Resident Spotlight: Doris Matteson

Doris moved to Legacy Place from Florida in 2018. While this seems like quite the move for most, Doris is very experienced in this area. She moved 29 times in 40 years!

Her story began in Cairo, Egypt where she was born to Henrietta and William Bedington on March 21, 1928. In 1947, she moved to Glendale, California with her husband, John K. Whipple.

Doris’ family returned to England in 1947 and it was there that her mother came in contact with Jehovah’s Witnesses. Eventually her mother, father, grandmother and brother all became Witnesses. After leaving Egypt, Doris didn’t see her family again for 14 years.

Once the family was reunited, Doris’ mother showed her a picture of Paradise and asked her if she wanted to live there. This slightly peaked Doris’ interest and she took her mom to a local meeting. While she always had an interest in the Bible, Doris was not interested in becoming one of Jehovah’s Witnesses and immediately conveyed this to the brother who greeted her upon arrival. However, the more she studied the more she couldn’t deny that what she was learning was the truth. Doris questioned everything and was impressed that the answer was always provided by using the Bible. In her words, “How could I question the author?” Doris was baptized in May of 1962 at an assembly in Antioch, California. At this assembly she came in contact with the brother whom she told she would never become a Witness. How things had changed!

While Doris was thrilled to dedicate her life to Jehovah, her husband did not share her beliefs. However, Doris successfully instilled her love for Jehovah in the hearts of her two children, Retta and Kent. She even had the pleasure of pioneering with her daughter for three years before Retta moved to Kansas to become a special pioneer. Another spiritual highlight was the opportunity to conduct studies at the Women’s Correctional facility in Michigan from 1998 to 2014. It was a very productive territory with a waiting list of over 200 women hoping for a study.

Doris is an avid reader and loves to study. She also played golf for many years. As one of our busiest Legacy residents, she fills her days with many activities in and out of the community.

When asked to express her feelings about Legacy she said, “Where do I begin? I love the feeling of being with my brothers and sisters. I also love the staff. They are terrific and they make sure we all maintain our dignity.” Legacy has greatly benefited from having Doris’ intelligent, caring and independent disposition. She is a wonderful asset to our home.
Employee of the Month

Congratulations Tammy! We appreciate how hard you work to keep Legacy neat and clean.

Welcome Home

Legacy would like to extend a warm welcome to Margaret N. Jennings. Margaret moved to Legacy from Sellersville, PA.

Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to Bob and Evelyn Ryan. You have been blessed with 55 years of marriage. We hope you enjoy millions more!

Legacy Lessons: Childhood Memories

For this month’s “Legacy Lessons” we are reminiscing with our residents about their favorite childhood memories.

Craig White- “I loved to swim. I’d go to the swimming pool at the YMCA. We did exercises in the pool. We built go-carts to ride. We always had axles and wheels laying around...My friends and I would build a fire and roast potatoes.”

Doris Matteson- “I loved our summer vacations at the shore. We would go to Cairo, Alexandria on the Mediterranean and stay for three months. We played on the beach, built sand castles, swam and we would go dancing on a Saturday night.”

Carol Allen- “I loved playing with my cat. I also had a favorite playmate. It was boy. We giggled and had a lot of fun.”

Margaret Jennings- “I went on vacations with the friends from the congregation. My uncle was a surgeon and I spent the summer in Rhode Island. I played with the other kids.”

Gloria Staton- “We played with the kids next door.”

Joyce Shoemaker- “I played hopscotch, ran and jumped outside and played with the neighborhood kids.”

Tony Gallina- “I used to play with the neighbors. We’d run races. I used to take the bucket and go down to the basement and bring up coal.”

Lorraine Wenner- “I used to climb cherry trees. I loved cherries! They were sour. I loved working with my dad, farming fruit trees, of course only after I was done eating. I miss that apricot tree. That was my favorite! We had mulberry, apples, and pears. And we had a lot of potatoes. We would put them, and the apples, in the ground cellar. You’d be surprised how cold they stayed.”

Lillian Christman- “I played. I was on my own. My mom worked and my father was physically disabled. I played with my grandmother two doors down from us and played ball in the yard.”

Eula Waples- “My mom and dad worked in the garden and I helped pick. I loved my great-grandpa. I learned to sew. I stayed overnight at my great-grandpa’s. I would sit by the fire and my mom would cook in the kitchen...it felt so good.”

Margaret Banko- “I played tag and hide-and-go-seek. We played among ourselves. There were five of us children.”

Mildred Majestic- I used to hopscotch and ride bicycle...I loved that. One thing I really loved was to watch them putting horseshoes on horses. I used to go down the street and my dad would have a fit!”

Check our next newsletter for more of our residents’ favorite childhood memories!
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
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Drink Up!: The Importance of Staying Hydrated

Summer is finally here! Our residents are enjoying the warmer days and spending more time outside on our patios. As the temperature continues to increase it becomes even more important that our residents stay hydrated. As we age, our bodies tend to hold less and less fluids. Additionally, the sense of thirst diminishes with age. Water is necessary for nearly every bodily function. So not getting enough of it can have serious health consequences.

Our staff members are trained to offer fluids all day long. We have always had water in the common areas, but to encourage our residents to drink more fluids, we recently installed a juice bar in the hallway behind our main kitchen. This has proven to be very successful! Our residents enjoy the variety of options and are frequently seen helping themselves to a beverage. No matter our age, it is always beneficial to drink 64 ounces of water a day. Enjoy the summer while staying hydrated!