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Masonic Village Hospice



True Love *Withstands the Test of Time*



After meeting on a blind date set up by friends, Clyde and Eva Jordan thought it would never work out. She was just a shy city girl from Pittsburgh, and he was an unshaven “bad boy” from a surrounding river town.

If they never gave each other a second “first chance,” a great love would have been wasted. After one more date, the next 70 years was history.

Through separation during war, raising three sons and keeping up a home, their love remained. It grew even stronger as they reached their golden years. The two volunteered their time at Masonic Village, running a tight ship at a campus post office, which was unofficially renamed “the Jordan Post Office” by frequent visitors.

What was the secret to their long, happy marriage? “Communication” they used to say in unison sitting

in matching recliners. Perhaps the real secret was Clyde’s dedication or Eva’s patient and caring heart. Stepping into their home, walls and end tables were covered with family photos, all begging to tell a story.

A blacksmith by trade, Clyde was first a family man. The couple never had big shiny things, but that was okay. It allowed their relationship to be uncomplicated and easy. The couple used to laugh when Eva said she pulled the strings in the relationship, but allowed Clyde to think otherwise.

In 2016, their more than 90 years of living caught up to them, and the two were placed in the care of Masonic Village Hospice.

Usually, life’s details become hazy and faded, but during visits with hospice caregivers, Clyde and Eva’s memories became very much alive. Their stories allowed you to follow Clyde as he returned home from World War II to find Eva waiting on the sidewalk. They took you to the kitchen where Eva cooked for

her family each night. They placed you in the back seat of the 1937 Dodge Clyde taught Eva to drive.

Through their stories, it became clear what was most important to the Jordans – staying together. Hospice staff made sure the two had a comfortable room to share and opportunities for date nights - nothing fancy, of course. Clyde, a pilot hobbyist, even ventured into the sky one more time before he passed away, thanks to donors.

After Clyde’s death, Eva received support from hospice, often in the form of listening ears and homemade breakfasts. With her saint-like character, Eva joked even an all-powerful God would need a little help with her Clyde. Three months later, Eva was reunited with her true love.

The Jordan’s is a story of true love withstanding the test of time. It never had to be grand. It was pure and simple.

Special Moments Made Possible Because of *You*

Hospice does not cure illness, but can certainly offer healing. For many, the decision to enter hospice is not easy, but they soon come to realize hospice is about having time to say goodbye. It is about memories. Special moments, made possible because of you, give patients and families hope and happiness.

A horse ride for an animal lover, a venture into the sky for a pilot, a romantic dinner for a loving couple - no matter the complexity, seeing the joy in a patient's eyes is well worth the time, energy and funds.

People say it's not the years in your life that matter, but the life in your years. Special moments can still be created at the end of life, with your help.

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A Bird Lover's Paradise

Peggy Drescher adored birds her whole life. When she began receiving hospice services, staff felt she needed a pick-me-up. Thanks to donors, Peggy was presented with two lovebirds, Duke and Reba, to call her own. She showed them off to each guest she received, often explaining their daily routine. With her limited mobility, the birds made her feel at peace, and watching them was usually better than anything on TV. The chirps of excitement changed the room, and Peggy, too.



Hope, Love and Memories

Sheri Dearmitt had a nervous pit in her stomach as she addressed guests of the annual Masonic Village Hospice event. Her father passed away in 2015, and she was familiar with the grief many of them were experiencing. As she reflected on her father's way of life, she was grateful to his hospice "angels" who "always gave care and guidance at exactly the right time." For her father, who was always a proud man, receiving care wasn't easy. "Hospice knew what was important to him, only because they cared to listen," she said. The event, which focused on hope, love and memories, concluded with a lighting ceremony, where guests placed candles in memory of loved ones.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Training Course

Volunteers are an indispensable part of hospice. By contributing time, energy and listening ears, they enhance patients' quality of life. A volunteer training class will take place on May 21 and 31, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. For more information, call 717-367-1121, ext. 33024.

Bereavement Support

Bereavement Support Group meetings are offered at Masonic Village and Moravian Manor in Lititz. The groups are open to both residents and community members. For more information, call 717-367-1121, ext. 33576.



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Given August 1 through October 31, 2016

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Based in Elizabethtown, Masonic Village Hospice is pleased to offer services to patients in the comfort of their homes throughout Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon and Eastern York counties.



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