

1000 Stories

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we reached out to the significant others of two of our residents to ask them about their own love story. Here is what they shared with us.

Saundra & Joe

Saundra is a resident in our Cedar Home. She and Joe met at the beginning of the millennium at a local photography club in Eugene. Saundra was president of the organization when they first began dating, and as years passed, Joe found himself to be her worthy successor. They both enjoyed taking photos of the stunning Oregon landscapes.

Joe spoke to us about the challenge of finding a new way to communicate with



Support Groups

<u>Memory Loss Solutions®</u> EHL Campus Support Group Monday, February 3rd 5:00 - 6:00 pm @ Main Campus

Tuesday, February 18th 12:30 - 1:30 pm @ Main Campus

Alzheimer's Support Group Thursday, February 13th & 27th 1:30 - 3:30 pm @ Good Samaritan Society 3500 Hilyard Street, Eugene

his beloved wife and friend. He graciously shared, "I see the love that I give to her being reciprocated in the joy she shows me when I come to see her - she smiles and laughs. We have a way of communicating where I squeeze her hand a few times, and I know if she squeezes back with the same rhythm, she's firing on all cylinders that day." After 20 years of partnership, Joe said he would describe their relationship as "interesting and joyful".

Fred & Beverly

Fred is a resident in our Mt. Hood Home. He met Beverly in Lewiston, Idaho at a "Meet and Greet" for newly hired teachers. The wife of Fred's boss sent some young men she knew were single to the event. The two found themselves quickly bonding over their mutual love of the outdoors. Their favorite memories together are of family activities such as traveling, camping, kayaking, playing tennis, and enjoying the company of their children and grandchildren.

When asked what words describe their relationship, Beverly shared, "Love, respect, happy memories, and a great family!". They still keep in touch with Fred's boss and wife - their fateful matchmakers.

On February 5, 2020, they will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary!



#### We are pleased to announce that Callie is our February 2020 Employee of the Month!



Callie was born and raised here in Springfield, Oregon. Two years ago she moved to the rural town of Elmira, Oregon. Callie lives with her "better half", Ryan. They don't have any children but she says they have a home full of fur babies (dogs). Callie describes herself as a country girl at heart. Her free time is spent in the outdoors - hunting, fishing, hiking, and driving back roads to explore. She says that, "Road trips are the best time to build memories, share laughs, and have goofball, random conversations."

Callie joined EHL in April of 2017 and currently works as the Lead Direct Care Staff in our Mt. Hood Home. When asked why she likes working at EHL, Callie replied, "Bringing smiles to the residents daily is the best reward! We are a close family unit around campus. Full of endless love, support, and compassion."

#### Callie's Words of Wisdom:

"A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated, or being perfect. It's about being real, being human, being able to share ourselves, and touching the lives of others."

Thank you, Callie, for your hard work and your dedication!



# In Remembrance

## Rosa Middlekauff

Rosa came to EHL in August of 2013. Amee, our Administrator, shared with us, "Rosa was very independent and caring for her housemates, Carlie the dog, and the staff in the home. She never failed to greet guests in the home." Rosa passed away at the age of 84. We will miss her.



#### Tuck Stevens

Tuck came to EHL in October of 2017. EHL staff shared with us that, "Tuck had a caring soul. She loved to help others and make sure everyone was taken care of before her. She also had a smile that would light up the room." Tuck passed away at the age of 84.



## Elsabe Slatin

Elsabe came to EHL in July of 2016. Kayla, Resident Coordinator of our Mt. Vernon Home, shared that, "Elsabe lit up the room when you walked in. She always had a smile and a song for you. She will be missed." Elsabe passed away at the age of 97.



#### Janet Valeriani

Janet came to EHL in August of 2016. Erika, Resident Coordinator of our Cedar Home, said, "Janet was one of a kind sassy and sweet all in one. She had the greatest smile and loved teasing the staff. She will be very missed." Janet passed away at the age of 94.





#### Kay Towns

Kay came to EHL in January of 2018. EHL staff shared with us, "Kay was feisty, independent, and hilarious! We will miss watching her mess with the staff and play pranks on them." Kay passed away at the age of 78.



### Chris Togiai

Chris came to EHL in September of 2018. EHL staff shared with us, "Chris always had a charming smile and kind words for everyone he met. He had such a kind and gentle spirit that was calming even on the worst days." Chris passed away at the age of 69.





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