

James was an avid car enthusiast. Before he became ill, he had been working to restore two classic cars with a few friends. He was surrounded by a loving and attentive family throughout his time at the KBR Hospice Home, and they knew the sentimental value these cars had for James.

When a staff member heard the family express how much they wished he could see his cars again, we were all determined to make that wish a reality. Being a hospice nurse is about so much more than clinical care. Every day I go into work at the Hospice Home is a surprise. That day, we were planning a car show.

James's friends who were restoring the cars with him worked tirelessly to get them ready to drive to the Hospice Home. Within just a couple of days, they were up and running, and the Trellis staff coordinated with his friends and family to schedule a time for the car show.

When his friends arrived with these beautiful, classic cars, we brought James outside to see the results of his hard work. We rolled him outside in his hospital bed. Although he wasn't speaking much that day, the smile on his face said it all. It was a meaningful day for everyone that honored James's passion and gave him a special moment with his family and friends.

James's family and friends were just as ecstatic as he was. They loved him deeply, and in that moment, they saw the love that the Trellis team members have for each and every patient.

The love we have for our patients inspires us to find ways to celebrate them and their lives while they're in our care. Patients at the end of life are in a difficult but important season – it is a time that many reflect on the relationships and moments they have treasured most. No one knows the value of that reflection more than the hospice nurses who see it every day.

Ultimately, the Hospice Home car show was about more than just the cars. It was a moment for James and his loved ones to appreciate the care and time he had dedicated to a project he was passionate about, alongside the friends and family he loved.



Sincerely,

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