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When my mother was coming to the end of her life, Hospice sent a nurse who saw to mom's comfort and advised me in how to care for her. The nurse came to our home once a week and then daily for the days immediately preceding mom's death. Mom's wish to live her life in her home was fulfilled. She died in her own room, in familiar surroundings and I was at her side, holding her hand and praying with her. Without Hospice, my mother would have had to go into a hospital and/or a nursing home, strange and noisy places with unfamiliar people. Her last days would have been so unhappy.

People who have lost hope and want to kill themselves should not be given the means to do so. Assisted suicide does not respect the dignity of the human person. Hospice care respects the dignity of life by giving the care and support that the dying person needs. Oregon and all states should enact laws that respect the dignity of human life.