



RESIDENTS OF THE MONTH

George & Wanda Tofaute

Wanda Tofaute was born in Clinton, IN, to Ralph (Woody) and Fauneal Wood at the Vermillion County Hospital. Coincidentally, George Tofaute was born in that same hospital that same year! For the next few years Wanda lived on the property of Turkey Run State Park because her mother was a waitress there and her father was a chauffeur. In time, they moved to Wallace, IN, where Mr. Wood bought a Skelgas store. Soon after this, the Woods moved to Rockville to open another Skelgas store and appliance store where Wanda would earn her allowance by helping her father with book work. Moving to this small town was a big change. There were only two rooms for the sixth graders, little did she know her husband was in that six-grade class. During high school Wanda was class treasurer for all four years and George was the class president for three. During their time in high school, they were cast in a play called “Mother of the Bride”, Wanda as the mother and George as the father.

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Both Wanda and George attended Purdue University in 1956. Being an only child Wanda was eager to become a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. While there, George joined Delta Upsilon fraternity. Wanda majored in home economics with mechanical ability and design as her interest and she received many honors while there. George transferred to the University of Michigan his junior year, there he completed his degree in law. During the summer months George and Wanda were able to spend time together, Wanda spent two summers working as a waitress at Kings Gateway Resort there in Michigan and the next at The Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island. George and Wanda were married in 1959. They had a small wedding at the Episcopal Cathedral on the circle in Indianapolis. Once married, George and Wanda moved to Bloomington, IN where George completed law school.

Wanda did alterations and sold clothes for people in the area. George and Wanda had three children, Jennette (Dan), Phillip (Lynette), and David (Kathy). They have given them six grandchildren and now have six great grandchildren. After George graduated from law school in 1964, they moved to Terre Haute where he established his law practice becoming Tofaute and Spelman where he is still a practicing attorney today. George was appointed Terre Haute City Attorney in 1968 under Mayor Larrison. While the children were young, Wanda managed their three mobile home parks and three apartments/houses, needless to say, they were quite busy. Wanda is also a member of the BN chapter of PEO, Tobies, a bridge club, a past member of Law Wives, and The League of Terre Haute.

George and Wanda came to visit our community in 2013 and they moved into Westminster Village in the summer of 2014. They commented "It was the best decision we ever made." George and Wanda have enjoyed their time here.

Wanda also enjoys working the apartment sales several times each year and using her hobbies to help make Westminster Village a beautiful place to enjoy and call home.