

Treasure Coast Hospice patient fulfills wish to marry

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TREASURE COAST – The recent wedding of 66-year-old Treasure Coast Hospice patient Marcia Gladstone to her beloved David Brasfield brought together a small gathering of close friends and loved ones for a home-based and very intimate ceremony. When Gladstone mentioned to hospice nurse Tammy Lewis her desire to marry her partner of 16 years, the team at Treasure Coast Hospice quickly got to work and helped make the necessary arrangements so she can spend the remainder of her life with him.

Treasure Coast Hospice social worker Romide Dorsaint, MSW worked with the patient and learned that she wanted a simple gathering. Together, they designed a menu that consisted of two Berry Fresh quiches, a large platter of fruit, and a beautifully decorated ocean-themed cake that Publix Supermarkets ultimately donated. Champagne, flowers, a photographer, and a humble wedding arch added to the ambiance of the observance. Arrangements were also made to ensure family and friends could join the nuptial via Zoom.

As a community-based organization with a reputation for consistently providing that special touch, Treasure Coast Hospice even purchased a bowtie for the couple's treasured dog, Georgie!

"Our team loves to do special things for those we care for," said Romide Dorsaint, MSW. "It is truly rewarding to be able to help our patients and their loved ones create beautiful memories and find joy in quality time together."

Following the vows, guests shared stories about how the couple met at a biker event and their mutual love of motorcycles.

Sitting amongst Gladstone's extensive collection of Betty Boop collectibles and memorabilia, recollections of her many other hobbies also filled the air. She traveled extensively, avidly scuba-dived, and reveled in jewelry creation, crafting both glass and metal beads, taught the art of jewelry-making, and participated in the St. Lucie Rock & Gem Club.

Thanks to the support and care of the team at Treasure Coast Hospice, this friendly and outgoing woman fights on with peace and dignity, and most importantly, lives her life on her own terms with her new husband right by her side.



Lisa Paparella, Marcia Gladstone and David Brasfield CONTRIBUTED PHOTO FROM MARYANN KETCHAM