

Shorelight MC

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April Birthdays

Residents

Bonne K. 4/15

Staff

Kenyahta A. 4/2

Angles B. 4/10

Maggie A. 4/14

Debbie D. 4/14

Elecia B. 4/29

Tia H. 4/29



Rose enjoys turning 100



One hundred years ago, on March 16, 1918 in a modest house on Center Street in Racine, WI an angel was born. Her name...Rose Recupero. Born to Italian immigrants, Nick and Mary Recupero, she was raised there with her 5 sisters Nena, Annie, Angie, Josie and Nellie and her one brother Anthony. The family was always surrounded by Aunts, Uncles and Cousins who lived nearby.



Rose loved to tell stories of her childhood. Playing in the streets near City Hall, sitting on the front porch reading stories aloud with her cousins and neighborhood friends till the wee hours of the morning. Her memories of growing up during the Great Depression still make her cry to this day.

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Rose turns 100 continued...

On November 21, 1956 at St. Mary's Church she married the love of her life, Henry Kujellis. She moved from her family home to the house that Henry built on Blaine Ave. They spent 49 wonderful years together.

There she raised her son Henry and daughter Marilee with all the love and caring that was humanly possible. Her children were her life and love was abundant. There was nothing she wouldn't do for us. She enjoyed family vacations and spending time at the "cottage" in Adams, WI. Rose would start her day with a cup of coffee while rocking in her favorite rocking chair and praying her daily rosary.

She always had a kind and encouraging word for all she met. If you came to visit, be prepared to have "lunch", any time of the day or night. You were going to eat if you wanted to or not.

Declining her "lunch" was the ultimate insult. She loved to entertain. Hosting Christmas Eve for many, many years, all were welcome because no one spent the holidays alone.

There was no greater bond than that of Rose and her sisters. Not only were they sisters but best friends for life. On any given day you could find Rose and sister Nellie at the local department store checking out the deal of the day or getting in a session of bingo at their favorite bingo establishment.

Later she and Henry would be lovingly welcoming daughter-in-law Luci and son-in-law Tom along with six amazing grandchildren...Kelsey, Kylee, Anthony, Joey, Jana and Cassy and 3 great grandchildren Julian, Jamison and Jordy and one on the way. How she loved rocking and singing to her grandbabies. Water fights in the back yard, pillow fights on vacation or cheering at their Saturday morning basketball game; always elated to spend any time she could with her grandchildren. She is an amazing grandma! The love, faith and values you have lived by are an inspiration to us all. Happy 100th Birthday Mom. We all love you.

-Written by daughter Marilee

Dance Movement with Hospice Alliance



Resident Margaret dances with Kam, Dance Movement leader from Hospice Alliance. Dance/Movement Therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses movement to further the emotional, cognitive, physical and social integration of the individual. We thank Kam and Hospice Alliance for dancing with us.

Burkley joins us for National Puppy Day



This is Burkley and his Dad, Jim. Jim occasionally brings in Burkley to visit Grandma Dolores and all her other friends at Shorelight. Burkley came in on Friday, March 23rd to celebrate National Puppy Day with our residents. Burkley is a Chocolate Labrador and is 20 weeks old and weighs about 58 lbs. Burkley is a playful, strong and loving puppy and the residents enjoy his visits. We thank Jim and Dolores for sharing Burkley with us. If you know anybody that would like to provide pet therapy visits please call Lanna Luzar.

Former Governor Martin Schreiber



Martin Schreiber signs a copy of his book "My Two Elaine's" for Ross Larson

On Friday, March 16th, former Governor Martin Schreiber spoke to about 80 guests here at Shorelight on Learning, Coping and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver. The former Governor shared on how Alzheimer's disease creeps slowly into a person's life but never retreats. Marty, as he likes to be called, shared how his beloved wife, gradually transformed from the woman who gracefully entertained in the Executive Residence to one who no longer recognizes him as her husband. With patience, adaptability, and even a sense of humor, Marty spoke on how his love continues for his wife. Net proceeds from the sales of "My Two Elaine's" is used to promote Alzheimer's caregiver support programs.

Alzheimer's Association

National 24/7 helpline (1-800-272-3900)
alz.org

You can also follow the association on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Google +, Pinterest, and Instagram.

Allay Home & Hospice Ethics & Boundaries Dinner and Presentation



We were honored to host a wonderful networking event and CEU dinner right here at Shorelight Memory Care.

Melissa Minkley, MSW, CT from Allay Home and Hospice presented a program on Ethics & Boundaries to about 40 area local professionals from Racine and Kenosha Counties. This was a working Continuing Education dinner.

Memory Boxes

We are really fortunate to have the enclosed memory boxes located outside your loved one's room. Many families and friends have done a wonderful job in personalizing these with pictures and Knick Knacks that allow the resident to identify with. If you would like to update or have assistance with your loved one's memory boxes please see Lanna Luzar, Life Enrichment Coordinator. If you have pictures or anything of importance these memory boxes can and will be locked.

Employee Spotlight – Meg B.



I have been an LPN for almost 40 years. The first 16 caring for the general Geriatric residents, then 20 years on a Dementia Unit. I was looking for a more “Person Centered Care” home-like setting to work in my twilight years. As I drove down the Drive to Shorelight for my interview, I felt like I was home. I quit my other job and never looked back.

I am a mother of one son and grandmother of 4, ranging from ages 5-19. My husband and I love “Glamping,” working on the house and gardening, flea markets, concerts and whatever trouble my grandkids talk me into. I also love to create things, Porcelain Dolls from scratch, flower arranging & decorating for weddings and Holidays.

I am so grateful for each and every day that I can be a part of our residents life. You really do give me so much more than I could ever give you.



Rose K. dances with Meg B. at her 100th Birthday Party.

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Resident/Family Surveys

Families have recently received a Shorelight survey in their mailbox. A huge thank you to those of you who have take the time to complete and return them. If you have not completed your survey please take 10 muntutes to do so....we compile the data to give us an accurate picture of how we are performing.

The feedback that we get from your surveys helps us to learn and grow; coming up with new and inventive ways to care for your loved one. We share all of the comments with our entire staff; either to use as a teaching tool or to simply share praises.

Thank you,
Stephanie McGregor
Resident Services Director