



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Dale Johnson

Westminster Village is proud to celebrate Dale Johnson as our Resident of the Month! Dale is a third-generation resident of Westminster Village, carrying on a beautiful family legacy of calling our community home. Her grandmother, born in 1892, was among the very first residents in Assisted Living here. Her father, John Easley, later lived in Independent Living in 2019; making Dale's connection to Westminster one that spans generations.

Born and raised in Clay City, Indiana, Dale grew up with a strong sense of community and family. Her father owned the Rexall Drugstore, where at just ten years old, she was tall enough to see over the counter and help as a "soda jerk." Her parents, John and Sarah Easley, met while serving in the Army during World War II; her mother as a nurse; and instilled in Dale the values of service and compassion from an early age. As the "talented middle child" among three siblings, Dale always had a spark for learning and helping others.

Dale met her husband, Michael, in eighth grade, and the two began dating in high school. After completing her nursing training, they married in 1969 and moved to Terre Haute, where they built a beautiful life together.

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Dale began her nursing career at St. Anthony's Hospital as an RN, then went on to work for Dr. Renata Justin, the first female physician in Terre Haute and originally from Germany. She later worked PRN at Regional Hospital and for Dr. Grace Walker, serving patients with skill and heart for over 41 years. Dale found joy and purpose in every area of her nursing career; a calling inspired by paging through her mother's nursing books as a child. Outside of work, Dale was a devoted member of the United Methodist Temple Church, where she has worshiped and volunteered since 1972. Her husband, Michael, enjoyed a successful career at Novelis, the local aluminum plant. After retirement, the couple loved traveling together; exploring Europe, Spain, and many states across the U.S., often in their beloved Corvette. In their younger years, they enjoyed camping and water-skiing trips with friends and family at Raccoon Lake.

Dale and Michael raised three sons; Rob, Paul, and Adam; each four years apart and, as Dale fondly remembers, all born in election years. Today, Rob and Paul live with their families in Indianapolis, while Adam and his family reside in Richmond, Virginia. Dale and Michael were also blessed with three wonderful daughters-in-law and seven cherished grandchildren.

Sadly, Michael passed away from cancer in 2022, but his memory continues to live on through their close-knit family and the life they built together.

Now, Dale fills her days with meaningful connections and community. She volunteers twice a week in the Health Center, helping serve lunch to residents, and she continues to stay active in her church. Dale also enjoys meeting friends for coffee each morning at Panera, as well as hosting get-togethers with her lifelong high school friends; eight of whom recently joined her at Westminster for the Chef Experience Dinner, beautifully prepared by Chef Chris Kraut and our amazing Food & Beverage team.

When asked what she loves most about Westminster Village, Dale shared, "I love my villa. My main windows face the east field, so it's like me and my cat, Oliver, are still living in the country."

She adds,

"I appreciate the security, the people, the activities, and knowing that I have options if I need them. Thank you for letting me join you all!"

We are honored to have Dale as part of the Westminster Village family and celebrate her as our Resident of the Month!