Resident Spotlight: Marilyn Cooper

Marilyn Cooper was born on April 4, 1928 to George and Edith Nobel. As children, Marilyn and her younger brother, George, spent a lot of time in their father’s hardware shop. Marilyn remembers her father as a wonderful person with whom she always had a great relationship. While Marilyn wasn’t raised as one of Jehovah’s Witnesses, she credits her father with instilling a spiritual desire in her. He was very interested in the Bible and would talk to Marilyn about it often.

After high school, Marilyn worked for Philco. Here she met Blair Cooper. The two were married in October of 1953 and made their home in Lumberville, PA. Blair was a hard worker and a very talented carpenter. He enjoyed making furniture, some of which Marilyn still has in her room at Legacy Place.

Blair and Marilyn had two children, Mark and Ruth. Marilyn was home with the children while they were young and remembers taking walks in the woods and going to the beach whenever they had the chance. Always an animal lover, Marilyn said she often owned a dog. She also found a lot of joy in cooking and baking for family and friends. She loved her home in the country where she could enjoy the wildlife, trees, and flowers.

Marilyn was in her 50s when she began to study with Jehovah’s Witnesses. Her mother-in-law would speak to Marilyn and Blair from time to time and leave magazines with them. Eventually Marilyn read one of the magazines and found that it made sense to her. She began to study and was baptized on December 24, 1988 at 60 years of age. As a member of the Doylestown congregation she was known for her pretty hats, big smiles, and huge hugs. She was always concerned about others and would never complain. She loves to read the Bible and share the hope of the future paradise with others.

Blair passed away 10 years ago in March of 2009. While life without her mate is difficult, Marilyn is very thankful for her two loving children, her three grandchildren; Eric, Kimberly, and Kelsey, and her friends. She moved to Legacy in October of 2018 and fit right in! We can always count on Marilyn for a smile. She continues to bring joy to our staff and other residents!
Congratulations to Sara! She is a reliable employee who doesn’t call off, always reports for her shifts on time, and attends all staff meetings. Thank you, Sara, for being a dependable employee!

**Legacy Anniversaries**
November marked a Legacy Anniversary for the following residents:

1 Year
- Betty Bachinski
- Mickey Majestic

2 Years
- Lynne Gehring

3 Years
- Lillian Christman
- Craig and Marie White

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**Victoria “Kay” Soliday: July 9, 1937-October 28, 2019**

We were saddened to lose Victoria “Kay” Soliday during the month of October. Kay was 82 years old.

Kay was born on July 9, 1937 in Logan, Ohio. She was one of four girls raised by her single mother. Kay began to study the Bible when she learned that it does not speak of a fiery place of torment. The Bible’s promise of paradise also appealed greatly to Kay. She dedicated her life to Jehovah in 1953 and married Ron on November 25, 1954.

Serving Jehovah was always the focal point in their lives. After years of full-time pioneering, they became special pioneers and then began the circuit work in 1961. After 38 years on the road they made their home in Virginia. Her friend Marlee described her in the following way: “Kay was always extremely busy. She could accomplish more before 9 AM than most people could do all day. She would walk 5 miles a day, tend to her flower garden, go out in service, help an elderly sister in the congregation get to a doctor’s appointment and then have friends over for dinner. She was a compassionate person as well as a red-headed spitfire all at the same time. Kay loved to travel and had many experiences to share of her adventures. She was so hospitable that the circuit work was the perfect assignment for her to support her loving husband. But most of all, she loved Jehovah and the service where she could be considered a ‘fellow worker.’”

The Soliday’s fine reputation was evident by the support from their friends. Many frequently made the long drive to visit Ron and Kay, throw them an anniversary party, and sit by Kay’s bedside in the last few weeks of her life. It was very heartwarming to see how loving the Jehovah’s organization can be to those in need. Kay is sorely missed by her husband Ron, the many friends they made through the years, and the staff at Legacy Place. The hope of life forever in paradise was one of the first things that brought Kay to Jehovah. Now, we look forward to welcoming her back during the time when that hope will be a reality for Kay and many others.
Pictures!

Providing Words of Encouragement

Enjoying a Game of Catch

Marie and Craig Taking Advantage of a Beautiful Fall Day

Fall Foliage Trip

Employment Opportunities

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact Briana at briana.snyder@legacyplace.org.

Resident Applications

We are full in both Personal Care and Memory Care! However, we will continue to accept applications for our waiting list. Please contact Meghan at meghan.dunton@legacyplace.org for more information.

Mailing List

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Dr. Shustik

Dr. Miriam Shustik has recently started to see some of the residents in our facility. Dr. Shustik is an independent physician licensed in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida. With 22 years of experience in family practice and as Medical Director, Dr. Shustik’s focus is now on elder care. She is most proud of being one of the few remaining Lehigh Valley physicians to still offer home visits.

We are very excited to have Dr. Shustik at Legacy Place. All of our residents have the right to choose their own healthcare provider. However, some of our residents have expressed a desire to be seen at Legacy Place by a doctor. Residents do not have to make a change to their current healthcare choices. However, we are happy to offer an in-home visit with a physician to any interested resident. Those desiring to be seen by Dr. Shustik should contact Kelly (484.860.3901) or Alicia (484.860.3902) to request an appointment.