

Heroes in the Home Caregiver Recognition Award 2018

Patrick Sweeny

Patrick is a devoted husband who provides care and support to his wife Patricia who lives with Alzheimer's and needs around the clock assistance and supervision, as she struggles with memory issues and requires cueing for most tasks.

Patrick is patient, loving and kind, providing supportive guidance for Patricia while maintaining her dignity. Taking on the role of his wife's caregiver was a given for Patrick, who has been married to Patricia for 62 years. They first met when he was medical intern and Patricia was a student nurse. Once they were married, they continued to work together and raised a family of four children.

Patrick is so proud of his wife and the work she accomplished as a nurse. He supports Patricia in attending her monthly nurses' dinner with a group of nurses she studied with many years ago. Patrick is a dedicated partner and caregiver who always puts Patricia's needs before his own. The couple is devoted to each other and very much in love. Patrick's dedication to Patricia is particularly moving as he is always kind and light-hearted, showing nothing but patience – supporting his wife with a smile.

Patrick and Patricia have travelled the world and are now retired, enjoying life at a retirement home where Patrick is by his wife's side at all times to ensure her safety and wellbeing. He accompanies her to the dining room for meals, administers medications, helps her with bathing and dressing, and accompanies her to appointments. He has also equipped Patricia with a GPS monitor and an installed an alarm on their apartment door in case his wife may become confused and leave their suite on her own. He is attentive to all her needs and looks out for her at all times.

Patrick is a doting husband and proud father who has spent his entire life serving his community as a physician and, now that he is retired, spends his time caring for his wife, Patricia. We are most grateful to Patrick for his outstanding contributions as a caregiver, and we are pleased to honour him as a Hero in the Home!



**Nominated by
Tanya Hughes**