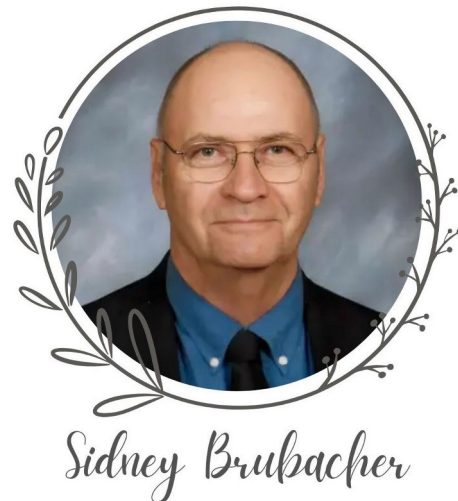


Joseph Arthur “Joe” Breaman, age 87, of Merrill, WI passed away on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Bell Tower Residence Assisted Living and Memory Care while under the care of their wonderful staff, his family, and Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services. Joe enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 17. He met his first and last love, Romyne Brickner, while she was visiting relatives during his first duty as an aircraft mechanic in Anchorage, Alaska. On May 11, 1957, he married Romyne at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Marathon. Joe’s military career took him to many places and they made many special friends along the way. He proudly served his country and retired after 20 + years of active military service, including tours in Vietnam and Thailand, as a Senior Master Sergeant E8. In 2023, as a resident of Bell Tower, Joe enjoyed a 20 minute Dream Flight in a WWII-era biplane. Additionally in July of this year, Aspirus Hospice acknowledged his military service and his family’s sacrifice with a Hospice Veteran Pinning Ceremony. They shared their gratitude for his military courage and commitment. Joe expressed his appreciation for his pin, commemorative plaque and for the gathering of loved ones and supportive personnel prior to his end of life. Joe will be truly missed by us all at Bell Tower Residence.

Sidney A. Brubacher Sr, passed away on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the age of 89, one day before his 90th birthday. He was residing at Bell Tower Assisted Living in Merrill under the care of Aspirus Home Hospice.

Sid was born August 10, 1935, in Brutus, Michigan to Ezra and Martha (Tyson) Brubacher. On April 15, 1956, he was united in marriage to Margaretha “Grethie” Miller in Indiana. Sid managed corporate dairy farms in Michigan until 1970, when he and Grethie moved to Wisconsin to buy their own dairy farm. With their children, they owned and operated SidMar Farms, a registered Holstein dairy farm. After selling the farm, Sid finished his work career at Marathon Cheese. He spent their last years together, caring for Grethie as she declined from Alzheimer’s disease. She preceded him in death on February 5, 2018. Sid was a family man. He loved nothing more than having all of his kids at home for a meal. He loved visiting with friends and neighbors and he and Grethie were known for their hospitality. Sid will be dearly missed by us all at Bell Tower Residence.



## Bell Tower Residence NEWSLETTER

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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Meier at [mmeier@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:mmeier@carriagehealthcare.com)



## Celebrating September

- 1st– Labor Day
- 3rd– Substitute Teacher Appreciation Day
- 4th– Wildlife Day
- 5th– International Day of Charity
- 6th– Self Awareness Saturday
- 7th– National Assisted Living Week Begins
- 8th– Line Dancing Day
- 10th– Word game Wednesday
- 11th– A Day of Remembrance
- 12th– Day of Encouragement
- 20th– Oktoberfest Begins
- 22nd– Autumn Season Begins
- 27th– National Hunting and Fishing Day
- 28th– Good Neighbor Day

## Golden Leaves and Golden Years

Happy September!

This year, September 7-13 marks National Assisted Living Week, with a theme of “Ageless Adventure.” Adventure may be defined as “an exciting or remarkable activity,” or “a daring and exciting activity, calling for enterprise and enthusiasm.”

That’s life, isn’t it? One adventure after another, often marked by journeying into the unknown. Life, like adventure, often holds risk, surprise, laughter, and unexpected outcomes. Adventure, like life, is not defined by age. From our first breath to our last, adventure awaits us.

As we celebrate National Assisted Living Week, we at Bell Tower Residence are honored to share this adventure together. Our staff celebrate the adventures of life with residents and families. We celebrate birthdays and mourn passings. We walk together, share meals, laugh and cry. Each day, we open the door to one more adventure, willingly and unbound by age.

During Assisted Living Week, we celebrate with games, food, music and companionship, but the celebration goes much deeper than that. Bell Tower Residence is a special place. We celebrate the relationships, the milestones, and life. We are honored that you are part of our Bell Tower Residence family. Hand in hand, arm in arm, we go forward. We adventure—together.

*Kris McGarigle*



## Bell Tower Wish List:

- Roku for each neighborhood
- Sponsor a Zumba Class
- Sponsor a Birthday Cake
- Natural Color Nail Polish
- Sponsor Live Music
- Purchased Bingo Prizes
- Sensory Games
- Artificial Flowers
- Resident Social Hour Supplies
- Purchase Chocolate for Bingo
- Craft Kits



## National Assisted Living Week 2025!

We're excited to celebrate *National Assisted Living Week* with a full week of fun, connection, and appreciation! This year's theme is all about honoring the incredible lives and stories of our staff, and we have a variety of special events planned to make it unforgettable. Residents and staff can look forward to resident themed awards, live musical entertainment, a Root Beer social, Popcorn and a staff gift basket drawing! It's a week of joy, laughter, and togetherness — and we can't wait to celebrate with everyone!



## Bell Tower Fall Activity Planning

We want to hear from you! Your ideas and interests are what make our activity calendars special and meaningful. Whether it's a hobby you love, a new skill you want to try, or a favorite game or outing, please share your suggestions with us. Residents and family members alike are invited to share ideas for future activities so we can create fun, engaging experiences that everyone enjoys. Feel free to stop by the front desk or email our Director of Life Enrichment at [ablaubach@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:ablaubach@carriagehealthcare.com) with your ideas. We are excited to hear your thoughts!

## Staff Birthdays

8th– Malakai W  
11th– Dawn I  
14th– Katie H  
17th– Aleya W  
19th– Cheryl R  
21st– Deb G  
23rd– Brenda T  
25th– Alysian K  
26th– Emilie E

## Staff Anniversaries

1 year– Destinee R  
1 year– Jordyn K  
2 years– Morgan S  
18 years– Arick B

## Resident Birthdays

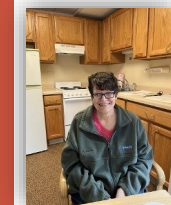
2nd– Carol O  
6th– Walter B  
8th– Donna Holl  
9th– S. Mary Zita  
13th– Lois G  
22nd– Nancy C  
22nd– Leroy O  
28th– Barb H

## Resident Anniversaries

1 year– Lois G



## Welcome to Bell Tower



Krista Fuhrman  
3rd Floor  
Neighborhood



Laverne Mussell  
2 West Neighborhood



Allen Lallemond  
Maintenance



Lacie Sczygelski  
Culinary Aide



Leah Henkelman  
Cook and  
Culinary Aide



Claire Hintz  
Culinary Aide

We are so glad you are here! Welcome to our Bell Tower Family!

## Staff Spotlight

Congratulations to Teri Webb on being selected to be Bell Towers Employee of the Month for September. This was well deserved, and we are glad to have you a part of our team!



## Activities Highlights in September:

Wednesday September 3rd—Scarecrow Fall Craft  
Thursday September 4th—Smores on the Back Patio  
Tuesday September 9th—Popcorn Day  
Thursday September 11th—Live Music and Root beer Floats  
Friday September 12th—Movie and Matinee  
Tuesday September 23rd—Octoberfest  
Wednesday and Thursday September 24th and 25th—Chaplain Johns Pumpkin Patch

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