



Providing Stability During a Time of Change

Needs: Neil and Sue needed help making Dot, Neil's 84-year old mother who suffered from advanced dementia, comfortable in their home while she was on the waiting list for a near-by nursing home.

In-Home Personal Care—Dot needed help throughout the day with bathing, grooming, transferring, and other personal care activities.

Comfort—Neil and Sue, above all, wanted Dot to feel comfortable in their home.

Companionship—Regular, dependable companionship, though not initially considered a key factor, provided a sense of stability that was essential to Dot's comfort.

Problem: When Dot's dementia advanced past a certain point, her assisted living facility felt that they could no longer provide the care that she needed. Since Dot lived in a rural area, there were no nursing facilities to which she could transfer. Instead, she moved to the city and lived with her son Neil and his wife Sue, who thought they could provide a comfortable living environment for Dot.

Although Dot's condition improved briefly after the move, it quickly worsened, making Neil and Sue realize that a full-care nursing home would be the best place for her. Neil researched the options and decided on a facility that was both reputable and close to their home---making frequent visits possible. However, the long waitlist would delay her move for two to six months. Neil and Sue knew that they had not been able to offer Dot the level of comfort or stability they had originally hoped to, but they were not sure what else they could do while Dot waited for admission to the nursing facility.

Solution: Through Bette Care, Bobbie was introduced to the family. Initially, she worked with Dot three days a week to make her stay at Neil and Sue's house as comfortable as possible. She helped Dot with grooming, bathing, and transferring. As Bobbie and Dot found their routine, they also developed a close bond with one another.



Result: Neil and Sue saw a notable difference in Dot: she was happier and more relaxed when Bobbie was around. By the time Dot moved into the nursing home, two and half months later, Bobby was spending five and a half days per week with Dot. The full-care nursing home was the best place for Dot, but they realized that she needed more than just the care of the nursing home staff. She also needed the stability of seeing Bobbie, so Bobbie continued to visit Dot in the mornings even after she moved into the nursing facility. The visits remained regular until Dot passed away. Though Neil and Sue were heartbroken over Dot's passing, they were thankful that Bobbie added so much comfort and stability to Dot's final days.

Lesson: In the final days of life, comfort and stability can make all the difference.

DIRECT FEEDBACK

"We are so thankful that Bobbie was able to make my mother feel comfortable and safe both in our home and then in her nursing home." -- Neil

CASE RELATED SERVICES

Respite Care, Bathing, Dressing, Grooming, Transferring, Companionship

DIRECT FEEDBACK

"As soon as I met Bobbie, I knew that she would be a great help, but I had no idea that she would be such an integral part of Dot's life - and ours." -- Sue

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