

## Heroes in the Home Caregiver Recognition Award 2018

### Bruce Saxton



Bruce and Linda Saxton have been married for 46 years and are as much in love now as they were when they first met. Back then, neither Linda nor Bruce would have imagined that one of them would become a 24/7 caregiver, fulfilling the traditional marriage vows of standing by their beloved through sickness and health.

In 2016, Linda began experiencing horrible pain and loss of functionality. Bruce was there for Linda in every way, from the very beginning when a diagnoses eluded them, taking her to endless medical appointments, helping her make difficult decisions and standing by her during treatments and hospital stays. Bruce had to quickly become adept in dealing with Linda's health issues including complex pain and nausea and understanding medical equipment needs and functionality.

As a couple, their reality changed dramatically, but Linda and Bruce seemed to take everything in stride, with Bruce becoming the greatest caregiver Linda could have hoped for. He has been with Linda for every appointment, keeping the entire family apprised of her health status. Bruce learned all that he could to assist Linda through her health challenges.

He retired in order to care for Linda full time, organizing every detail of her care needs and jokingly referring to himself as Linda's social secretary. Bruce never leaves Linda on her own, taking care of her every need along with tending to the housework, menu planning, shopping, preparing meals and taking Linda out for walks and other outings. Through thick and thin, Bruce has been a diamond in the rough, treating Linda's care team with deep respect and a sense of calm pleasantness. Linda and Bruce mean the world to each other, now more than ever, as Linda continues on her journey. Bruce has done absolutely everything possible to provide Linda with tender loving care and support and we are pleased to recognize him as a Hero in the Home!



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