

## Stories of Care from the End of Life

The quotes shown here are taken from verbatim adaptations of conversations with people who cared for loved ones at the end of their lives. These stories are part of a research project into experiences of death and dying in rural and coastal areas in the south west of England. The contributors have been closely involved in the process and hope that their story will go on to help others.

### Listen to the stories and share your reflections with us.

The South West Peninsula Palliative Care Research Partnership are exploring how these real life stories can support understanding and development of end of life care. We are keen to hear your views on how these materials may be developed and used. To find out more, to hear the full stories and access our simple survey, visit our stand here at the conference or go to:

[www.torbaycommunities.com/stories-from-the-end-of-life/](http://www.torbaycommunities.com/stories-from-the-end-of-life/)



*I wish I had known that he didn't have to leave the house immediately because that was extremely traumatic to have him pass away at ten to three, and by four-thirty he's in a fridge somewhere.*

*I didn't know I could have had longer.  
Would I have taken it?  
I don't know, but I would like to have had that choice.*

*When Dad passed in hospital they gave me an amazing book about what to do and I used it again for Mum. With a home passing nobody says anything about all the things you need to do when someone dies. It helped direct me, remind me what to do.*

*If you could surround someone with love and say 'we're with you,' that's going to be a far gentler way. You've got to have someone special to coach you into thinking about it. You can't have someone who was like my oncologist. You need someone more like my lovely hospice doctor.*