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### **College**

Hawaii Pacific University  
Central Michigan University  
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### **Degree**

BS, Nursing  
MSA, Health Services Administration  
MSN, Nursing Education (2014)

Prior to joining Hospice of Marion County in 2011, Kathy spent seven years as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at College of Central Florida. She has more than 20 years of experience in nursing and education. Her nursing experience spans various acute care and community health settings. Prior to her nursing career, Kathy spent eight years in the US Army as a combat medic/patient care specialist.

Kathy belongs to the National League of Nursing. She enjoys traveling, quilting and spending time with her family. She is married to Mac Dismuke, who works at CF as the Learning Resource Center manager. They have three grown children and a grandson, with another grandchild on the way. Kathy is originally from Massachusetts, but also lived in Virginia, Hawaii, California and New Jersey as a military family. She moved to Ocala to help care for her mother who passed away in 2005.

As a nursing professor, Kathy learned about palliative care and the benefits of hospice. Her family was blessed with two extra years with her mother who succumbed to pancreatic cancer while receiving care from Hospice of Citrus County and Shands. They honored her wish to see her family before she passed by taking an RV trip with the support of hospice. Kathy's Uncle Bill had a longer battle with end-stage heart failure and seizures and was supported by hospice. In the hospice house both him and his dog Riley received loving care and support until his final days. Her brother-in-law passed with esophageal cancer at the young age of 58 and was cared for at home with hospice support.