As visitors drive into the parking lot of Vermont Respite House, they will see a striking tree-shaped sculpture in the side garden area. This sculpture was commissioned by Marsha and Gerry Milot, in memory of their dear friend, Don Emmons, who was cared for by VNA’s Hospice program.

The Tree of Remembrance was created by Vermont sculptor Kate Pond out of corten steel with stainless steel birds to be engraved with the names of individuals who died under the care of VNA End-of-Life Care services.

The Tree stands about nine feet tall, and has already weathered to a dark reddish/brown color. Fragments of poetry by Vermont poet Daniel Lusk are cut into the six faces of the tree, giving the illusion of leaves and allowing light from the sky to pass through the sculpture. Stainless steel birds in five different shapes are attached to the trunk and branches of the tree.

We are offering all families who have had a loved one served by the VNA’s Vermont Respite House, Hospice Program, Palliative Care Program, Madison-Deane Initiative, Noyana Singers or Camp Knock Knock the opportunity to have that loved one’s name added to this special memorial. Names only will be hand engraved on the birds. There is space for just one name on each bird.

The intent of this sculpture is that it be a lasting memorial and a way to help support VNA End-of-Life Care Programs. Families can make a donation of $500 to have a bird engraved. Many birds are still available.

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Tree of Remembrance Engraved Bird Form

Donor/Family Name: ________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _____________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________

Person to be Remembered (as you want the name engraved)

I/We want our gift of $500.00 to go to (check one, please)

☐ Vermont Respite House
☐ Hospice and Palliative Care Programs
☐ Camp Knock Knock
☐ Madison-Deane Initiative
☐ Noyana Singers
☐ Children’s Supportive Care Program

I/We do not want to purchase a bird but wish to make a donation of $_______

Payment:

We accept personal checks, Visa, Mastercard and Discover. Please make checks payable to the program you selected.

☐ Check OR Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on your credit card

Credit card number

Expiration Date 3-Digit Security Code

Signature
Please mail this form with your payment to:

Visiting Nurse Association
Development Office
1110 Prim Road
Colchester, VT 05446

Please call 860-4434 with any questions.

VNA End-of-Life Care services include:
VNA Hospice Program; Palliative Care Program;
Vermont Respite House; Madison-Deane Initiative;
Noyana Singers and Camp Knock Knock.

For more information about VNA services,
call (802) 658-1900 or visit www.vnacares.org.

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