Resident Spotlight: Lillian Christman

If you have the opportunity to visit Legacy Place, you are sure to see Lillian! She is often sitting in the common area chatting with her good friend Lynne. Lillian is always one of the first to welcome new residents and make them feel comfortable. Her kind and welcoming nature have made many feel right at home.

Lillian was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on June 19, 1933. She is the younger of two daughters born to Helen and Alfred Morgan. Lillian lived in Wilkes-Barre until she married Charles “Calvin” Christman and moved to Coopersburg, PA. Both Lillian and Calvin worked for Bethlehem Steel for many years.

Lillian and Calvin were never able to have children of their own, but enjoyed a friendship with many of the children and families in their neighborhood. Those children are now adults and they still hold a special place in their hearts for her, visiting Lillian at Legacy Place from time to time.

Calvin passed away at the age of 53. Lillian remembers Calvin as “a truly wonderful man.” She said one of the things that always impressed her was how kind he was to her mother. He was a true gentleman.

Lillian found the truth after Calvin passed away. A sister met Lillian in the door to door work and they began to study the Bible. Raised Protestant, Lillian was confident that she knew the Bible well. Studying with Jehovah’s Witnesses, however, was a very eye-opening experience and led Lillian to make the choice to get baptized. Lillian repeatedly stated how thankful she is for the truth, the hope it has given her for the future and the family it has provided her now.

When asked what was one of her favorite spiritual memories, Lillian told a story of how she was waiting in line to enter the convention in Wilkes-Barre when she overheard a sister telling her friend a story about her progressive Bible student. The woman they were discussing sounded so familiar to Lillian that she had to ask the sisters for the woman’s name. They told her the woman was Helen Morgan...Lillian’s mother! How encouraging it was to Lillian that her mother also came to love Jehovah before she passed away.

Lillian has been a resident of Legacy Place since November of 2016. She is very complimentary of her Legacy experience saying, “I just love it here! It is like a big family and everyone is so nice. They take good care of me and give us good food. I love the big windows, the fireplace...everything!” We are so glad that Lillian loves living at Legacy and we love having her here!
Hello New Residents

This past month we welcomed Joel Covington from Baltimore, Maryland to Legacy Place Cottages.

Ron and Kay Soliday moved to Legacy from Virginia.

Upcoming Events

Glenn Miller...August 4

Family Picnic...September 22

Bernice Pierce: March 20, 1920-July 8, 2018

Bernie Pierce passed away on July 8, 2018 at Legacy Place Cottages. She was born on March 30, 1920 in Pennsville, Pennsylvania to Edward Paul Dunton and Jenny Irene Bogart Dunton Poe.

Bernie married her husband Howard “Babe” Pierce on September 7, 1945. They shared 36 years of marriage before Babe passed away in 1981. Bernie and Babe had one son, George M. Pierce. As their only child George has always stayed very close to his mom. In her years at Legacy Place he was a frequent visitor, bringing Mary Ann’s Donuts or taking Bernie to have her nails done.

If you talk to any of Jehovah’s Witnesses living in the Lehigh Valley, you can be sure almost all of them knew Bernie. Bernie was baptized on June 26, 1954 and has faithfully served Jehovah for many decades. She spent 36 years in the full-time service. At the time of her death she was the oldest pioneer in the circuit.

Bernie was the epitome of kindness and hospitality. She always had an open door or an extra room for a friend or bible student. This kindness also extended to animals. Bernie loved all animals and her last dog, Sassy, was one of her favorite visitors at Legacy Place.

Eventually Bernie and her sister, Evelyn, shared a home on 24th Street. In 2011 they moved into an apartment at Hampshire House to live with their sister Betty. The three sisters, affectionately nicknamed “The Q-tips”, all moved to Legacy Place Cottages in 2015.

The impact Bernie had on all those she knew was evident in the last week of her life. The constant flow of visitors was beyond heartwarming. Bernie is now safely resting in Jehovah’s memory. The day will come when “He will call” and Bernie will have the opportunity to live forever under God’s Kingdom with all those who love her.

Bernie is survived by her son George and his wife LeeAnn; her granddaughter Tanya and her husband Lee; her grandson Michael and his wife Candice; and three great-grandchildren, Korbyn, Noah and Kadynce. She is also survived by her sisters Betty Bray and Carol Banko as well as her brother Edward Dunton. She was predeceased by her husband Howard Pierce, her sister Evelyn Dunton and her brother Robert Dunton.
Pictures to Share!

Betty getting a manicure

Residents and Caregivers enjoying some music on a beautiful day

Our residents gathered to participate in a crossword puzzle. Always one of our favorite activities!

Joyce, Betty and Geri enjoying the warmer summer days

Watchtower study in Memory Care

Andrew stopped by to play for our residents

Grace and Doris enjoying the music up close

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. 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).

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