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**From:** Parks, Grey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 12:13 PM  
**To:** Bryant, Rebecca Battle; Scott, Darrell  
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Please see story below from our LVER in Spartanburg.

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**From:** McAbee, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 12:07 PM  
**To:** VetReps  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Pamela; Parks, Grey  
**Subject:** Wild Bill

I'm writing all of you because this is all a result of the job that DVOPs and LVERs do and don't always know

the end results or the difference we make. Just about all of you know about William Honeycutt, and for those that don't it has been case noted in SCWOS. What is not in the case notes is probably the biggest success that occurred in Bill's life. It is not measurable nor is there a service code and case note that can be added. In late January Bill's employer called me and told me Bill was sick and he was worried because Bill wouldn't go to the doctor. Bill went to the VA and had an upper-respiratory infection. They gave him antibiotics and cough medicine to get rid of the problem. Bill went through the antibiotic but was still sick. Bill set-up an appointment for a chest X-Ray on March 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> I went by Bill's house and he could hardly breathe so I knew he probably had pneumonia. On the 18<sup>th</sup> Bill had his chest X-Ray and the same day I received a call from the VA telling me that Bill did have pneumonia. They said that they could see him in Columbia on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I took Bill to the VA Outpatient in Spartanburg before work on 3/19/2014 because I didn't think he would last until the 27<sup>th</sup>. While at Spartanburg VA outpatient the Spartanburg Regional ambulance pulled up and Bill was taken into the ER. Bill was there for 7 days and they drained 3 liters of fluid off his left lung. He was also told that he had Stage 4 Lung Cancer and that the average time was 10 to 12 months with Kemo. Bill and I sat in his hospital room and cried because Bill's life was not average. Bill would go to the hospital 2 more times the first to have a lung tube inserted that was not to be removed. The next was for dehydration and pneumonia which took 10 days to get him back to just cancer. I took my lunches at the hospital and spent my nights there with him. Bill's decline was happening fast and Kemo had not been started. I started to worry about Bill's dying without seeing his family, his burial, and his soul. You see I had met Bill's sister once before but through our conversation I knew the relationship had been over for years. I explained to her that I could only tell her of the Bill I knew and that I couldn't turn my back on him after 26 months of watching him change his life. Bill was saved on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Seeds of Hope ministries. Last night before he passed away I met Bill's sister, 2 brothers, and his daughter. I watched as they cried for a family member that they gave up on 5 years before. Bill's sister and I were the 2 left when Bill took his last breath on this earth. I have not found out if the family is going to handle the funeral arrangements or if that will be also be my responsibility. If that be the case then I will bury my friend with love and the knowledge that William Honeycutt climbed out from under a bridge after 2 years of heavy substance abuse and cleaned his self-up. He got and maintained employment and was able to get his own house. And in his last moments he was surrounded by friends and family saying good bye before he opened his eyes in the Kingdom of God. I love you Bill and will miss our time together!!! Thanks to all of you for the work you do daily and know that you do change peoples' lives.

Thanks,

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