

The Maple Ridge News

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Meet Joe B.

Joe B., Sr was born in a hospital in Madison, WI on January 10th, 1947. When Joe was 8 years old, he moved to Belleville, WI with his mother and older brother Ed, after his father passed away. Today Joe lives in Spooner, WI with his eldest son Joe B., Jr and his granddaughter Kristina. Joe was married to his wife Bobbi for 46 years with a total of 7 kids combined and 30 (and counting) grandkids, which Joe says has made his family complete. Joe will soon be a Great Grandfather for the first time! Joe says of his wife, "She enjoyed cooking, she was a great cook!" Joe enjoys spending time with his sons and grandkids especially during the Holidays. He has precious memories of teaching his sons how to hunt for food. Joe feels especially proud

of teaching his sons how to hunt for elk, with prized elk mounts adorning his walls at home. Joe's wife Bobbi was also a good hunter and could often be found behind their house on their large property, shooting deer. Joe opened his own real estate business in Webster, WI and for many years he helped as many people as he could with the process of buying and selling homes. Joe loved his work and says that he really enjoyed helping people find their dream homes. If you bought or sold a house in Webster, you were lucky if Joe B. was your agent.

After Joe's car accident 5 years ago, Joe Jr and his wife Rhonda took Joe into their home to care for him. This was also around the time that the love of Joe's life, Bobbi, passed away. Rhonda was a face that could be seen around Maple Ridge frequently during Joe's first stay at MRCC. She would be here daily to visit and check in on Joe. Joe has an excellent support system and is very grateful for his brother Ed and sister-in-law Janet, who have made several trips to Maple Ridge to keep Joe's spirits alive, from 7 hours away. Joe says, "they are very special to me because they care so much. My brother is my best friend for life and they are amazing people." His family can be seen visiting him frequently and are there for him whenever he needs.

Joe's recent stay at Maple Ridge was the result of him falling and breaking his hip. The ER doctor wanted Joe to do his rehab in Rice Lake, but Joe made a special request to return to Maple Ridge. Joe says of Maple Ridge, "I knew I liked Maple Ridge because I knew the therapists there from 5 years ago and they made my journey successful so I could walk again. I believed in the ladies that helped me and I trusted Maple Ridge

to recover me and help me again. If I ever have to come back, I'd want to be here, the staff here at Maple Ridge are sweethearts. I made new friends and laughs here." Joe would recommend Maple Ridge to anyone he knows as the staff at Maple Ridge are very caring. During Joe's stay here at Maple Ridge he was very determined to get better and worked especially hard to recover, but not without difficulty. Joe didn't seem to be getting better and was becoming more tired and unable to muster the energy he needed to get better. Joe and his family decided to enter the Hospice Program. Joe remained on Hospice for a short time before a new spark fired inside him. Joe was now even more determined and ready to pull through this hard time. He found a new vibrance for life and was going to stop at nothing to return home again! And that is exactly what he did.



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Happy Birthday

Best wishes to our staff and residents celebrating birthdays this month.

Residents:

Patrick F.	December 06
Larry M.	December 15
Ruth J.	December 25
Jack B.	December 31

Staff:

Stephanie H.	January 03
Daniel S.	January 13
Julia C.	January 15
Tamera Q.	January 16
Billie L.	January 19
Michelle O.	January 19
Aryiss O.	January 21
Jennifer N.	January 22
Gerald M.	January 22
Tracey L.	January 22
Shelly Q.	January 27

New Staff Members

Hi MRCC friends and family!

I'm Kristen, the new Human Resources Manager! I am very excited to be a part of this team, I love a challenge and learning something new every day! A little about myself: my husband, Mike, and I bought our first home this year in Spooner where we live with our black Lab, Stella! We lived in Rice Lake for a few months but before that we moved from Duluth, MN where we both went to school. I love to hike, go boating, travel, and spend time with family! My favorite part of my job is getting to help people so stop by my office (by the administrator's office) and say hi!



Hello Maple Ridge family! My Name is Sundee Sue Hansen. I am the Environmental Services Director here at our facility! I grew up in Hayward. I have a passion for life and for serving others! I truly enjoy my position here at Maple Ridge! I get so excited seeing the smiles on our residents faces and the smiles of my work family's faces. I have two boy's Austin who will be 20 next month. He's in school in Minneapolis and Eyan who is a senior here in Spooner. I enjoy the Northwoods and all it has to offer. I am a former musky princess so naturally I enjoy fishing the flowage, hunting and also trail running! My motto in life is...You don't have to change the world, just your part of it!



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