

"Gary's Hospice Dilemma" or "What is Right?"

Let's first start with the facts: I love Snowline Hospice and the dignified care they provide for a person and the support for their family in facing death. I love the fact that their thrift stores are run with a green community philosophy. I love the Hospice volunteers and all that they do. I support Snowline Hospice by donating both monetarily, with my time as a volunteer and with giving them the tons of gently used "stuff" that tends to find its way to me. I normally do not shop at Snowline's thrift stores because I am trying to lighten the "stuff" not add to it. But the other day, I was at the new Placerville West store to buy a hammer and walked past the glass plates and cups display area and spotted a glass platter that look interesting...\$6.00. I bought it and that led me to my dilemma.

When I got home I did a Google search for the glass platter using what little information was on the back of the platter as clues. I found the exact same platter being sold at the Appalachian Home Supply Store for \$125.00! Yippee! Wait...now I feel like I have stolen it from Hospice...do I take them a check for \$119.00? Do I split the difference? Do I return it? Will I ever be able to go back to that store if I don't? I know I will feel the eyes of all the staff and volunteers looking at me with their knowing that I had shorted Hospice \$119.00. Will my toes turn black and eyeballs turn back into my head so that they will be looking at my brain with disgust and anger over its inability to do what is right? What is right?