

## Jane and Bill Thomas “Leave a Legacy”

The family of Jane and Bill Thomas contacted the Friends of Hospice just after Jane's death in the fall of 2010 with a request: “Will you carry-out the sale of our parents' home contents, for they wish to donate the proceeds to the Friends of Hospice?” Of course! And the work was completed according to the family's timeline of January 2012.

The Friends of Hospice earned over \$4,500 from the sale. The Hospice program that Jane started -- yes, she was one of the founders and one of the first directors of The Friends of Lewis County Hospice -- continues to benefit from her vision of hospice even after her death.

*Lewis County Hospice depends on the special donations and bequests that people give so generously. The Friends of Hospice fundraisers -- Epicurean Delight, Joe Boissy Golf Tournament, and Light-up a Life, provide only about 50% of the funds needed in a given year to insure Hospice care for the patients and families of Lewis County.*

*Generous donations and bequests given by people in their wills or as a part of their estate significantly contribute to meeting Hospice's financial needs. Jane Thomas and her children knew this and they made sure that they too remembered Hospice as a part of their family's estate planning.*

Anyone interested in making Hospice a part of their legacy should talk with their heirs and their attorneys about it well in advance. For more information about how donations and bequests at the end of life benefit families needing hospice care, please contact a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Lewis County Hospice.

Jane and Bill Thomas served as true friends of Lewis County Hospice throughout their lifetime and their family continues that tradition in their memory after their deaths. We, the Friends of Hospice, wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to the Thomas family and all the many families that help us keep up the work of hospice with their bequests and memorial donations.