Resident Spotlight: The Statons

Ernest and Gloria Staton were one of the wonderful couples living at Legacy Place. They moved to Legacy from Hillsborough, New Jersey, in October of 2017.

Ernest, “Ernie,” was the second of four children born to Ruben and Thelma Staton. Gloria was Emily and Alfred Fisher’s only child.

Following high school, Gloria went to college to study Education. Upon graduation, she taught elementary school in New Jersey. Ernie joined the Navy after high school. Once he returned home, he attended Temple University where he earned a degree in computer programming. Ernie worked for many years with RCA and later in New York City for NBC Studios.

Ernie and Gloria’s story as a couple began when they met in church. They were married on August 1, 1953. It wasn’t until after they had their three children (Bonnie, Marcia and Sheila) that they began to study the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses. Ernie’s mother became a Witness sparking an interest in Ernie that was soon shared by Gloria. They were both baptized on September 15, 1973 in Buckingham, PA. Gloria and Ernie’s daughters took an interest in the Bible truths their parents had accepted. All three were later baptized and pioneered. They now also have a grandson, named Staton, who serves Jehovah along with his wife, Jenny making four generations of Witnesses. Ernie and Gloria are able to experience firsthand the truth of the words found at 3 John 4, “No greater joy do I have than this; that I should hear that my children go on walking in the truth.”

Through the years the Statons stayed very busy with their children, Ernie’s daily commute to New York City and in their service to Jehovah. They were able to host the book study in their home for many years and Ernie served on the congregation’s elder body.

In her spare time, Gloria enjoyed sewing...a skill she later passed on to her daughter Sheila. The family also enjoyed traveling. Florida, New York, Massachusetts and the Caribbean Islands were some of their favorites. Gloria and Ernie fondly remembered their family car. They owned a Checker car, which sparked a lot of attention wherever they went, but seated six and came in handy with a large family!

The Statons now enjoy more quiet days here at Legacy where they say they are happy to have “nothing to do.” The caregivers, housekeeping and kitchen staff provide for their needs allowing them the opportunity to participate in spiritual activities and enjoy each other’s company. Their mild, kind and positive disposition is a joy to be around. We count ourselves blessed to have them with us at Legacy Place.
Welcoming New Residents

A warm welcome to Eula Waples from Woodbury, New Jersey

Betty Bachinski is a Lehigh Valley local who is now part of the Legacy family.

Betty Bray: July 25, 1921-November 6, 2018

Betty Bray passed away at Legacy Place Cottages on November 6, 2018. She was 97 years of age. Betty was born on July 25, 1921, on a farm in Pennsville, Pennsylvania, to Edward Dunton and Jenny Bogart. The family moved to Alton Park in 1924. Betty’s family continued to grow to include 5 siblings.

An avid reader with an impressive memory, Betty graduated from Allentown High in 1938 at 16 years of age. Three years later, Betty married Kenneth Bray in September of 1941. Betty had three children, Kenneth, Suzanne, and Jennifer. Her son, Kenny, said that he has always thought of his mother as a “beautiful person, inside and out. She never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was loving, kind and generous.”

Betty had some exposure to the truth growing up, but it wasn’t until later in life that Betty’s sister, Bernie, was baptized. From that point on, many of the Dunton children became Witnesses. Betty’s brother, Robert, studied with her and she was baptized in 1970. Betty was a member of the Orefield, and later, the Central congregation. She faithfully attended all of the meetings and was active in field service even after her vision declined to the point where she was legally blind.

In addition to the hours Betty devoted to her family and to Jehovah, Betty worked in the personnel department of various Lehigh Valley companies until her retirement at the age of 81.

Betty and her sister, Bernie, moved to Legacy Place in 2016 joining their sister Evie who was already a resident. Betty participated in all activities, crossword puzzles being her favorite. Staff and friends enjoyed visiting Betty in her room for up building conversation. While her vision failed her, Betty’s mind stayed sharp. Despite the fact that she could no longer see well enough to read her beloved historical novels, you could often find Betty listening to them as audiobooks.

Legacy Place is sad to lose the last of the three sisters, but we know Betty greatly missed Bernie and Evie’s company and will be beyond happy to see them again in perfect health.
Photo Corner

Mary during Bakers’ Bunch

Marilyn previewing a recipe

A vocal and piano performance for the residents

Congregation Bible Study Preparation

Enjoying a spiritual conversation about life in Paradise

A puppy visit was a huge hit with our residents

Lunch is always a highlight of the day!

Employment Opportunities
Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact employment@legacyplace.org.

Resident Application Update
We have received many applications in the past few months and are now full in both Personal Care and Memory Care! We are accepting applications for our wait list. Please contact Meghan at meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org for more information.

Volunteering
Legacy Place appreciates what our volunteers do for our residents. We couldn’t do this without you! If you are interested in donating your time and/or talents, send an email to marie.scully@legacyplace.org.

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Snow Day!

We would have never guessed that snow would fall on November 15th. But, it sure did! Our wonderful staff was snowed in and made the best of this unexpected adventure. One of our residents, Mary, moved here from California this year. She told the staff that she had never seen snow before. So...we brought the snow in to her. All the residents cheered her on as she was able to see, feel and taste snow for the first time. Welcome to Pennsylvania, Mary!