Why Talk to a Chaplain?

The Brightmoor Hospice Team includes trained and ordained chaplains who are also certified grief counselors. At the end of life, more than any other time, people have questions and need comfort. Our chaplains provide spiritual care, not just for the patient, but also for their caregivers and families.

Our patients are often considering big questions about their lives, their values, and their legacies. And they often want to talk to someone about the afterlife. Even those without a faith community or strong belief in God find solace through our spiritual care team.

Our chaplains facilitate conversations about love, forgiveness and gratitude with families. These include important words like: “I love you”; “I forgive you”; “Please forgive me”; “Thank you.” We hope to help our patients and families leave nothing unsaid.

We are deeply respectful of religious beliefs, practices, and backgrounds of our patients—including those who do not consider themselves religious. Regardless of faith background, when our patients and families need to discuss what matters most, our Chaplains:

- *Provide a sympathetic ear.*
- *Provide comfort and encouragement.*
- *Provide companionship—someone to talk to*
- *Read Scripture and pray with those who request it.*
- *Arrange for a patient to receive the sacrament of the sick.*
- *Work closely with the minister of your church to provide coordination of care.*
- *Arrange communion, baptism, weddings, and regular chapel services.*



Our care for our patients’ families extends beyond the patient’s death. We walk beside our families through the days, weeks, and months ahead.

For grieving families, Brightmoor Hospice chaplains:

- *Offer comfort and a shoulder to cry on.*
- *Offer companionship—someone to talk with about your loved one.*
- *Pray with those who request prayer.*
- *Can officiate your loved one’s celebration of life.*
- *Offer individual grief counseling.*
- *Facilitate grief counseling groups.*
- *Provide ongoing bereavement care for more than a year.*

Chaplains listen and walk with you, so that you know you are not alone. Our hope is to bring comfort and encouragement, so this can be as peaceful a time as possible.