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Happy New Years 2019

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Robert and Agnes Bunsey

Robert (Bob) and Agnes Bunsey became residents of the Normandy in the summer of 2018. They met on a blind date 73 years ago, fell in love, and on a cold and snowy Valentine's Day weekend in 1947; they were married. They have six children, (five living nearby, and one in Houston TX), five grandchildren and three great grandchildren as of now....

So what is the secret to their long and happy marriage? It's really quite simple - love of family and a good sense of humor! They and the family seem to find humor in everything and specialize in playing practical jokes.

Bob was born in Cleveland in 1924, the second of four children of Thomas and Helen Bunsey. He grew up in the W. 65th Street area and went to St. Coleman church. After graduating from West Tech High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marine during WWII. He served as a radio officer aboard Liberty Ships, which sailed virtually unarmed through enemy waters to deliver tanks, guns, food and other material desperately needed by the Allies to fight and win the War. After several tours of duty, Bob returned home and soon began his life's journey with Agnes.

Agnes was born in Cleveland in 1925, the third of nine children of Joseph and Anna Humenik. Her parents had emigrated from Zborov, Czechoslovakia in 1922. Joseph, a skilled bricklayer, and

Anna established their home in Cleveland on W. 19th Street where Agnes grew up. They were active in St. Wendelin parish, the church where Agnes and Bob would eventually marry. Agnes graduated from Jane Adams vocational school and became a professional seamstress, working for The Fries & Schuele Company among others.

After they married, Bob earned a degree in business from Fenn College, while beginning a career in purchasing for large industrial companies. During his "spare time" he built a 3-bedroom ranch house on a large lot in Parma to accommodate his growing family – and realized he had a passion for building. After finishing the house, he built a life-size playhouse in the backyard for the three girls, followed by a 2-story fort for the three boys. And for good measure, he and Agnes added a swimming pool and playground equipment. It was a kid's paradise – and a great way for them to keep an eye on us!

Agnes was a study in perpetual motion, too. While tending to six children and the house, she cooked three meals a day for eight people, grew beautiful flower gardens and sewed dresses for the girls (and their dolls).

What's most amazing is that they found the time (and energy) to have fun with the kids. Every summer included

trips to the Zoo, Cedar Point, Euclid Beach Park and Geauga Lake, family reunions in the backyard, and occasional adventures to Gettysburg, Boston and other places. In the winter, it was tobogganing, ice skating and trips to museums and the library. Every other Sunday it seemed, after church and dinner, the family would pile into the station wagon and pop in to visit the relatives.

In 1969, Bob's career led the family to Chicago, and a few years later to Huntington, WV. With this last move he decided it was time to leave the corporate world and pursue his real dream - building houses. So in mid-life, he and Agnes put everything on the line, and he started a new career as a builder, with Agnes as his bookkeeper. In 1980, after constructing several houses in Huntington, they decided to move back to Cleveland to be near their grown kids and relatives.

Soon afterward, Bob built a beautiful house for them in Sheffield Village, Ohio. And because reading is a favorite pastime, the house included a library for his extensive collection of books on history and literature, old sheet music (including his favorite "True Love"), his WWII memorabilia and hundreds of classical music recordings. And Agnes had a huge yard to put her green thumbs to work again.

While Bob was busy building, Agnes took a position at the iconic Miller's Restaurant in Lakewood as hostess /manager. She enjoyed working there and stayed for almost 15 years. Yet she still managed to cook dinner every evening, until almost age 90. Nothing could soothe one's soul more than stopping by for dinner after a hard day at work, and being greeted by 2 loving parents to a welcoming table and the aroma of fresh-baked muffins and her famous roast beef. This was heaven.

Even in their 80's, Bob and Agnes kept busy. They love music so they took piano lessons together! And Agnes joined a women's choral group that performed at local venues.

Bob's craftsmanship and attention to detail shows in every project he touched. For him, it was a labor of love. He used to tell the kids to "always leave a place better than you found it". He certainly lived up to his advice. He and Agnes inspire everyone around them by their shining examples of love – for each other, their family, their country and God.

On February 15, 2019 Bob and Agnes will mark their 72nd wedding anniversary. We hope you can join us in celebrating this very special occasion



During this cold and flu season, we ask that visitors who are ill please refrain from visiting. The residents are likely to contract these illnesses from others.

ANNOUNCEMENT LOUISE DARLING, DON

Resident sign out/in

Family members must always sign out their loved ones before taking them on a leave of absence from the facility. Upon return to the facility it will be necessary for you to notify a charge nurse. You will be required to sign out and the facility staff will be required to sign them back in upon return. Also if resident is going to be out for an extended period, the nurse will need to know if the resident needs a preparation of medication to go along with them. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations

The following employees have received a 'take a bow' award

Angie Haribatk, LPN and Cindy Oliver, RN and Sue Keyes, STNA

They did such a great job taking care of my husband Robert Vejby. God Bless you all.

Gloria Bright, STNA

Gloria consistently provides excellent care to residents in Arthur's Place. Gloria is always kind and patient with our Mom. She anticipates her needs and knows how to calm her. She is willing to help even if not assigned to care for my Mom. She is truly an asset to the Normandy staff and we appreciate her hard work!



Family Members

It is that time again, residents' closets and dressers need to be winterized. Please be sure to ask Housekeeping to mark all items that belong to residents and ask nursing to add them to the inventory sheet especially new items that they receive as gifts, including lotions, shampoos, slippers and of course clothing.

"Happy Birthday to You" Residents'

January Birthdays

Irene Plank	Jan. 1 st
Cindy Rodgers	Jan. 6 th
Louis Veras Suazo	Jan. 10 th
Dennis Fike	Jan. 16 th
Sandra Noodel	Jan. 20 th
Jeanne Yanocho	Jan. 25 th
Chester Stasik	Jan. 27 th
Carol Sidoti	Jan. 29 th
Betty McNulty	Jan. 30 th

The Normandy Care Center Staff

Administrator	Matt Shula
Director of Nursing	Louise Darling
Admissions Director	Megan Gassman
Activities Director	Tammy Danilovic
Administrative Assistant	Cindy Ward
Controller	David Rodgers
Dietary Manager	Colleen Merella
Dietitian	Sandee Seib
Environmental Services And Maintenance	Curtis Cole
Rehab Services Director	Ellen Straub
Social Work	Ginny Moes



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