

# Why we give

## OUR SUPPORT COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

The Kerr Family's support of Transitions LifeCare stretches across more than three decades and counting. Today, the three children of Banks and Dorothy Kerr, Linda Kerr Moore, Debbie Kerr Woody and Johnny Kerr, have teamed up to contribute generously as charter members of the 1979 Circle.



The Kerr Family: daughter, Linda Kerr Moore; daughter, Debbie Kerr Woody; son, Johnny Kerr

The family's involvement began in the early 80s when Johnny joined the board of Hospice of Wake County headquartered in a small rented office space in Cameron Village, just a block from where Johnny's father, Banks Kerr, opened his first drugstore in 1950. "The Hospice board met in a cramped wood paneled room with folding metal chairs and a folding table," said Johnny. "There were maybe 20 or 30 patients and no Medicare or health insurance reimbursement. But what really impressed me then was that Dr. Dunlap had created an organization that provided excellent hospice care regardless of the patient's ability to pay for it."

The Kerr family's support has remained consistent during the rapid growth of what was Hospice of Wake County then to what is Transitions LifeCare today.

In 2000, the Transitions LifeCare team was there for Banks Kerr during his illness and passing. To Bank's memory, his wife Dorothy provided the funding to build the sanctuary that graces the campus of Hospice Home serving patients and their families.

Transitions would also be there for Dorothy during her passing in 2014.

"My brother and sister and I have always heard the heartfelt stories of what Transitions LifeCare had done for loved ones, but I don't think any of us really understood the quality and compassion they provide until we experienced it first hand with our parents' passing," said Debbie.

"Our support comes straight from the heart," added Linda. "And always will."



Hospice Home sanctuary, named in memory of Dorothy Kerr by her family



Hospice Home Medical Supply Room, in memory of Banks Kerr by his family

