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**Community invited to celebrate loved ones at  
memorial butterfly release ceremonies**

*Ceremonies to be held in Greenville, O'Fallon, Highland and Breese  
hosted by HSHS Home Care*

**O'FALLON, III.** — HSHS Home Care invites community members to join them for butterfly release ceremonies at locations throughout southern Illinois at these Hospital Sisters Health System hospitals:

- **HSHS Holy Family Hospital, Greenville**  
Wednesday, May 13 at 4 p.m. in the fountain area (front of the hospital)
- **HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital, O'Fallon**  
Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Health Center
- **HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland**  
Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Healing Garden
- **HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital, Breese**  
Wednesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Healing Garden/Gazebo Area

Family and friends are invited to celebrate and remember the life of a loved one who has passed. The ceremonies will include the reading of the names of those being honored in addition to the butterfly release.

Valerie Engelbart, Bereavement Services Supervisor for HSHS Home Care, said, "These butterfly release ceremonies provide a special time for families in our communities to honor their loved ones. The butterfly represents the transformation of the spirit as our loved ones transition from this life. As we release butterflies together, we celebrate the lives that have touched our hearts and find comfort in our shared experiences of love and loss."

In addition to attending to honor a loved one, you are invited to personally release a butterfly for your loved one by reserving a butterfly for \$15 to be paid prior to the ceremony. To purchase a butterfly and/or RSVP for the ceremony, contact Engelbart by calling or texting 217-685-0702 or emailing [valerie.engelbart@hshs.org](mailto:valerie.engelbart@hshs.org).

You may also reserve a butterfly online by visiting [giving.hshs.org/sae/donate](https://giving.hshs.org/sae/donate) and following these steps:

- Under the “I want to support” section, select “Butterfly Release and/or Hospice Memorials”.
- Check “I would like to dedicate this gift”, select type of dedication (In Memory Of), and fill in the name of your loved one under “Honoree name.”

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[Hospital Sisters Health System \(HSHS\)](https://hshs.org) is a nonprofit Catholic health care ministry founded in 1875. Dedicated to our Mission to reveal and embody Christ’s healing love for all people through high-quality Franciscan health care, HSHS clinicians provide exceptional care centered on the whole person. Based in Springfield, Illinois, HSHS colleagues provide care in 13 acute-care, children’s and critical access hospitals and home health and hospice programs in Central and Southern Illinois and Eastern Wisconsin. HSHS is aligned with primary and specialty physicians and advanced practitioners through its owned affiliates [HSHS Medical Group](#) and [Prairie Cardiovascular](#), its partnership with [Prevea Health](#), and with many other providers serving on medical staffs. For more information about HSHS, visit [hshs.org](https://hshs.org).