

RESIDENT OF THE MONTH



Jeanette Graf

Jeanette Margaret Piper was born in Chicago, IL. She was the first of six children. Jeanette had two sisters and three brothers. She grew up helping her mother “mother” their family, which she remembers enjoying. Most of Jeanette’s childhood occurred during the Depression years. She remembers it as a happy time and her home life was a very peaceful place. She remembers cutting off the end of her fingers, sicknesses, sharing two bicycles with four people, etc. as normal. Jeanette has two daughters and a son. Her oldest daughter is a nurse who cares for her today and worked with Dr. Roseff, ENT, for 30+ years. Her youngest daughter is a Librarian at the main Library in Terre Haute and she handles her business needs. Her son, who is the oldest child, does office work in Springfield, IL. Jeanette has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and out of all 11 of them, only one lives in Terre Haute.

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Jeanette attended Parker High School and then attended Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing - both in Chicago. She joined the Navy Nurse Corpe and met her husband, Carl Graf, in the Navy. Jeanette retired when their children were on the way.

Jeanette lists her professions as a Registered Nurse, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and a good neighbor! The early years of Jeanette's marriage were spent traveling around the country and to Cuba. Jeanette and Carl's children had very interesting experiences. Jeanette and Carl thought he retired after 20 years of work, but they ended up in Terre Haute, much to their surprise, but good fortune! They have lived and enjoyed their life in Terre Haute with their children, and grandchildren, who all grew up here.

Jeanette used to sew, do needlework, and read. In the summers, she used to pack her lunch and go on long bicycle rides. She taught bible study classes for many years. In her free time, she enjoys bible study, crypto quotes, word jumble from the daily newspaper, occasional T.V., and BOTT Radio programs.

Jeanette and Carl moved to Westminster Village when Carl lost sight in both eyes. Carl could only take long walks safely around the boundary of WV by himself. Carl was a very independent person, and this was a blessing to him. Jeanette has enjoyed all the activities here at WV and has participated in many. After 30 years of being involved here at WV, she enjoys her apartment and feels secure and comfortable having friendly neighbors around her who help her when needed. Jeanette says she is so thankful to be a resident in a community of such nice people.