Resident Spotlight: Donald and Iris Shook

Sometimes you meet a couple that you immediately fall in love with. For those of us at Legacy, Iris and Donald Shook are one of those couples. Kindness just emanates from them, as well as the love they have for each other and for Jehovah.

Donald was born on April 11, 1931, in Rochester, PA. He was raised in Canton, Ohio. Don’s mother, Ada, was the first to accept magazines from Jehovah’s Witnesses. Two years later, she accepted a bible study. Along with her husband, Waldorf, and their two sons, the Shook family studied the Let God Be True book. Don took the step of baptism on August 30, 1950. Shortly after baptism, he signed up to be a special pioneer. He had the privilege of pioneering in Texas and Missouri.

Iris was born to Carl and Dalton Baldwin on June 28, 1938, in Canton, Ohio. Iris’ mother, Dalton, also came in contact with the Witnesses by means of the door-to-door work. She had lost her mother and was interested in learning more about the resurrection. The entire Baldwin family became Jehovah’s Witnesses. Iris was baptized on December 5, 1954. In 1959, Iris, and her friend, Cathy Barros, had the privilege of being the first two sisters to give a talk in the Theocratic Ministry School.

Don and Iris met at a corn roast while Don was home for a visit. While they were dating, Donald would travel to visit Iris. As a special pioneer, his income was not conducive to these trips, causing him to be creative at times. Once, Don hitchhiked from Tennessee to Canton to see Iris. They were married on June 29, 1957, and made Canton, Ohio, their home. Don and Iris shared a love of reading and studying “the deep things of God.” They spent many hours discussing Bible history and prophecy. In addition to their extensive spiritual library, they also amassed a library of hundreds of books which friends and family would often borrow.

Some of the Shooks’ spiritual highlights include attending the historic conventions at Yankee Stadium in the 1950s. They also enjoyed attending the centennial meeting of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society in 1984, as well as an International Convention in Paris, France, in the 1990s.

Donald worked for many years for the Hoover company (now Maytag) as an engineer. He was extremely talented and could draw and design anything. Using just a pencil and paper he designed an addition to their house, a deck for out back, a barn, and a complete Kingdom Hall.

Iris worked as a bookkeeper for Pella Windows, Alpha Construction and Power Systems Development. Iris was known for her keen fashion sense.

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She collected antiques and vintage jewelry which she sold at flea markets.
One of their greatest joys was, and continues to be, their daughter, Samantha. They instilled a love of Jehovah in her and encouraged Sam, and her husband, Tom, to pursue full-time service. This involved sacrifice on their part forgoing grandchildren and the convenience of having their daughter living close to them. However, they find great joy in knowing Sam and Tom are serving at Bethel. Sam greatly appreciates her parents’ sacrifice and regularly visits them at Legacy. Don and Iris have been at Legacy for almost a year and enjoy the organized, spiritual environment, as well as the loving caregivers. We are thankful to have their spiritually focused, wonderful example around us each and every day!

Super Bowl Party!
Millions around the world watched the New England Patriots defeat the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII. Legacy Place Cottages residents enjoyed a Super Bowl party of their own! Marie and Nohad, in our Activities Department, worked hard to plan an evening of food, football, and fun. Our residents had a great time watching the Patriots win their sixth Super Bowl!

Employee
of the
Month

Congratulations, Stephen!
Thank you for your continued dedication to our residents!

Happy Legacy Anniversary
January 23rd marked one year of residency for Grace Hemerly!
Pictures!

- Omelet morning with Betty and Todd
- Ray enjoying a banana split
- Piano performance in Memory Care
- Uno is a popular game with our residents
- Betty, Lisa, and David
- Games with Bea and Doris
- Geri and Kay

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 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 it without you! If you are interested in donating your time and/or talents, send an email to 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!

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Health Talk: Hospice 101

Residents, and their families, are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM for a presentation on the hospice program. Hospice is a wonderful resource which Legacy can use for residents who have experienced a substantial decline in their health. Many people become very apprehensive to utilize hospice because of the perception that hospice is for people in the last few days of life. In reality, hospice can offer extra nursing support and companionship to their patients for an extended period of time. Educating yourself now may prove to be beneficial if the time were to come when you may be considering this valuable resource. We hope you can join us!