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With the assistance of the IDT, Anna is able to attend her grandson’s wedding.

Anna’s health begins to deteriorate, causing her family emotional distress. The hospice social worker and chaplain are able to counsel and comfort them.

Anna is able to remain on insulin to keep her diabetes stable.

While initially skeptical about hospice, Anna learns she can stay at home, be supported by a care team, and maintain a high quality of life.

A hospice volunteer visits Anna’s home once a week. Anna’s family appreciates the support and companionship Anna receives.

One night, Anna falls in her home. Anna calls the hospice, and a hospice nurse quickly arrives to examine Anna, avoiding an unnecessary trip to the hospital.

Anna’s family continues to receive bereavement care from the hospice for one year after Anna’s death.

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