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Paula joined Hospice of Marion County in 2011 with more than ten years of nursing experience, having most recently worked at The Vines Hospital. She comes to HMC with experience in acute care, hospice and palliative care. Paula worked locally at Kindred Healthcare and at Family Hospice and Palliative Care in Pennsylvania.

In her spare time, Paula enjoys building dollhouses, photography and gardening. She is the proud mother of two adult children and a mixed family of rescued dogs and cats. Paula initially went to work with hospice after seeing how compassionately they were taking care of her mother. "When I was in nursing school, we had to take a two week rotation with hospice. I cried for the entire two weeks. All I could see was the dying, and the devastation to the family. Years go by and my mom was diagnosed as being terminal. The nurses at Family Hospice in Pittsburgh taught me that it wasn't about the dying...it was about living as best you could during the journey. Ultimately, they recruited me into their organization and I stayed with them for almost two years before I came back to Florida."