

To Sheryl and Staff,

I don't know where to begin to tell you all how much you have been to myself and my family over the past four and a half years. When my mom entered Ashley Gardens on January 20, 2006, I would never have dreamed that this was the beginning of a journey that would lead me to where I am today. You have all been a very special part of my life that I will never forget. Each of you have given so much of yourselves to my parents and others that is so much appreciated.

Sheryl, I want to thank you for believing in me and my mission to make sure my dad was afforded the most compassionate care in light of a very devastating diagnosis. It meant so much to me that you were willing to search for the solution and truly make it happen. For that I commend you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To all the staff, and I know there are many who every day gave their all to meet the needs of my dad who was so clear in the mind but unable to communicate in the normal way. You are all angels to me and I know my dad came to trust and love all of you. Shelly, I know you found that special way of understanding what my dad needed and he felt very comfortable taking your direction. I am sure in so many ways my dad has taught all of us how to face adversity with hope no matter what the expected outcome is.

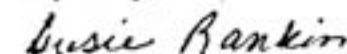
To Michelle and the nursing staff, I know that you all took on an additional responsibility with the addition of the feeding tube and I witnessed you all taking the training and accepting the challenge to meet the needs that this diagnosis and my dad presented to you. For this I commend you. Dad trusted all of you. As a nurse myself, I respected you for all you provided under these difficult circumstances. Janet, you were there to help me with the social aspect of my parent's daily life and keeping me current on what was going on. Your input was always welcomed and much appreciated.

Renee, you are a blessing to this facility and remember, I am there for you too! For you to take that extra time with my dad and capture a letter for Ryan and Carter is something they will cherish forever. They were so happy to be able to spend that last month with him and you added this gift!!

I haven't named everyone by name because I am sure to leave someone out. So I have chosen to thank all of you for what you do every day for every person that enters Ashley Gardens for whatever reason. I know you know who I am talking about because you are the best.

I am sending this letter to the owners of this facility because I feel it is really important for them to understand the value that they are supporting here at Ashley Gardens. You are the best of the best!!

Respectfully,



Susie Rankin

Daughter of Millard (Beck) Beckner and Gertie Beckner

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