SUCCESS STORY

TOUCHING LIVES, SHARING WINS

MEET MARGIE...

NEVER GIVE UP!

Margie W. was born and raised in the Spooner area, graduating from Spooner High School in 1964.

She currently lives in Minong with her husband, Michael. Margie and Michael have been married for nearly 58 years! Margie said, "He is my rock and has been a loving supporter during my time of surgeries and rehabilitation." This has been evident during his almost daily visits to see Margie during her time at Maple Ridge Care Center.

The couple raised 4 children: one daughter and three sons. They have sadly lost 2 of their sons. They do however have 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons to help keep them busy.

Margie was admitted to Maple Ridge Care Center in early January 2023 after a hospitalization in Eau Claire. She endured an extensive back surgery the previous November, followed by a second back surgery in December. She needed physical therapy to regain strength and the ability to walk again. Margie wanted a place to recover that was close to home, and we were happy to have her as a short-term rehab resident.

Margie said she would absolutely recommend Maple Ridge Care Center to others. She was unable to decide the best thing about her stay here. She said, "Everything about Maple Ridge is good. It is hard to pick one thing. The nurses and CNA staff are very caring, the Activity department offered a variety of entertainment which was excellent, and dietary provided good, nutritious meals."

Margie went on to talk about the rehab department. "The positive attitude of the therapists kept me going every day. They encouraged me to do more, but never



forced me to do more than I was able. I constantly heard words of encouragement from Amy and Dave such as, "You got this!" or "You can do this!"

Activity Department

When asked what she would recommend to others in a similar situation, she said, "Eliminate the words, I can't from your vocabulary. Don't give up on yourself. Take advantage of PT and OT to get the rehab you need to be independent. I often think of words on a sign on the wall in the therapy room: I'm not telling you it's going to be easy – I'm telling you it's going to be worth it. So true!"

Margie has worked hard to meet her goals, and she is looking forward to returning home to her husband. She has kept a positive attitude throughout all of this which has helped her get to where she is now. It has been great to get to know Margie, and we hope she stops by to visit us all once the weather warms up.

