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Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to take a few moments to thank you and your extraordinary staff for the care you provided to my father in his home during the final stages of his ordeal with lung cancer. I have worked with a number of hospice services when caring for my patients. The people who provide care through hospice services are very special. However, I must say, your personnel go far above and beyond what can reasonably be expected. I was always kept apprised of issues, difficulties, and challenges with my father. Your social worker, nurses, chaplain, and other support staff were compassionate, kind, and deeply insightful. My father was comfortable and his needs were carefully addressed. I met some of your nurses while visiting my father. I was impressed with their patience, humor, and the high quality of their care. I never could have gotten through all of this without your help. Please know of my gratitude. I know that John Toth would also want me to express his deepest thanks. He was in profound denial and admitted to being afraid to die. You helped him get through this and to achieve some peace before he passed on. Thank you, thank you, thank you. May God Bless each and everyone one of you in in your lives and your continued service.

With kind regards and much respect, I remain

Your sincerely,

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George R. Trumbull

Dear Michelle,

On behalf of Leo Leone's family and all those who loved him, I wanted to thank the Vitas staff for their care and for their caring as our "Unc" made his transition from this life to the next one.

Everyone involved was fantastic. Maybe we were lucky to get your best people but somehow I believe all your people meet the test. Certainly they did for us. Had I known what a difference it would make in easing "Unc's" transition, I would have gotten Vitas involved much sooner.

Please thank all of the staff involved in Leo's care. Not only did they comfort him but they were also responsive to Roberto's needs and to ours.

We wanted the staff to know that we thought they did a great job and that we truly appreciated their dedication and support.

Sincerely,

George Trumbull

Dear Theresa,
I'd like to express Chad's
and my great thanks to you
and your staff for the support
and care you extended to us
and Joanne in the last days
of her life. As terribly painful
as Joanne's death was, it
would have been infinitely
worse had she died in a
hospital, possibly without Chad
and me, being with her. I
know you do me ^{no} ^{good}
thing every day but
you all really made us feel
special.

I'm grateful for a couple
of things. First, Joanne didn't

have any pain. Her breathing
was uncomfortable at times,
but there was no pain. Second,
although you didn't know this,
Joanne had struggled hard
for much of her life. She grew
up in a relatively poor working
family. She fought (and
ultimately conquered) a panic
disorder for 25 years of our
marriage. In the last few
years, arthritis and fibromy-
algia diminished her life
and kept her from doing
things she used to enjoy
gardening. Even travel was
getting to be a burden. So now
her struggle is over.
Before her cancer returned
last time, Joanne and I →



talked of our mortality (as over 60 year
old people do). We each said we would
prefer to die before the other. After
her cancer returned, I said I wished
I could trade places with her.
She said she wouldn't want that that
she would find it hard to live without
me.
That's love.

John

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