



## Ti cats fan in palliative care honoured by team

A season ticket holder from the  
beginning

Bill Hrasko has been a [Hamilton Tiger-Cats](#)

When you ask him about his love for the team, he talks about the good old days. They were always in contention for the cup, he says.

This year's home opener, his 66th, was the last Ticats game Bill will ever attend. He and his son, Billy Jr., sat in the club level seats they've enjoyed since the stadium reopened as Tim Horton's Field. It was a meaningful moment for the long-time fans. Not long after the game, Bill, who has Alzheimer's, was admitted to St. Peter's Hospital (SPH). He's in kidney failure and has been on the [Palliative Care Unit](#) for the past seven weeks.

It's like a family here, says Bill's wife, Kathy, who spends hours at his side each day. Everybody knows everybody. It's like a community.

## Making a special memory for Bill and his family

Last weekend, that community welcomed a few more members more muscular than most, and undoubtedly faster, but full of the same friendly spirit that thrives at SPH.

You couldn't have asked for three nicer men, recalls Kathy. They were all lovely.

*He was wowed.*

Those three men were Jeremiah Masoli, Luke Tasker, and Brandon (Speedy B) Banks, three of the Ticats' star players. The team arranged for them to visit the hospital after Bill's grandson called and asked if they might be able to help his grandpa tick an item off his bucket list. They presented Bill with an the

face light up, Kathy says. He was wowed.



Kathy doesn't know how much longer Bill has. For now, he and his family are enjoying as much time as possible together, especially when the football game is on TV. They do know one thing for sure: when he's gone, they'll remain season ticket holders, and cherish warm memories of their Bill as they watch his cats.