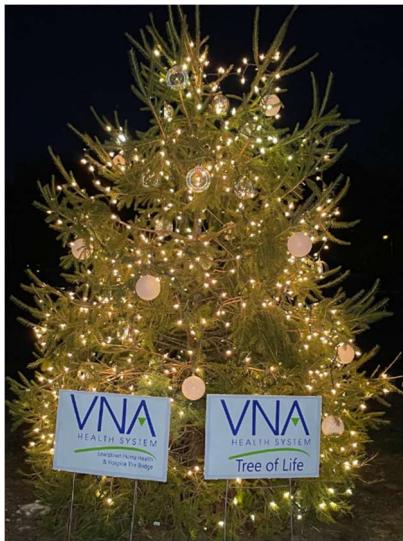


# Hospice: The Bridge Tree of Life Virtual Ceremony

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**Hospice services is a special way of providing care and support to patients and their families experiencing advanced illness and end of life issues. Emphasis is on making the patient as comfortable as possible, and to help them live well. The focus of medical treatment shifts from curing to caring and comfort.**

**The team of caring professionals providing the service of Hospice help make it possible for patients to remain comfortable in their homes, in familiar surroundings, with people who love them.**

**This year as we celebrate the lives honored and remembered, each gift will continue to provide services for hospice patients and families throughout the coming year.**

## Ceremony

Welcome and Tree Lighting	James White, LPN <i>Community Liaison</i>
Comments	Kathleen Witcoskie, RN, ASN <i>Vice President, Hospice Dir.</i>
Invocation	Dr. Michael Goodling
Poem of Life	Melody Latsha, MSN <i>Hospice Social Worker</i>
Inspiration	Dr. Michael Goodling
Christmas without you	Sandra Leister RN <i>Patient Advocate Champion</i>
Benediction	Dr. Michael Goodling

### Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys, different paths along the way,  
we all were meant to learn some things but never meant to stay.  
Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.

For some the journey's quicker, for some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

### Christmas Without You

Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew,  
This year I shall celebrate in memory of you.  
I'll put aside my sorrow with every unshed tear,  
and concentrate on all the joy we shared when you were here.  
Our time together taught me what Christmas time is for,  
and that's what I'll remember until we meet once more.