Resident Spotlight: Geraldine Walker

Geraldine Walker gives the best hugs. Period. She is so mild tempered, and despite her daily battle with dementia, she continues to display kindness, love and affection.

Born on March 25, 1937 in Boston, Massachusetts, Geri was an only child raised by her mother, Ruth Skanes. Ruth and Geri moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania shortly after Geri was born.

Donald and Geri were married in 1954. Their family began to grow in 1955 with the birth of their daughter, Diana. The Walkers then welcomed four sons, Donald (Pete), Norman, Harlan and Jody.

Geri was the first in the family to study and accept Bible truths. Donald also accepted a study, and he and Geri were baptized together in the spring of 1957. She was pregnant with Pete at the time of her baptism.

The family moved to the Lehigh Valley in 1967. They lived in the Valley for 30 years before moving to the Bahamas for a year to pioneer. From there, they moved to Florida, Virginia, North Carolina and back to Virginia before moving to Legacy Place.

The children said that their mom was always very empathetic and caring to her family and those in the congregation. She had the opportunity to pioneer and always had multiple bible studies. While raising five children, pioneering and occasionally working part time, Geri demonstrated a very strong work ethic.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother with a quick wit and a good sense of humor. Geri was a good cook, but also enjoyed going out to eat as well as getting her nails done and shopping. Don and Geri loved to laugh, sing and treat themselves to their favorite dessert...ice cream!

The home environment was healthy and positive, creating an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth. As an avid student of the Bible, Geri developed a deep knowledge of the scriptures and happily shared them with her children and others. Her favorite scripture was Romans 10:13, 14, which manifested her desire to preach to everyone she would meet.

Don and Geraldine joined the Legacy Place family in August of 2017. Don passed away in December of that year. While Geri misses him greatly, she is comfortable and safe in the company of friends while she patiently awaits his resurrection. That will be a day of great rejoicing for both Don and Geri as they get to enjoy living forever in perfect health.
Welcome New Residents

Mary comes to Legacy Place all the way from California!

Doris also traveled a great distance to make the move to Legacy. She joins us from the sunny state of Florida.

Annual Board Meeting
The Legacy Place Cottages’ Board of Directors met on Friday, June 8th, for their annual meeting. At the completion of the meeting, board members were able to visit with residents.

Gluten-Free Caramel Apple Crisp
Ingredients:
- 4 Granny Smith apples, peeled and then thinly sliced
- 4 teaspoons + 1/4 cup of gluten-free flour baking blend, divided
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup of gluten-free old fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup of brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- dash of salt
- 6 Tablespoons of butter, cut into pats

Caramel Sauce (makes 1 cup)
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup half and half
- 4 Tablespoons butter
- dash of salt
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla

Directions:
- Caramel Sauce: Combine all ingredients, except vanilla, in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir slowly until caramel sauce has thickened, 8-10 minutes, then add vanilla and stir until thickened again, 1 minute more. Remove from heat and then let cool slightly.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees then spray a medium-sized baking dish (8x8 or 10x7) with nonstick spray. Add apple slices to a large bowl then toss with cinnamon and 4 teaspoons flour until well coated. Transfer to prepared baking dish then drizzle 1/2 cup caramel sauce on top.
- Combine oats, brown sugar, chopped pecans, remaining 1/4 cup flour, salt and butter in the bowl. Use your hands to combine until crumbly. Top caramel apples with crisp then bake for 30-40 minutes or until apples are tender and caramel is bubbly. Note: If crisp topping begins to brown before apples are tender, gently place a piece of foil on top and continue baking.
- Allow apple crisp to cool for 20 minutes to 1 hour before serving. Top with reserved caramel sauce.

Preparing the apple crisp

Ready for the oven!
**Photo Corner**

- Some pampering in our salon
- Residents and staff planting flowers
- Sampling some of the homemade icing
- Studying with Brother Gallina
- Geri dancing along to Glenn’s lively performance
- Jim and Pat all set with their iPad for a study session
- Roberta and Frank participating in a spiritual activity

**Employment Opportunities**

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Please stop by for an application or contact us at employment@legacyplace.org.

**Resident Application Update**

We have welcomed so many new residents in 2018. As this month’s newsletter goes to print, we only have one shared room available in Personal Care and two rooms available in Memory Care. If you are interested in care and we don’t have a room available, submitting an application will put you on our waiting 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, please send an email to our Activities Director, Marie Scully (marie.scully@legacyplace.org).

**Mailing List**

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please email meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org. You can request to receive your newsletter through the mail, electronically, or both!
“Honor the Aged Among You”

As loved ones advance in age, adult children take on added responsibility to ensure their parents’ needs are met. This can be very challenging for full-time servants who have accepted assignments far from home. Those serving at Bethel, in the traveling work, or as missionaries greatly treasure their assignment, but may find themselves wondering if they need to return home to care for their parents. The March 15, 2014 Study Edition of the Watchtower includes the article, “Honor The Aged Among You.” This article highlights many of the challenges, as well as possible solutions, when faced with this situation.

At Legacy Place we currently have three residents who were in the full-time traveling work and eight residents with children serving at Bethel. We consider it a privilege to do our small part in helping these families get the care they need while allowing their adult children to continue in their assignments. We greatly benefit from the spiritual encouragement they bring to Legacy Place.