

January 10, 2011

Ms. Helen Fisher
Executive Director
Ashley Gardens of Mount Vernon
3807 East College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Dear Helen;

To only say thank you to you and the entire staff is inadequate ... for the professional oversight and personal care; for the prompt phone calls when something unusual happened; for accepting us into the Ashley Gardens family on our frequent visits; and especially for the constant and compassionate care during those final days as our husband, father, and grandfather peacefully left this world for the next.

It's been almost four years since we first met and discussed having Wayne spend some time at Ashley Gardens during the day to allow us some much-needed free time to do errands, meet friends for lunch, or just return home for a quiet nap. We immediately felt comfortable with you, the facility, and the caring staff – we knew Ashley Gardens would be the best place for Wayne when the time came for him to have more care than we could provide on a 24-hour basis.

The years went by quickly and as Wayne's disease progressed, you and the entire staff made continual adjustments to insure the proper care and oversight was provided. While it is inadequate, it's all we can say ... thank you so much all for the wonderful care you provided to Wayne during the final stages of his illness.

With sincere gratitude,

The Watkinson Family – Nadine, Mark, Meg and Bryce