

## Testimonials

“After my mother passed away and we were going through her items, I remember hearing about the Memory Bears created by Doane House Hospice. I took a couple of her favourite blouses and asked if they could be made into Memory Bears.”

“Those Bears were wonderful gifts to my siblings and I cherish the one that sits with me in my living room.”

“What a lovely way to remember...”

“As one of the volunteers who makes the Memory Bears, the process gives at least as much to me as to the recipient.”



Doane House  
**HOSPICE**

## MEMORY BEARS



Charitable Registration No.:  
14033 7437 RR001

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## Doane House Hospice's Memory Bears involves making beautiful keepsake teddy bears out of cherished clothing.

The creation of Memory Bears can help ease the painful decision about what to do with your loved one's clothing. The bear becomes a comforting family keepsake which holds many special memories. We understand that giving up your loved one's belongings is difficult, even though it is temporary. We assure you that we will take great care of their clothing.

### STEPS FOR CREATING YOUR MEMORY BEAR:

You may visit the Hospice to drop off the clothing and fill in an Order Form, or you may have an Order Form emailed to you, or you may complete an Online Order Form on our website. Local orders may be dropped off at the Hospice from Monday to Friday (9:30 – 4:30).

Clients bring in clothing articles that have significant meaning for them or their loved one. Some examples of clothes that our clients have used are Mom's favourite housecoat, a wedding dress, a christening gown, Dad's terry bathrobe, a flannel shirt, sports shirt, or an unfinished quilt.

After discussing the overall design with the client and photographing each piece of clothing, Doane House Hospice seamstresses construct the bear using the fabric provided. Since the entire body of the bear will be made with the clothing provided, the stiffness or softness of the bear will depend upon the fabric provided. We add a nose and a pair of button eyes and any personalizing finishing touches requested such as a ribbon, a bow, a hat, a scarf, or a backpack for example. Each bear stands approximately fifteen inches tall.

The cost of each bear is \$25.00, or a donation can be made on the Order Form to Doane House Hospice. The bear is photographed and returned to the client. If you would like a photo of your bear and a short bio about your loved one put into the Doane House Hospice Memory Bear Album, please let us know.

For further information on Memory Bears, please call 905-967-0259. We look forward to learning more about the special life of your loved one.

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## MEMORY BEAR ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO IS THE BEAR MADE IN MEMORY OF?

INTERESTED IN SCRAP BOOKING? Y / N

PAYMENT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ INCLUDED IN

CASH

CHEQUE

PLEASE ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR  
COMPLETION OF THE BEARS

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING:

SPECIAL REQUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

