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## URGENT! KITTEN FOOD NEEDED

We are very much in need of dry and canned KITTEN food — the dry adult food is just too hard for tiny mouths to handle.

Sadly, once again, kitten season has caused our number of residents to swell, so your donations will be greatly appreciated.

If you can donate food or funds to help, please bring your items to the Hillside SPCA during regular business hours.

Door-to-door directions and hours are available on our main website at www.hillsidespca.com

Thank you!



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## No matter what



aving cats and kittens from starvation, abandonment, neglect or other forms of cruelty continues to be a large part of Hillside's mission. This greatly contributes to our constantly overcrowded cat quarters.

When calls come in from police or individuals about cats in trouble, an immediate response is almost always needed. In a matter of hours, we often need to find space for a dozen or more felines. Somehow, we always do so. We must.

The past few months have been no exception — seventeen cats from an over-

whelmed person living in not so healthy conditions; four from an abandoned apartment; ten from a person who thought she was giving them proper care but wasn't — with more to come; and the list goes on.

These rescued felines are rarely in good physical condition, rarely spayed or neutered and almost always flea and worm infested.

Add to this list cats that were rescued by individuals because of severe weather conditions (almost triple the amount this winter). Our undaunted staff, stressed as they are, always meets the challenges.

This is why the Hillside SPCA exists. This is why under the most adverse conditions we continue to rescue the abandoned, the neglected, the homeless and the injured — no matter what.

Our sincerest, heartfelt "Thanks" go to you, our kind and generous supporters, for allowing our mission to continue.

### Staff and volunteers — My Saviors

Without my staff and volunteers, the Hillside would not have been able to endure this winter. Conditions were atrocious due to a long and harsh stretch of brutal weather. Our fantastic crew of dedicated volunteers worked endlessly to remove ice and snow — shoveling and chopping until they all had calluses, until they were physically exhausted — to make sure the Hillside was accessible and available for everyone to get to us.

It brought tears to my eyes watching all my staff and volunteers give so much of themselves and knowing we are blessed to have people who love animals so much supporting us! Between enduring slips and falls and battling treacherous conditions, they made it possible to walk and move around safely. They restore my faith in humanity.

Always know how important and loved you are and how much you mean to us and our buddies!

~ Barbara Umlauf, Shelter Manager

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#### **Shelter Visitation and Adoption Hours**

#### **Dog Quarters**

7 days a week — 11 am to 3 pm Cat Quarters

7 days a week—11 am to 3:30 pm

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#### **High Postage Costs**

To help defray the high cost of postage, it will be greatly appreciated if either a first-class rate postage stamp or a self-addressed stamped envelope be included with your mailed donations if you require a receipt or acknowledgement. Every little bit helps as we continue to struggle to keep our doors open. Thank you!

## Kindness reaches far and near



Hillside's Maureen and "Bella"

Richard, a long-distance truck driver from Washington state, was unexpectedly admitted to a local hospital and was frantic to get help for his four-legged best friend.

Sweet-tempered beagle mix Bella, his constant companion and co-pilot, re-

mained alone in the cab of his 18-wheeler parked at a local truck stop.

When Hillside SPCA received the urgent message from a concerned hospital nurse, we immediately answered the call.

Brutally cold weather made the "rescue" a top priority and within a few hours Bella was safe in our care.

Visiting Richard in the hospital, we shared happy updates and photos of his "girl" easing his mind. Yes indeed, we assured him, Bella was in good hands and she could remain with us as long as necessary.

Several days later a joyous reunion took place as Richard and Bella were together again, then off on their cross-country journey once more. He was deeply touched by everyone's kindness.

Richard said he will always remember Hillside's exceptional compassion shared with a stranger and his dog from the west coast. But we believe that no one loving a pet as he does is ever a "stranger"!

# YES! I want to be a part of helping "Joe's Fund" save lives!

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# You are our miracle workers

Joe would have been 42-years-old on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and the very best birthday gift that my Joe, myself, and our buddies could have ever received were your gifts for Joe's Fund — gifts that literally saved hundreds of lives since my last note to you in our winter 2013 newsletter.

Excessive ice, snow, and brutally cold temperatures made this a terribly difficult winter. That coupled with handling a three-fold increase in cruelty cases made this the worst — and most overwhelming — winter Hillside has faced in our 29 years in operation.

The extreme cruelty of some people is appalling. I can never comprehend how they sit in their warm houses knowing their animals are freezing to death outside. *Blizzard*, chained to a pole in 5F degree weather was starving and filled with BB pellets after being shot. We



rushed him to the vet where the pellets were removed and he was diagnosed as suffering from extreme hypothermia and frostbite.

When we brought Blizzard back to Hill-side, he cringed from the hands extended to pet him and urinated from fear. It was heartbreaking to see that a human's touch terrorized him so as a result of the abuse he suffered. After several weeks of receiving all the love and compassion my staff could give him, he became an affectionate and happy dog. He thought the

Hillside was Disneyworld. He has been adopted by a very loving family whom he adores.

Beautiful cat, *Robbie*, was found frozen to the ground and spent two weeks at the vet due to severe illness. There were so



many times he almost lost his fight, but because of you, we didn't have to give up on treatment or hope — and now he is adopted and living in one of the best homes ever!

We also responded to three disgraceful hoarding cases in the span of only two weeks, leaving us with over thirty severely abused and neglected animals that required extensive vet care, grooming, and love. Two local grooming businesses, who both help us out quite often at no cost to us, changed their schedules so they could help us get all of these animals bathed and groomed in record time.

And it was imperative it be done in record

time because we were SO crowded. We rushed to put these sweet animals on the internet in an attempt to get them homes as quickly as possible. This poodle is just one of these dozens of hoarding victims after her grooming. This little one, as well as the

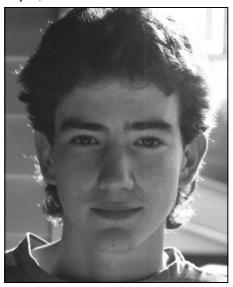


rest of the animals from these cases, are all now adopted and deeply loved.

Many times I have thanked you, but never before as I do now. We could never have saved all these animals without YOU! You made an impossible situation possible — more than possible — a miracle!

My staff and I were so depressed and frustrated but you made it springtime for us. It is the happy endings like these that keep us going no matter what. All of these animals were given a second chance and are now adopted because you made it happen. I just cannot even imagine what I would ever do without you, my miracle workers. Sleep well at night knowing you made the difference between life and death through all the love you have shared.

My Joe would be so proud of you as I am, and he would be so thrilled that because of you, he made a difference in his short



life. For that, there are no words to ever tell you how much I love and appreciate you — more that you will ever know.

All paws salute my Joe's supporters!

~ Barbara, Joe, and Buddies

#### Upcoming Fundraising Events

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for these upcoming events to raise much needed funds for the Hillside SPCA. Our calendar of events is ever growing. Visit <a href="https://www.hillsidespca.com/fundraising.htm">www.hillsidespca.com/fundraising.htm</a> for current information, updates and additions. Hope to see you there!

#### April

- 4/04 Bowling 4 Paws at Valley Lanes, 4865 State Route 29, Elizabethville, PA. 7PM to 10PM. DJ, 50/50, and door prize \$2 per game
- 4/05 Bowling 4 Paws at Valley Lanes, 4865 State Route 29, Elizabethville, PA. 1PM to 10PM. DJ, 50/50, and door prize \$2 per game
- 4/05 Spring Craft Show at Schuylkill Technology Center, Frackville (PA) Campus. 9AM to 2PM. Merchandise sale.
- 4/27 Rubber Duckie Race at Wal-Mart, St. Clair, PA. 11AM to 4PM. Merchandise sale.
- 4/27 **Gift Card Bingo** at St. Clair Lion's Club, McCord Ave., St. Clair, PA. 100% of event proceeds benefit the Hillside SPCA Cat quarters. 1PM—5:30PM, Doors open 11AM. \$20 admission for 20 games, each prize is gift card/card valued at \$50. Cash bingo specials, door prizes, \$250 instant lottery ticket basket raffle, food, refreshments. For advance ticket sales, info, to donate, contact Desiree @ 570-640-3496

#### May

- 5/03 Car Show sponsored by Gear Grinders Car Club at Advance Auto, Cressona Mall, Cressona, PA. 2PM to 6PM. Merchandise sale.
- 5/04 Spring Craft Show at Hometown Farmer's Market, Hometown, PA. 9AM to 4PM. Merchandise sale.
- 5/17 Kielbasa Festival, Main St. Shenandoah, PA. 11AM to 5PM. Merchandise sale.
- 5/18 Bear Creek Festival at Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Summit Station, PA. 12 Noon to 4PM. Merchandise sale.
- 5/24 Spring Craft Show at Fairlane Village Mall, St. Clair, PA. 10AM to 7PM. Vendors, Chinese Auction, 50/50, Crafters, Merchandise sale.

#### **June**

- 6/15 Tamaqua Summer Festival, East Broad and Center Sts., Tamaqua, PA. 10AM to 5PM. Merchandise sale.
- 6/20 Hillside SPCA Night at Big Diamond Raceway. Forestville, PA. 4PM to 11PM. Basket raffle and merchandise sale.
- 6/21 Bark For Life of the Coal Region, Mount Carmel Town Park, Mount Carmel, PA. 3PM to 8PM. Merchandise sale.

#### <u>July</u>

- 7/03 Drawing for Annual Backyard Bash chances
- 7/19 Ringtown Yard Sale, Main St., Ringtown, PA. 6AM to 2PM. Sno-Cones, merchandise sale.
- 7/26 Christmas in July Craft/Vendor Show, Moyer's Grove Campground, Wapwallopen, PA. 10AM to 4PM. Merchandise sale.
- 7/28 to 8/02 Schuylkill County Fair at Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Summit Station, PA. Merchandise sale.

#### Extended Date Fundraising Events

#### Now to July 3rd

**Backyard Bash Drawing Ticket Sales,** event/drawing for prizes is 7/3, \$1 donation per chance ticket. *First Prize*— full-size Brinkmann Gas Grill, plus cooler filled with fine spirits & \$50 cash. *Second Prize*—\$100 Instant Lottery Ticket Board. Chances available at the Hillside SPCA. *WE NEED TICKET SELLERS*! If interested in selling chances or for more event info, contact Diane @ 570-462-0194

#### Ongoing

Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser. All proceeds benefit Hillside SPCA. Unique and fun!! Have a "flock" of plastic pink flamingoes placed in someone's yard — as a birthday greeting, to celebrate a special occasion for family or a friend, as a practical joke, or just to show your support!

Small (12) flock—\$15, Medium (20) flock—\$20, Large (36) flock—\$30

For more details or to order, call Diane at 570-449-0229/570-462-0194 or Janine at 570-617-3722

# Waiting for a home

These, and many, MANY more animals in all shapes, sizes, and ages are waiting patiently for a loving, forever home. The Hillside SPCA is open 7 days a week. Photos and details of many more pets available, our business hours, and door-to-door driving directions can be found on our website at www.hillsidespca.com Our companion page to our main website is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hillsidespca Join us there for even more news and information about the shelter, pet care, animals in need, events, and much more.



# Every dog has their day

In late 2013, our paths crossed with a handsome, older Beagle named Chipper who was surrendered to our shelter because he could no longer hunt and had severe cataracts. It was quickly obvious to us that Chipper had more going on than "just" cataracts.

Thanks to Joe's Fund, we were able to have Chipper examined by a veterinarian who confirmed our suspicions — Chipper did indeed have a lot going on health-wise. He had a mouth full of rotting teeth and in addition, seemed to be in extreme

pain every time he would open his mouth.

Despite all of this, Chipper would wag his tail every single time he would hear his name. He may have been blind from the cataracts but he was a typical Beagle — he could certainly smell you and hear you!

We immediately put out a plea via social networking in an attempt to find Chipper, at the very least, a good foster home where his food could be pureed and he could receive all the TLC he had missed out on for such a long time.

Fortunately, Hillside knows and works with a wonderful couple who welcome special needs dogs into their home. They fell in love with him and wanted to open their home and hearts to this special little guy. Chipper had just won his doggy version of the lottery!

We delivered Chip to his new parents on New Years Eve. We were so grateful Chipper had a new start in such a loving home. After many (happy) tears were shed, off he went. There is a saying, "Every dog has their day." and this was Chipper's!

Quickly settling in, Chip mastered the doggie door and had no problem finding the kitchen and sticking close by as his special meals were prepared. His tail never stopped wagging and he was a joy to have around.



Upon a visit to his new veterinarian, it was determined Chip had TMJ, a very painful condition of the jaw that makes eating and chewing excruciatingly painful.

Everyone felt being in chronic pain was no way to live so Chip underwent surgery that removed his rotting teeth and also stretched his jaw muscles so he would be able to enjoy food and receive proper nourishment.

Unfortunately, during that surgery, an inoperable mass was discovered in the back of his throat. Chipper came home and did quite well, still going on to enjoy laps in his fenced yard and plenty of cuddle time.

Sadly, the tumor in his throat continued to grow larger and Chipper's health once again declined. Breathing lying down became too laborious.

His Mom and Dad made the heart-breaking decision to let Chipper go and cross "the bridge" — a decision made even more heart wrenching because he had come so far and was finally happy and in a loving home.

Though he only had about two months with his new pain-free life, we know that Chipper was grateful for all the care he received.

We can never repay his Mom and Dad for all they did for Chipper (and for countless other special needs dogs). They, like we, knew from the moment he entered our lives that he was a special guy.

Through all his agony, his tail never stopped wagging — and continued even to his final breath. We believe this was a testament to Chipper's apprecia-

tion of all the help we all were able to give him and his thankfulness at being saved after his original owner ignored Chipper's agony and misery for so very long.

The Hillside is a truly unique shelter and organization — a place where the workers and volunteers consistently go above and beyond for the animals in our care. At almost any other shelter Chipper would have been euthanized upon arrival.

Your heartfelt support, and your kind and generous gifts to "Joe's Fund", are what allow us to be the kind of shelter that can offer second chances to Chipper and others like him...the kind of shelter where animals in need of extensive care, or those deemed "unadoptable" by other places, are not automatically written off but given the help they deserve.

You bless us with the ability to be the kind of shelter that gave Chipper a chance at knowing a pain-free life, even if for a short time, and one that allowed him to leave this world knowing real love...which is what it is really all about.



"Rescue animals aren't "broken", they have simply experienced more in life than other animals. If they were human, we would call them "wise". They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write, the ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. Don't pity them. Do something. Rescue. Donate. Volunteer. Foster. Adopt. And be proud to have their greatness by your side."

# No "un-adoptables" here

s far as we are concerned, there are no "un-adoptable" cats at Hill-side SPCA.

True, most people who visit our feline quarters look for a cute, cuddly, friendly kitten or cat. Others might be looking for a more laid back one; or possibly one that is a bit feisty, as most tortoise cats (torties) are.

Some prefer longhaired over short haired kitties. Our so-called "special needs" cats (with a missing eye or limb, or some other physical problem) almost always find homes. We also get a few adopters who say, "I will look around until one of them adopts me!"

Unfortunately, we do have cats that keep getting passed over but when their day comes the entire staff is elated!

Take *Tye*, a striking older grey and white gal who's been with us eight years. Quite a few adopters gave serious consideration to her — until they tried to pick her up.



They couldn't; so she was passed over. Recently Tye did find her forever home when a family who didn't care whether she ever sat on their laps fell in love with her and took her home. Elation does not come close to describe how our staff felt that day.

Sidney, with us for four years, was as friendly as any cat could be. He would snuggle up to almost everyone, so we never understood why he kept getting passed over. It was a happy day when **Sidney's** luck changed.



His snuggling ways finally paid off when at last, a very nice lady just could not say "No" to this persistent tabby. Sidney is now in the public eye, as his owner features him regularly on Facebook!

Then there is handsome *Trevor*, who was featured twice in our newsletters. He was so shy we thought he'd never find a home. Well he did, as did *Harrison*, a straggly looking long-haired boy.



A wonderful lady read about them, and it was love at first sight when they met in person. Amazingly and happily, Trevor acts as if he lived his whole life in his new home with his friend Harrison!

We truly believe there is someone out there for each and every one of our cats, but we need your help to get them adopted.

Please visit us. Tell your friends and neighbors about Hillside SPCA and the many wonderful cats that need them.

Our staff works long and hard and their greatest wish is for each and every feline here to some day soon find their forever homes.

## No excuses

Every day in the US 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. There will never be enough homes for them all.

The health and social benefits of **spaying and neutering** are many.

Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces incidences of breast cancer. Medical evidence even indicates that females spayed *before* their first heat are typically healthier.

Neutering males eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease. It does not result in your male pet "feeling less manly"

Pets don't have any concept of "ego" or "macho" feelings. Animals do not have an emotional reaction to neutering. This is a strictly human trait that we project onto our pets.

Spayed and neutered pets are more affectionate companions, less likely to bite and have fewer undesirable behavior issues.

Neutered male cats are less likely to spray and mark territory. Spaying female cats eliminates the incessant crying and nervous behavior they display and avoids the attraction of unwanted male animals.

Neutered pets are less likely to roam the neighborhood, try to run away or to get into fights. Studies show that about 80% of dogs hit by cars are unneutered.

Pets are living, breathing creatures that count on us to do the right thing for them.

The most compelling fact of all is that spaying and neutering eliminates unwanted litters and *SAVES LIVES*.

No more excuses. Be part of the solution, not the problem.

PLEASE — SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!!

#### Memorials and Honors

#### **Memorials/Remembrances**

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#### Memorials and Honors

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## Christmas & Special Honors

Maura & Dave by Michael & Gloria Morgan

Shenandoah Valley High School Student Council and Advisors by Hillside Staff and Residents

Marie Bonham by David Williams

Mary Bonham

Helena Wadsworth by Sandy Wadsworth

Paige Seitz by Nancy Whitcraft

Mark Kendrig by Karen, Mike, & Mack

Matt Rappa by Christine Grusha

Marjorie Gerber, Ed Leuchtner by Jim Howat

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Marjorie Gerber, Leslie Adams Family by Ed Leuchtner

Hedda Schupack, Giles, Ollie, Pearl by Diane Kerly

Henry, Rick, Kristy Lettich by Jason Lettich

Sonny & Theresa Smith by Kim Smith, Kopinetz Family, Jessica & Nate Seiders

*Helen Delenick* by Thomas Schwartz

Ralph & Ann Smith by Ed Cope

*Dr. Francis Kane* by Bernie, Carole, Nanette, Simone, Janie, Whitney

Barbara Davis by Joe Studlick

Janet Pielacha by Joe Pielacha, Theresa Laubenstein

Marilyn Herb, Emily by Richard & Dana Morgan

Annie Fisher by Carol Field

Nancy Wennenberg by Beth Flack

Lynda Reimiller by Stephanie DeBalko

Jean Champion Pierce by Roland Pierce

PEMA Executive Staff & State Fire Commissioner by Vincent J. Hudock

Lorraine Smith by Bobbie Steever

Dana Smith-Mansell by Mark Mattlingly

Sean & Jess Nestor by Wanda Edelman

Joanna & Christian Belko

Bill & Deb Cake by Martin Conlin

Wanda Edelman by Mr. & Mrs. Sean Nestor

Gloria Christman, Barbara Christman by Harold Kauffman

Bob Seltzer by Seltzer Insurance Employees

Tina Olanich by Ken & Dolores Wagner

Norma Coyle by Sally Rubenstein

Bob Wallace by Eileen Wallace

*Merry Christmas Mom* by Michael Keener

*MaryBeth Graf* by Barbara Graf, Vicki, Arman, Deborah & Rosalyn

Camille Afshani by Vicki, Arman, Deborah & Rosalyn

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Jerry Labooty by Mary Ann Sabol, Janine & Dan Choplick, Barbara, Paul, Joe, & Caroline

Carolyn M. Marconis

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Terrry Laubenstein by Joseph & Janet Pielacha

Frank Birster, Joseph Birster by Marlen & Frank Birster

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Daisy Kemfort by Kelly Boyd

Catherine the Saint Bernard by David Herb

Cassie, Jake by Gayle Majewski

Bunker by Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Kamp

Sparky by Doreen Wiley

Lady Jane Grey by John Mayer

Mini by Mary Ann & Vince Reilly

Our Dogs and Cats by Louise Harrison

Muffin, Cupcake, Trouble Marie, Otis, Zoey by Dolores & Tom Konitsky

Humphrey by Allan Dick

Happy, Copper, Jorja by Rosalie & Jack Kloske

Shaggy Lorady, Our Pets by Ellen & Mike Holowaty

Champ, Toffee, Zack, Scottie, Andy, Ben, Molly, Shamus by Peggie Bond

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Wolfgang by Mommie

Duke by Donald & Margie Navit

Sugar by Carol Myers, Heather Beels

Katie by the Hopkins

Fred, Mary, Inky, Sarah

Henry Clay by Rick & Kristy Lettich

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Shaggy Lorady by Pegi Culberth

Nala Nabholz by Lisa & Andy Konkus

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Jake by Ed & Mary Smotryski

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Nala McMorrow by Jean & John Archer

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Havyn by Dave, Amy Johnson

Jethro by Kathleen Bridgen

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Maggie, Timmie by Mommy

Addie by Deborah & Robert Delp

Otis, Trouble Maker by Lori & Shawn Choplick

Lilly Chiaretti by Joe & Rosie Chiaretti, John & Peggy McGuire Hogan Chininski by Marie Scheuren

Sarina, Dusty by Ellen Hildreth

Mali by Linda Morgovnik

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Barney Wilson by Louise, Kathie, Tricia Palubinsky

Polly by Bob & Linda Luksh, Barbara & Joe

Czar & Casey Sternick

Harry by Jon, Maria, & Cosmo Debalso

Casey by Marie Bonham, Barbara, Joe, Hillside staff & buddies

Patty Cakes by Barbara, Joe, Paul, Murph, Caroline, & Hillside staff, Sallee Umlauf

Diesel by Shannon Mandel, Tricia, Barbara, Joe, & Hillside staff

*Munson* by George & Michele Maziekas, Barbara & Joe

Hercules by Brian & Chris Gorman Tater & Spud by Martie & Glenn Hetherington

Sally by Catherine Gillis

Skyy by Elaine, Barbara, & .loe

Angel by Barbara, Joe, & Hillside buddies

Tonto & Zada by The Dekka-Haus Sunday Training Group

Princess & Rocky by Tricia, Barbara, & Staff

Rocky by Catherine Bumbera

Buster by Rudy Coroniti

*Nordaust* by Christine Clossin, Barbara & Joe

Minnie Arnold & Maude by Gary Ziegler

Valentine by Barbara Fahy, Barbara & Joe

Jake by Jennifer & Michael Haag

Oliver by Robert & Glenda O'Brien

Dandy Ridenour by Patricia Williford

Snow by Don and Linda Lindenmuth

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