Resident Spotlight: Robert Silfies

Robert Silfies was born on March 11, 1932. His parents, Robert and Dorothy, raised seventeen children! Robert was one of seven boys and ten girls. He grew up in Nazareth, PA.

On February 14, 1951, Robert married Esther L. Kibler. Growing up in a large family must have suited Robert, because he and Esther had eight children (seven girls and one boy) of their own! His daughter remembers a happy childhood full of smiles, laughter, and great memories. Robert was a hard worker and a good provider. He was always fixing the children’s bikes and, later, their cars. Fixing things was Robert’s hobby. Working on cars, in particular, became his passion.

Esther was the first in her family to start studying the Bible. Three of her daughters would sit in on the study. At first, Robert didn’t say much about Esther’s new interest, but eventually his curiosity got the better of him and he began to study. He was able to overcome his smoking habit and was baptized in 1960. He went on to serve as a ministerial servant, to assist in building Kingdom Halls, and to do food preparation for the regional building committee.

While he held a few jobs over the course of his working years, he spent the longest period of time as an employee of Bethlehem Steel. Juggling his congregational responsibilities, a full-time job, and eight children could not have been easy. However, he did his very best to always be there for his children. Having seven daughters can give a father a lot of reason to worry. He was a good sport though and would often allow his daughters to have parties at the family home so he could chaperone.

Esther passed away in 1994. In 1996, Robert married Virginia. Robert and Virginia moved to Legacy Place two years ago. Virginia passed away in August of 2019. While Robert greatly misses her, he finds joy in the frequent visits with family members. Always an animal lover, Robert’s family will occasionally bring their dogs to brighten his day. This always brings a huge smile to his face! Robert’s family appreciates that he is able to spend his days with friends while receiving the care he needs. His children expressed how thankful they are to Robert and Esther for always providing them with a wonderful feeling of security and for teaching them about Jehovah. What a fine testament to Robert’s dedication to his family!
Shanisha earned Employee of the Month for March! She is a reliable, hardworking employee who is always willing to go above and beyond for our residents. She demonstrates strong communication skills and is flexible enough to work in both buildings, as well as cover extra shifts when needed. Congratulations, Shanisha!

We recently welcomed Win Fields to Legacy Place. Win is a local friend from Breinigsville, PA.

Ron Soliday: November 25, 1930-February 26, 2020

Legacy Place was saddened to lose Ron Soliday on February 26, 2020. Ron, 89 years old, had been a member of our Legacy family since July of 2018.

He was born to Earl J. Soliday and Ruth Huls Soliday in Logan, Ohio on November 25, 1930. Ron has one brother, who predeceased him. Ron grew up around the truth as his mother and his aunt were Witnesses. After high school, Ron attended Ohio State and enjoyed playing sports. His mother and aunt’s example had an impact on him and he was baptized in 1952. In his 20s Ron met Kay and the two were married on November 25, 1954.

After graduating from Ohio State, Ron and Kay began to pioneer in Columbus, Ohio. Shortly thereafter, they were asked to become special pioneers. Their first assignment was in Arkansas. Later they joined the circuit work and served in Michigan, Washington D.C., and New York. Together they had the privilege of helping many study the Bible and come to know Jehovah. Full-time service kept Ron very busy, but in his free time he loved to play tennis and golf.

The Solidays settled in Virginia after retiring from the circuit work. The friends in their congregation provided care for Ron and Kay well into their advancing years.

Kay passed away just four months prior to Ron. After 65 years of marriage, Ron missed his wife immensely. The hope of seeing her again provided him with comfort and strength to endure. Hebrews 6:10 reminds us, “God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name.” Ron truly loved Jehovah and proved to be a loyal and faithful servant. Now, he is safely in Jehovah’s memory until the promised resurrection, where he will be welcomed back by so many who loved him.

Legacy Anniversaries
1 Year
Chester Schankweiler
Frank Savoia
2 Years
Beatrice Caruso
4 Years
Lorraine Wenner
Photos!

Frank checking out the piano

Nohad doing a crossword puzzle with some of our residents

Carol tried out our new flower stencil

Frank working hard on his giraffe

Joyce enjoying the Allentown Flower Show

Gigi enjoying some beautiful lilies

Preparing for the Christian Life and Ministry meeting with Brother and Sister Lowell

A man’s best friend!

Employment Opportunities

Legacy Place is accepting employment applications. Contact Briana at briana.snyder@legacyplace.org for an application.

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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COVID-19 is on almost everyone’s mind. The elderly population appears to be at the most severe risk. Legacy Place Cottages’ Management Team and Board of Directors are taking this very seriously and closely monitoring the situation. This edition of our monthly newsletter went to print on March 15, 2020. As of that date, non-medical visitors, volunteers, and vendors were no longer accepted into our community. It is impossible to know if we will be allowing visitors by the time you receive this newsletter. Please check your email, Facebook, and Instagram for updates on visitation.

Our staff has been educated on hand washing, wearing gloves, not coming to work sick, etc. We are also taking the temperature of all staff prior to entering the building. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your support in keeping our residents safe.