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## **Love Light Tree Ceremony Honors Loved Ones**

*Munson Hospice and Palliative Care proves poignant for area families*

Munson Hospice and Palliative Care's Love Light Tree Ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at First Congregational Church in Traverse City.

The Love Light Tree tradition began when Jane Leidich, a Munson nurse, wanted a way to remember her mother who died of cancer in 1995. A tree lighting and memorial ceremony allows families to honor loved ones they miss during the holidays. This year's speaker will be Lisa Ashley, Executive Director for Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, in Petoskey.

Pre-service music will begin at 1:45 p.m. and a reception will follow the service in the Fireside Room.

Donations are accepted and will be used to fund the work of Munson Hospice and Palliative Care. Donors may choose to have the names of their loved ones read in remembrance of them.

Throughout December and January, the Love Light Tree and the memory book containing the names of deceased loved ones will be located in the lobby of Munson Community Health Center near Urgent Care. Three additional Love Light trees located on the lawn in front of Munson's main entrance and the front of the health center will be lit for the month of December.

Information about donating to Munson Hospice and Palliative Care is available at the Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation at **(231) 935-6482**.

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