

Donor Profile - Nancy and David Chance



In the Spring of 2018 Chris Chance visited the May Court Hospice.

He came to see for himself, the place and programs that meant so much to his parents, David and Nancy Chance, and, to personally deliver a bequest to Hospice Care Ottawa from his parents' estate. He spoke with quiet pride about his mother and father.

Nancy Chance was born in Winnipeg. Teacher, artist and hospice volunteer. Nancy was one of the original hospice volunteers back in the early days. At the May Court Hospice, she could be found in the art room on Thursdays during Day Hospice, sharing her passion for art with her compassion for people.

"I still have a watercolour of a vase of roses that Nancy painted and gave to me, even though she said she didn't think it was that good", recalls Megan Doyle-Ray, former Manager of Fund Development at the Hospice at May Court.

David was Ottawa born. A wartime pilot in the RCAF, career civil servant, cross country skier, golfer and volunteer with several organizations, he was drawn into the circle of caring at the hospice by Nancy. He became a valued volunteer driver taking guests to and from the Day Hospice program so that they could enjoy time in the community which gave their caregivers a break. David always had hugs and smiles for everyone.

Both Nancy and David embraced their volunteer work at the May Court Hospice. It gave them the opportunity to do something good for the community. They saw hospice as a warm and welcoming place, a place of joy.

Nancy is described by a friend and colleague as having a "giant and kind heart ... who did thoughtful things quietly". So it was no surprise to her family that she chose to remember hospice in her will.

Nancy and David left their mark on Hospice Care Ottawa and continue to do so with their generous gift.