Valda Fitzpatrick didn’t hesitate when she was advised by her mother’s surgeon to have a colonoscopy. Her mother had colon cancer and following her surgery, Valda told her family physician (Dr. Freundlich) of her promise to her mother’s surgeon. With Valda’s past history and some underlying symptoms, she was referred to David Kasserman, MD (general surgeon), in the hospital’s Medical Specialty Center West. The results of the colonoscopy revealed a malignancy, and Valda underwent surgery in one of the hospital’s operating suites. Being a forthright person, Valda told Dr. Kasserman to do what was necessary and “cut everything out” if necessary. At first, her follow-ups were annually and now she is checked every two years. She has had no recurring problems.

Valda can’t say enough about her experience at Morrow County Hospital. “I enjoyed being in the hospital,” she said. Valda complimented the nurses, the doctors and everyone for being so good to her. “I had a lot of confidence in my surgeon. He is an excellent surgeon, and I have not had any problems. I give him my highest recommendation. Without hesitation, I would go to him for other procedures.” She advises others to pay attention to symptoms that she didn’t...she thought they would go away, but they didn’t. Valda is thankful for the advice from her mother’s surgeon.

Valda has high regards for Morrow County Hospital, “It’s close, easy to schedule and convenient.”

Valda “loves everything about art.” An artist since she was a little girl, Valda studied at The Ohio State University and later at the Columbus College of Art and Design. She taught art for Cardington High School for nine years.