

Resident Spotlight - Guy Johnson



Submitted by Joyce Fortner for the “Remember Me” contest.

It's important for one who suffers from Alzheimer's to have a “Life Story,” and MOST importantly, for it to be understood. The understanding of one's life story is a key element to ensuring that an Alzheimer's patient is well cared for. Let me tell you about a special, caring man, Guy Johnson (I will also refer to as “Dad”), who now has Alzheimer's—one of the toughest diseases for a family, and a patient, to deal with.

Guy Johnson was born in West Virginia on July 14, 1922, the third child of Mr. And Mrs. George Albert Johnson. Dad is one who loves to tell stories of the good ole days. He tells of times in the Army where other Servicemen did not listen to officers, and they did not make it home alive. He told us stories of digging his “fox hole” to stay in and other men trying to take his instead of doing it themselves. Dad was also made a cook while in the service. What a fabulous cook he was! When Dad returned from the war, he learned plumbing and pipe fitting as a trade. He was a plumber and pipe fitter until 1969 when he retired.

Dad has always been honest, trusting and willing to help anyone. Whether it was helping to lift his crippled niece who had Polio from her chair, helping to make sure a child had a first bicycle, or helping others with financial needs, he was there! He always made holidays special too. On Valentine's Day, he would leave a large box of candy for my mother and three little boxes for us girls.

At 88 years young, “still kicking,” yet suffering through the agonizing stages of Alzheimer's Disease, he is a pillar. Although you can bet his memory is not quite perfect, he still replies to “how are you?” with the response “feel me and see!” As I visit him daily, I recount all the memories I have shared, and he tells me now that I remember his life better than he. Alzheimer's requires that caregivers, friends and family understand the Life Story of each resident they care for. Although he isn't able to comprehend the situation, I feel he would want me to ask you kindly....”Remember Me.”

Employee Of The Quarter - Lillie Long



Lillie Long was awarded employee of the second quarter 2010. She works in our dietary department and has worked at Midland Meadows for 2 years 9 months. Lil graduated from Point Pleasant HS and currently resides in Milton with her husband Rick. She has two daughters and enjoys gardening and boating with her family. Lil said she enjoys taking care of our residents and her co-workers are great to work with.

National Assisted Living Week is September 12-18. This year's theme is “Living Life.” We will celebrate the week with a different theme each day. Activities and meals will revolve around Chinese and Hispanic Heritage, Mardi Gras, Country Living and the 1950's. Check the activity calendar for more information.