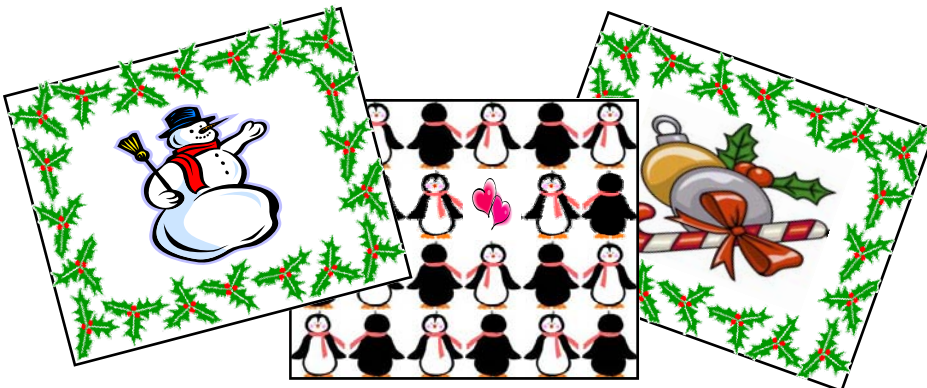
Holiday Grief Support:

Nov 19th & Dec 10th 5:30-7 pm
Dec 3rd 10:30am –noon

*Sponsored by
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Please call 388-4111 for more information
and to register for this free program

Do you need a special holiday gift for someone?
You are invited to make a donation to HVS in their
honor, or memory. We will provide several holiday
cards to choose from for your gift. Stop by our Mar-
ble Works office or call for details: 388-4111



Visit Sweet Charity in Vergennes
to bid on this month's silent auction item:
a complete 6-piece holiday place setting.

They also need Xmas decorations and
large furniture items, especially couches.
Since opening 2 yrs ago they have sold
96 couches. Can we make it 100?