Resident Spotlight: Joyce Shoemaker

Last summer Legacy welcomed Joyce Shoemaker. Having spent many years in the Allentown area, she was already known by many at Legacy! Joyce quickly settled in and made Legacy her new home.

Joyce was born on March 3, 1928 and was the sixth of seven children. Her parents Robert and Eda were raising their large family in Steinsburg, Pa. When Joyce was 1 ½ years of age, and her baby sister was three weeks old, Eda passed away. The baby went to live with one set of grandparents and Joyce went to live with another set of grandparents. She grew up on Liberty Street directly across from Allentown Fairgrounds. Despite living apart from her siblings she frequently went to Steinsburg to visit.

Following graduation from Allentown High School, Joyce worked at Surefit Sewing Company. She was an excellent seamstress!

She married Clarence A. Shoemaker on February 10, 1951. They had three children; Brian, Craig, and Jeanne. Their family eventually grew to include seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Shoemaker family made their home in Haafsville, Pa. It was here that Joyce nurtured a large garden and generously shared the family’s flowers and produce with others.

Around 1963 a pioneer sister, named Davida Ratcliff, came to Joyce’s door. They began to study the Bible together. During this time Joyce became convinced that Jehovah’s Witnesses had the truth. She was baptized on January 18, 1969 at Lehigh University along with 44 other candidates.

Clarence and Joyce’s generous spirit motivated them to hold the book study in their home for 20 years. Friends still talk about the great memories and goodie nights down to this day. Additionally, Joyce enjoyed auxiliary pioneering through the years.

Her daughter, Jeanne King, remembers her parents’ fine example in taking an interest in widows within the congregation. They would frequently visit these faithful sisters. The family also regularly drove to Ohio and Oklahoma to visit family. Jeanne expressed her appreciation for the emotional and financial support her parents provided while she pioneered.

At Legacy Place, Joyce loves the musical entertainment by Glenn Miller as well as completing puzzles and taking part in spiritual association and other activities. She considers it a blessing to spend her days surrounded by those who love Jehovah!
Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Tashawna. Your professionalism and positive attitude are a wonderful asset to Legacy!

Happy Anniversary!

August 1st marks 66 years of marriage for Gloria and Ernest Staton. After over 6 decades together, they still love each other’s company and are a wonderful example of unfailing love.

Legacy Anniversary!

July 12th marks one year of residency for Ron and Kay Soliday. We are honored to continue to provide care for this couple who gave so many years to serving Jehovah in the traveling work.

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Our Board of Directors recently held their annual meeting. These hardworking volunteers meet throughout the year to discuss matters pertaining to operating a Non-Profit Personal Care Home. The annual meeting provides the opportunity to reflect on the past year and to plan for the year to come. At the conclusion of this meeting our Board Members were able to visit Residents and provide encouragement. We are very thankful to the brothers who donate their time to be a part of Legacy Place Cottage’s Board.

Legacy Lessons: Childhood Memories (Cont.)

Last month our Residents shared some of their favorite childhood memories. It was so much fun to reminisce that we thought we would share more this month. Enjoy!

Grace Hemerly- “It was a quiet life. When they pruned the grape vines, we’d make jump ropes. We lived on a farm and jumped from the upper part of the barn down into the hay. I’d climb trees and play the harmonica. I’d take a broom and scratch the pigs’ backs. They loved it so much, they would turn sideways.”

Marilyn Cooper- “I enjoyed going to the shore and making sand piles. I really enjoyed the beach, but I always tried to get too much sun on the first day and got burnt.”

Donald Shook- “When I was a kid, we flew model airplanes with gasoline engines. There were a lot of kids in the neighborhood that were interested too.”

Iris Shook- “I played with my brother. We would catch grasshoppers and things. We just played.”

Betty Bachinski- “I liked to play basketball, volleyball, baseball, quoits, and bean bags. I’d go to the park and play with whoever was there. I was a busy kid, active in sports in school.”

Evelyn Ryan- “My dad would take me and my sister with him. He was a general contractor. I loved going. He would pour cement then put a plank over it. We would use a trowel and smooth it out. I won a pair of water skis. We had a boat and my dad would make sure we were all together on vacation. We had a lot of fun.”

Marie White- “My dad would take me and my two brothers fishing. I would catch them, but couldn’t take it off the hook because it flopped and I would scream. We would eat them too. My mom had a hard time because we all wanted to eat the one we caught.”

Lynne Gehring- “I guess playing dolls. My two sisters and I would play together and we each had a baby carriage. My babies were always neat and organized. My sister was just the opposite.”

Robert Ryan- “I remember swimming in one of the lakes in Minnesota. My father took me there, threw me in, and told me to go for it. We had lots of laughter!”

Mary Bordier- “I had a happy home...my parents were always there for me. My dad would go to work, come home, and off to the beach we’d go. My brother and I had a good time together.”
Pictures!

Iris and Mickey

Trivia Activity with Memory Care Residents

Betty Participating in a Card Making Activity

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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“Love Never Fails”

Our Residents had the opportunity to enjoy the “Love Never Fails,” 2019 Regional Convention. The convention was played at Legacy Place in both Personal Care and Memory Care. Three days of spiritual instruction were much appreciated by all who attended. When asked to share their highlights, some of the comments included: the new song, the entire Sunday program, and the clear definition of what true love is and is not. One of our sisters said what she appreciated most was how slowly and clearly all of the brothers spoke. While this may be something most of us take for granted, those advanced in age often have a hard time hearing. Sometimes it is the small things that can make the greatest difference! All of Jehovah’s people, including those living at Legacy Place, are very thankful for another wonderful convention!