Resident Spotlight: Mary Bordier

Last year, Mary Bordier traveled over 2,800 miles to move from Santa Maria, California to Allentown, PA. While many people would find it unappealing to face a Northeast winter for the first time at 93 years of age, Mary made the best of it. For the first time, she was able to see snow! Always spiritually minded, Mary marveled at the beauty of this aspect of Jehovah’s creation.

Mary was born on November 7, 1925 in Los Angeles, California to Robert and Naomi Montero. The Monteros later welcomed a son, Robert, to their family. Mary and Robert had a very spiritually strong upbringing (see the 1995 Yearbook, starting on page 175). At the age of 7, Mary's father was asked to move his family to Spain by Brother Rutherford. However, Francisco Franco came into power making Spain an unfavorable environment for the preaching work. They were reassigned to Bethel in Mexico City, Mexico. They arrived in 1933. At a very young age, Mary began to work around the Bethel home and office. She would complete her school work and then help the Bethel family. She prepared mailing labels for all the Watchtower subscribers in Mexico. Later, Mary assisted with filing in the office, taking dictation of correspondence and of the translations of The Watchtower, and transcribing these into typewritten form. It was during this time that Mary became familiar with Gildardo Bordier. As a pioneer, he would send updates to the branch office. Mary took note of his neat handwriting and well-written letters. To her surprise, Gildardo came to work at Bethel in 1940.

Mary and Gildardo ended up working in the same office and eventually falling in love. In Mary’s words, “In March 1942 he asked to marry me and my parents agreed, since they liked Gildardo and held him in high regard. But, wanting to put our love to the test and prevent a premature marriage, since I was still underage, in the fall of that same year my father decided the family would return to the United States. I obeyed, even though I feared that might mean the end of our relationship. But our love proved true, because instead of looking for another girlfriend, Gildardo decided to come to the States and we were married two years later, on December 30, 1944.” As newlyweds, they lived in Mexico until the war was over and Gildardo could become a United States resident without encountering issues with the draft. They moved to San Diego, then the Los Angeles area, and finally the California Central Coast. Gildardo and Mary were very active in the development of the Spanish speaking field in California. The Bordiers raised two boys (Robert and
Employee of the Month
Congratulations to Vanessa! We appreciate your hard work, reliability, and teamwork. Thank you for all you do for our residents!

Happy Legacy Anniversary!
1 Year
• Mary Bordier
• Doris Matteson

Memorial
April 19th was a special day for Jehovah’s Witnesses around the world. Our residents appreciated the opportunity to celebrate this memorable occasion at Legacy. We are very thankful to the brothers in the Emmaus congregation for making this possible for our residents.

Spiritual Thought
Below is a quote from the May 15, 2004 Watchtower article, “Caring for the Eldery—A Christian Responsibility.” This so beautifully reflects the way we feel about our residents. “Caring for older ones results in many blessings. Associating with the elderly and being able to draw on their knowledge and experience is in itself a privilege. Caregivers experience the greater happiness that comes from giving, as well as a sense of accomplishment and inner peace from having fulfilled their Scriptural responsibility. (Acts 20:35)”

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and Dan). Dan and his wife Vicky are serving at Bethel and enjoying being able to visit Mary more often than when she was in California.

Fun fact...While packing to move Mary to Legacy, Dan and Vicky found a letter from 1935 stating that Mary’s father was an employee of the Golden Age Publishing Company (now Awake). The letter was signed by the president of the company, Clayton J. Woodworth. Brother Woodworth’s granddaughter, Carol Allen, just so happens to be Mary’s next door neighbor at Legacy.

Mary enjoys spending her days surrounded by her brothers and sisters at Legacy Place. She continues to maintain her love of reading the Bible. You can find her sitting by her window, reading every single day. As an avid Bible student she long ago developed the ability to provide the book, chapter and verse of almost any Bible verse quoted to her. We very much enjoy Mary’s spiritual encouragement as well as her Bible trained qualities that make her a joy to be around.

Dorothy Bush: July 29, 1923-April 19, 2019
Dorothy Marie Myers was born on July 29, 1923 in Perkasie, PA. From an early age she had a spiritual leaning nurtured by her beloved grandmother, Grammy Strohm. So it’s no surprise that she and her husband heard the ring of truth when they were called on in 1949 by Witnesses. Dorothy was baptized on August 3, 1950. She had a gift for teaching God’s truths. When once asked how many people she studied with who came into the truth, her son tallied the number to be 50.

Dorothy was also an artist and this time of year she once told her daughter her fingers “itched” to want to paint trees in the early stages of leafing out. She also loved to sing and had a lovely voice. And what a cook she was! She loved to entertain and could set the most beautiful table.

Her family can’t wait for their mom and grandmother to be welcomed back along with her husband of 76 years by her side. Dorothy is survived by 2 children, Kevin Bush and his wife Cathy; and Wendy Jimerson and her husband Dennis; as well as 5 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.
Pictures!

Making Paper Flowers

Enjoying Sunshine and Conversation

Balloon Game

Watching Morning Worship Before the Memorial

Coca-Cola Floats!

Making Bird Feeders

Coca-Cola Trivia Fun

Betty Enjoying a Manicure

Employment Opportunities

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Stop by for an application or contact employment@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.

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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Happy Anniversary!

We would like to wish Craig and Marie White as well as Iris and Donald Shook, a very Happy Anniversary! On June 6th, the Whites will be married 66 years. Iris and Donald Shook will celebrate 62 years of marriage on June 29th. With 128 years of marriage between them, we figured they might have some valuable marriage advice to share. After offering some humorous answers, such as “I married her because I heard her mom was a good cook,” Donald and Iris shared that they were drawn to each other’s kind personalities and a shared interest in many things. The Whites acknowledged that marriage isn’t always easy, but they truly love each other and shared many wonderful memories, especially the birth of their children. We see both of these couples regularly showing kindness and concern for each other proving that marriage is truly a blessing to cherish!