

# Local Family Chooses Hospice Care

For 57 years, she warmly greeted and waited on her friends and neighbors when they shopped at Alexander County's Trio Supermarket. It was the only job Peggy Jolly Little ever had, and she did her job the way she lived...with love and excellence. Peggy was born in Alexander County on April 5, 1934, and grew up in the Wittenburg community. She married Mack Little, and their family grew to include two daughters, Debbie (Isenhour) and Diane (Reid). Peggy loved her family, and that love grew as their family continued to grow...two sons-in-law, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren!

That love helped magnify their family's good times, and helped carry them through the challenging times. Some of those challenging times came as Peggy successfully battled cancer in the early 2000's, and when their family lost husband, father, and grandfather Mack Little in 2005. In early 2011, the Little family was once again navigating through a challenging time. As a result of a fall, x-rays revealed that Peggy now had bone cancer. After five weeks in the hospital, Peggy returned home with a desire to live the best quality of life possible for whatever quantity of life remained. "When someone mentioned hospice," recalls Peggy's daughter, Debbie. "We really didn't know what hospice was."



Above: Peggy Little and Alexander County's Trio Supermarket



Debbie Isenhour

They called Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County, who came out to explain to Peggy's daughters how Hospice could care for their mother and family. "I don't know what we would have done without them," continues Debbie Isenhour. "Hospice made such a difference in the quality of life for our mother, and in the quality of time we had together."

The Little family was very pleased with the care their mother received from Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County. "Hospice helped us to better understand what was happening to our mother, and prepared us for what was coming," says Isenhour. "Hospice took excellent care of our mother, but I was amazed that they took care of us as well!" Hospice provided help and support to the Little family before, during and after Peggy's death. "They were always there whenever we needed them."



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The Littles never regretted calling Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County. Peggy Little experienced a peaceful death at home with her two daughters by her side. “Her mind was sharp to the end, and she was smiling when she died,” recalls her daughter. “Hospice was wonderful! They came in and took care of everything.”

For more information about quality end of life care in Alexander County, contact Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County, Inc. at 828.632.5026 or visit [www.hospicehomecarealexander.org](http://www.hospicehomecarealexander.org).