

~ Remembering our Friend ~



Irene E. Lee moved to her eternal home December 18, 2019 at the age of 88. Irene, "Renie", was born in 1931 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to Daniel Ward Edwards and Florence (Bell) Edwards. She grew up with her brother Kenneth and her sister, Mary (Walsh). After graduation from Ann Arbor High School, she attended the University of Michigan and graduated with a degree in Dental Hygiene in 1953. She then moved to Madison, Wisconsin and began her career as a dental hygienist. It was in Madison that she met Clifford Milton Lee on a blind date and the rest was history. They were married on June 15, 1957 and later moved to Neenah, Wisconsin.

Irene was a devoted wife and a sensitive, caring and infinitely loving mother to Bridget, Becky, and Douglas. She was extremely intelligent and was a patient teacher to her children growing up. She valued highly family time which included summers filled with camping trips, family game nights and cross-country road trips. She was a life-long member and regular attender of the First United Methodist Church in Neenah. She loved regular outings with Clifford and their friends. She was a valued member of the Neenah-Menasha Music Club and a very talented flutist. Everyone who knew her can speak of her kindness and sensitivity to them. She was very adventurous and loved to travel with Cliff in their later years. She was always encouraging and complimentary. Her laugh was infectious.

Irene is survived by her two daughters, Bridget Lee and Becky (Dave) Bernin, son Douglas (Jan) Lee, brother Ken Edwards, grandchildren Ryan (Jenny) Bernin, Anna Bernin, Madison Lee, Makia Lee and Joshua Lee.

A memorial service for Irene will be 11:00 am on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 108 W. Doty Ave, Neenah with Rev. Tony Fuller officiating. Visitation will be held at the church Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 am until the hour of service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being set up. Inurnment will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery.



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New for 2020!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020!!! As we move into the new year we are bringing in some exciting new activities to the community.

You will see a new group called the "Appetizer Club", where we will be making different kinds of food for our happy hours. Taste testing will also be a major part of this activity of course.

We will also be reintroducing "Science Group" to the community in 2020. This activity will introduce us to some fun and exciting science specific projects. We can't wait to get started!

Moving forward, all activities will have detailed labels on the activity calendars. For example, instead of the calendar saying "Exercise", it will now

tell you what exercise we will be doing for the day, whether that is kick ball, baseball or a morning stretch.

We will be keeping our weekly board game hour, which will be promptly followed by our Ice Cream Social. Our Ice Cream Social will now be separate from our Happy Hour.

We are also very excited to be inviting Pastor Dan to Emerald Ridge, to lead us in a Bible study group once a month. Please keep an eye out for our first Bible study, which will be on January 9 in the Activity Room.

As always, if you have any ideas for an activity you would like to do, please let Alfie or Joe know.



**FROM THE
 EXECUTIVE
 DIRECTOR'S
 DESK**

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead for extreme temperatures and trips outside. Prepare your apartment and vehicles if you have one. Prepare for possible power outages and any outdoor activities you chose to participate in.

Although winter comes as no surprise, many of us may not be ready for its arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you are more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall. You can prepare by wearing appropriate outdoor clothing: wear a tightly woven, preferably wind-resistant coat or jacket; inner layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and waterproof boots.

Being prepared while remaining indoors means wiping your shoes off on the rugs when coming back into our building, making sure your thermostat isn't turned down, and wearing long sleeved shirts and sweaters. Also if your windows don't seal properly make sure to let staff know so maintenance can get it repaired. Stay safe this winter!

- Joe Vareka, Executive Director

Resident Testimonial



"I only have one word for Emerald Ridge....EXCELLENT!!"

- Jim



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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



George C.

George was raised on a farm just south of Neenah. He went to Cowling school, which he says was named after his family. Unfortunately, the school was torn down and is no longer there. George married his high school sweetheart on Jan. 1st 1951; just 12 days before getting inducted into the service. George spent two years as a mechanic in Korea for the Army. He even received a Military Merit while in the service that he is very proud of. Once coming back from Korea, George started to work for a building contractor for three years before he started his own contracting business. George built the Adams Street Apartment Complex. He also built and owned the car wash, "Crystal Clean", that is just up the road from Emerald Ridge! He sold it before moving into the community. George retired as a maintenance man for the Neenah school district. He enjoyed his time there so much, and often wishes he had started it sooner. George and his wife had two children; a son named Chris, and a daughter named Julie. At this time George doesn't have any grandchildren, but he is hoping that will change in the future. George says he had no time for hobbies because he was always working. George spends most of his days hanging out with his best friend - his pet rock, Angus. George and Angus met 13 years ago and he is proud to say that they have never once gotten into a fight. :) George is very friendly and loves a quick chat, so if you ever see him in the halls make sure to say "HI!"



Dinosaurs were most likely different than you would like to imagine. Since we have to piece everything, we know about dinosaurs together from scattered fossils, our picture of how they appeared and behaved changes as we find more. For one, many (non-flying) dinosaurs, including the velociraptor, had feathers, but it's unlikely that any of them had the vocal cords to roar. Also, those fierce velociraptors were no bigger than a modern turkey.

Employee of the Month

Nicole R was born in Milwaukee WI. She moved to Little Chute when she was two and then to Kimberly when she was eight. She graduated from Kimberly high school. After high school Nicole had her first son Ethan. After having Ethan, she got her certification to be a CNA. Nicole says she had tried to do a few other things but has always come back to this line of work because of how much she loves it. She has one more son, Alex and a daughter Alivia. When Nicole is not working, she enjoys spending her free time painting or drawing, going camping and hiking, and cooking and baking. Nicole also loves to spend her time up in Shawano with her family at their trailer on the channel. Nicole loves what she does and is very knowledgeable if you ever have any questions or just want someone to chat with Nicole is your girl!



January Birthdays

Robert S. - 1/10

Dorothy B - 1/15

Gary R. - 1/15

Joan B. - 1/17

January Dates to Remember

January 1 10:30 am - Smash Painting (Activity Room)
1:30 pm - Reminiscing 2019 (Activity Room)

January 6 2:30 pm - Fireworks in a Jar (Activity Room)

January 7 9:30 am - Wal-Mart Trip
1:30 pm - Dollar Tree Trip

January 8 10:30 am - Pour Painting (Activity Room)

January 9 3:15 pm - Bible Study with Pastor Dan (Activity Room)

January 13 2:30 pm - Scent Guessing (Activity Room)

January 14 Movie Theater Outing (Movie and time TBD)

January 15 10:30 am - Do it yourself Scratch Boards (Activity Room)

January 20 12:00 pm - Men's Lunch
2:30 pm - Making Geodes

January 21 10:00 am - Breakfast at the Weather Vane
1:30 pm - Thrift store shopping

January 22 10:00 am - Chair Bingo (Activity Room)
1:15 pm - Resident Counsel (Dining Room)
2:00 pm - Church Service (Dining Room)

January 24 1:30 pm - All Staff Meeting (Activity Room)
3:00 pm - Comedy Club (Dining Room)

January 28 10:00 pm - Casino Trip

January 30 1:30 pm - Bingo Store (Activity Room)