

Molly James: A Caring Life

For seventy-eight years Molly James **lived**. Those who were privileged to know her will confirm that Molly didn't merely exist, but that she lived each day fully...and, for Molly, that meant caring for those around her. "There wasn't a more caring woman around," said Sheila James, daughter-in-law.

Born May 15, 1932, in Jackson County, NC, Molly was one of seven children. After moving to Alexander County in her early 20's, Molly built a life there with husband Ned James. Their family grew more complete with the birth of a son, Dennis...and even more so as they welcomed daughter-in-law Sheila and their only grandson, Cody. Molly was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She invested her life in those she loved.

Just as she had lovingly nurtured her family through the years, Molly excelled in the role of "caregiver" to her husband Ned when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. As Ned's condition deteriorated in 2001, the James family chose Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County, Inc. to help ensure that Ned's final days were of the highest quality possible.

Hospice not only took care of Ned, but took care of his family...showing them ways to help Ned, telling them what to expect, and helping them deal with each step of the journey. "Hospice was wonderful," recalls Sheila James. "We got so close to the staff."

Nine years later, when Molly James was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, the James family once again chose Hospice & Home Care of Alexander County, Inc. to accompany them through this chapter of their lives.

"We'd never have made it without them," said Sheila James. "What they did was from their heart...I know they cared about us. The staff was always eager to help in any way—often going above and beyond what anyone would have expected. Molly wanted to enjoy the final days of her life at home with her family, and Hospice of Alexander County helped make that possible."



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Below: Molly James with her son, Dennis



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