Kyla and Patrick were excited for the birth of their baby boy. You gave them the gift of time when they needed it most.

Luca was born with a devastating brain injury.

Kyla and Patrick met when they were just 14 years old. They started dating when they were 15. They attended college, got married, bought a house, and settled down. In 2020, their daughter, Emilia, was born. “She’s spiccy, adventurous, brave, and daring,” said Kyla.

Eleven months later, Kyla found out she was pregnant with their second child – a boy. They named him Luca. Kyla and Patrick were so excited! “My pregnancy was perfect,” said Kyla. “Everything went smoothly.”

Her labor proceeded smoothly, as well. But during the final 2-3 minutes, the doctor wasn’t able to find their baby’s heartbeat. His umbilical cord had wrapped itself around his neck. When Luca was born, it took the medical team 15-20 minutes to get him breathing. Kyla and Patrick were terrified.
Beloved husband & father learned he had metastatic cancer

Because of you, he was able to spend his final months at home

Dick Hosmun was a quiet man. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and reading about World War II. Dick and his wife, Frances, loved to travel. One of their trips was a World War II Memorial Tour in Europe. “It was very interesting,” said Frances. “And Dick really enjoyed it.” They also enjoyed dancing and watching football games together.

When Dick was in his mid-70’s, he developed a cough that wouldn’t clear up. He was also having trouble breathing. A visit to the emergency department and a chest x-ray revealed cancer in his lung. It had started in his prostate and metastasized.

The news of Dick’s cancer was devastating.

The doctors gave Dick medications. He also tried a couple rounds of chemotherapy. But his body didn’t respond. His doctor suggested he talk with someone in palliative care. That’s how he and Frances got connected with Providence Hospice of Seattle.

“The day after we signed Dick up with hospice, they had a hospital bed delivered along with additional equipment he would need,” said Frances.

The hospice nurse checked his medications. She kept Frances informed about what was happening. “I was always able to call to get advice,” said Frances. “Help was always there if I needed it.”

A hospice volunteer came regularly and gave Dick massages. “That was wonderful!” said Frances.

The day Dick died, his hospice nurse happened to be there checking on him. She was holding him when he took his last breath. “He died peacefully,” said Frances.

“Without Providence Hospice, I’m afraid I would have had to put him into a home. He didn’t want that, and I didn’t want that,” said Frances. “I’m so grateful he could spend his final months at home.”

Thank you for being there for Dick and Frances. This is the kind of care you make possible, through your generous donations.

One generation plants the tree... the next sits in its shade

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A devastating diagnosis

They were told that, because of the lack of oxygen to his brain, Luca would have severe delays, at the very least. An MRI showed that his entire brain, except for the brain stem, had been damaged. It was unlikely that Luca would ever be able to eat on his own. He had some degree of blindness and deafness. He would remain nonverbal. It was a devastating diagnosis.

Luca spent 3 weeks in the hospital. After consulting with the doctor, Kyla and Patrick decided to bring Luca home, with the help of hospice. The hospital connected them with Providence Hospice of Seattle.

“We were able to just be his mom and dad.”

“Providence Hospice was amazing,” said Kyla. Their hospice nurse helped get all the equipment delivered that they would need to keep Luca comfortable. She came three days a week to check on him and address his medical needs. Their hospice social worker also came weekly. She checked in with Kyla and Patrick about how they were feeling. And she spent time with their 2-year-old daughter, Emilia.

“Because Hospice came so often and they took care of all of Luca’s medical needs, we didn’t have to spend time wondering what was happening. We could just enjoy Luca and the time we had with him. We were able to just be his mom and dad.”

“I can’t imagine having to go through what we went through without support.

Because of you, Luca was able to spend his short life at home. “We could just enjoy Luca and the time we had with him,” said his mom, Kyla.

Not having Providence Hospice there would have taken away from our ability to be present with Luca and treasure the time as much as we could.”

Luca lived for 8 weeks. “He was an incredible little boy,” said Kyla. “He was strong, amazing, and very cute!”. He died peacefully, in Kyla’s arms, with his dad and sister there next to him.

They never imagined that something like this could happen. But with the help of Providence Hospice, the moment was as peaceful as it could have been.

It’s through your generosity and kindness that our children’s hospice program is here for children and their families. Without you, we wouldn’t be able to offer these critical services. Thank you!

Did you know?

Less than 30% of counties in the United States have a specialized hospice program for terminally ill children. And in Washington State, only 15% of counties have one. But thanks to you, Providence Hospice of Seattle is filling some of this gap. We offer one of the few hospice programs for terminally ill children in the state. Because of you, these kids can be cared for in their homes. They spend far less time in the hospital. And they can continue being part of their family for as long as they have. This is an incredible gift for these families. A gift that you give them. Thank you!
Death and grief refuse to take a vacation

We’re in the midst of our critical children’s campaign

When you give your generous gift to help people who are facing a terminal illness, you help not only adults but also children and their families. Our children’s hospice program ensures that terminally ill kids can spend their final months at home, in a comfortable, familiar environment. It enables parents to cherish the time they have with their child and just be parents. This program is the only one of its kind in our community. And it’s only possible because of you!

Our children’s grief support program provides counseling to kids and teens whose mom, dad, sibling, or other close loved one has died. We also provide grief support to schools that have been impacted by a death. The goal of the program is to lessen the impact of death on kids and teens. This critical help is available kids and families because of you!

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