

## Compass Regional Hospice Social Worker Wins Clinical Excellence Award

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Pictured at the Compass Regional Hospice Cynthia L. Nugent Clinical Excellence Award in Hospice and Palliative Care awards ceremony are (left to right) Cynthia and Bob Nugent's granddaughter Liz; Heather Guerieri, executive director; Cynthia and Bob Nugent's daughter Rebecca Boglioli; award winner Michelle Tuttle, MSW; Michelle's daughters Katharine and Annaliese Tuttle; and Michelle's husband Lewis Tuttle.



Michelle Tuttle, MSW, (right) the 2016 winner of the Compass Regional Hospice Cynthia L. Nugent Clinical Excellence Award in Hospice and Palliative Care, was joined in her celebration by Heather Guerieri, executive director; and Cynthia and Bob Nugent's daughter Rebecca Boglioli.

Michelle Tuttle, MSW, is the 2016 winner of the Cynthia L. Nugent Clinical Excellence Award in Hospice and Palliative Care. The award is named in honor of the late Cynthia Nugent, a hospice nurse who dedicated eight years of her life to Hospice of Queen Anne's, now Compass Regional Hospice.

After Cynthia Nugent died in 2009, her husband, Bob, wanted to honor her work as a hospice nurse and recognize the excellent care she received as a patient at the Hospice Center in Centreville. Bob Nugent proposed creating an annual award that would honor Cynthia's memory by recognizing a staff member whose work meets high levels of excellence.

Tuttle, who lives in Queenstown, was nominated by her peers for this award, which recognizes a Compass Regional Hospice clinical care provider who has shown outstanding dedication and excellence in caring for terminally ill patients and assisting their families.

A hospice social worker experienced in caring for patients and their families, Tuttle has been a member of the Compass Regional Hospice clinical team for nine years. One of the award nominators wrote, “Michelle has touched many families lives including those of us who she works with. She cares about our organization and is true to our mission.”

Heather Guerieri, executive director, Compass Regional Hospice, says, “I had the honor to work alongside Cynthia at Hospice of Queen Anne’s for several years. She was one of the best hospice nurses’ I have ever worked with in my career. Cynthia would be proud that Michelle received the award in part because she exhibits the same passion that Cynthia did in caring for her patients.”

Guerieri adds, “I want to thank Bob Nugent for establishing this award, which includes a financial gift for the winner and recognizes the valuable work done by the Compass Regional Hospice nurses, hospice aides, social workers and grief counselors.”

Other Compass Regional Hospice staff who have earned the Cynthia L. Nugent Clinical Excellence Award in Hospice and Palliative Care include hospice nurse, Sarah Severs, nurse practitioner Lisa Adkins, social worker Sharon Loving, hospice aide Beverly Baynard, hospice nurse Melissa “Missy” Willis, bereavement counselor Rhonda Knotts, and hospice aide Melanie Glacken.