

Resident Engagement Idea of the Week

This Week's Idea: "Resident of the Month"

At the Pillars of Mankato, staff have been featuring a resident in their newsletter as well as their Facebook page every month. The idea is to share more about each other and build connections. It also allows a space for residents to be able to share their story with others.

Community: The Pillars of Mankato

Instructions:

1. Management team works together to select a resident of the month
2. AL Director interviews resident(s) about their life
3. Interview along with picture is featured in monthly newsletter as well as shared on site Facebook page



December Residents of the Month: Don and Rosalie Adams

Our December Residents of the Month are Don and Rosalie Adams. Don and Rosalie were both born in the Mankato area. Don in rural Waldorf and Rosalie in Mankato. They met through Don's younger sister at a dance at the Kato Ballroom when Don was back on leave from the Marine Corps. They were married on November 11th, 1958 and recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Rosalie taught school for 33 years in Mankato, MN and Rapid City, SD in both Catholic and Public Schools.

Don worked for Hubbard Milling as a Sales and Marketing Manager in the flour division for almost 40 years. Hubbard moved them all over, but they spent most of their years in Mankato and Rapid City, SD. Don worked at a golf course in Rapid City after he retired until Rosalie was able to join him in retirement. During retirement they spent their summers in South Dakota and winters in Texas. They have traveled extensively going to 43 different countries and on 37 cruises. Some of their favorite trips were to Europe, South America, Australia, Russia, Egypt, and Israel. Some highlights for Don was traveling to Alaska and Australia while Rosalie really enjoyed riding camels in Egypt and seeing the Wailing Wall in Israel. When they are not traveling the globe, they enjoy getting together with friends. Don also enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing in his spare time. When asked how they liked The Pillars they said, "It is a great place, where people really do a good job of taking care of us!"



How it's Going: Families and residents have loved the monthly feature. Pillars has also received great interaction on their Facebook page and are excited to feature more residents in the future!