

**Beloved wife and mother, Alison Spence, was cared for by Cransley Hospice – both as an inpatient and by the Hospice at Home service during her heroic battle with Cancer. Alison’s daughter Shannon is forever grateful for the care her mum received and the time this allowed them together. She now fundraises for the hospice in memory of her Mum.**

Shannon recalls; “The nurses were complete angels during mum’s stay in the Hospice but as time went on, Mum began to insist that she wanted to die at home. I really can’t explain how much Cransley supported us during this time – we were nervous about what to expect but the Nurses were so reassuring and they sorted absolutely everything for us – including a bed, oxygen and a carer to live with us.

“Mum passed away peacefully at home at 11.30am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018, surrounded by her family and four beloved cats – and with the support of the Hospice at Home nurses.

“Cransley gave us all a gift – the chance to enjoy mum in her final weeks. Caring for mum had become very difficult and that stress was completely lifted from us, allowing us to focus on making memories.

“Since mum’s passing, I have shown my gratitude for their care by fundraising for Cransley and have raised almost £3,000 so far! As well as all of mum’s funeral donations coming to the charity, I have also entered Cransley Hospice events, the Santa Saunter and the Bubble Rush – as well as organising my own Wonderland Dog Show for the charity! In 2019, I started helping other families like ours by arranging ‘Carer’s Packs’ for family members who unexpectedly have to stay with a loved one at the hospice via my not for profit group, ‘Gift of a Smile.’ I know mum would be really proud of how I’m trying to help other people like her.