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Father's
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Resident of the Month: Ed Roberts

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Ed, was born in the St. Hubert area, near Montreal, Quebec - the oldest in the family, with two younger brothers and one younger sister. His father worked for the Montreal Trust Company as a facilities person and his mother was like most mothers of the day, a stay-at-home mom who later in life taught children with learning disabilities.

At 15, Ed a little fed up with school, quit school and went to work for the company where his father was employed. Not long after that, an uncle suggested he go to work for a printing company in the area, Miehl-Goss Dexter Inc. Ed worked for that company for many years. He started out proofing copies, then went on to work on the handpress and offset machines, then became involved in the installation and repair of the machines. Later, Ed accepted an opportunity at Church Baines Printing firm where he remained until retiring from the printing industry.

Ed married Beverley Ware in the summer of 1958 at St. Margaret of Antioch, (part of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal) in St. Hubert, on the south shore. Ed's great grandfather was a cabinet maker who had actually helped built the church and pews in this very church.

Ed's paternal grandfather and family had come from Abergavenny, Wales, setting sail from England to Quebec, Canada in 1913, just before the first World War.

See below the "Arrival Record" for William Charles in 1913; he is travelling with parents James and Mary Alice and with his siblings James Lewis and Margaret Hilda. They are destined to Montreal.

Name: Win Chas Roberts

Gender: Male

Arrival Age: 4

Birth Year: abt 1909

Departure Port: Bristol and Avonmouth, England

Arrival Date: 24 Jun 1913

Arrival Port: Quebec, Canada

Vessel: Royal George



Ed's maternal grandparents and family left England later and settled in the same community of St. Hubert, where his parents met.

St. Hubert being a small community, Ed and Beverley had known of each other early on in life. With their marriage, along came two beautiful daughters, Linda Faye and Leighanne Beverley and in later years, they were blessed with two grandsons, Andrew and William. A great man of faith, Ed was a layreader as well as Director of Music at St. Margarets Church in St. Hubert. Both girls were baptized and married in this same church.

Once Leighanne had started school, Beverley went back to work, answering the call from an employer previous to her marriage. This was not the norm for a young married woman with children of the time.

Ed used to play the euphonium, trumpet and slide trombone in the Montreal Boy Scout Band as a young boy and became a Scoutmaster and in later years, joined the Royal Montreal Regiment as a musician. The regiment was in between wars at the time, and you didn't have to be a soldier to join the band and wear the uniform. Ed eventually quit the trombone and went on to play guitar.

Upon retirement, Ed and his wife moved to Renfrew, to be a little closer to Linda who was now living in the Ottawa area. Eventually, Beverley's declining health saw them make the move to the Manor in Carleton Place, with Beverley passing away in 2012 after 54 years of marriage. Ed then moved to an apartment in the large red brick home next to the Carleton Place Hospital and when stairs became problematic, a condo in Carleton Place. Again, his faith kept him grounded as he became involved with the parish in Carleton Place.

It is one year this past April, since Ed joined us at Orchard View by the Mississippi in Almonte. He said it has taken some getting used to, but he has great admiration for the nursing staff and the PSWs. He mentioned a secret hand shake with a very special PSW;

Thank you, Ed and girls for the great conversation and letting me as well as others get to know the man behind the lovely smile.



Thank you to Annie, one of our brave dietary staff for allowing Harry to cut her hair off in support of Cancer. Annie raised over \$300 and donated 12" of her hair.

This is the tremendous connection that our staff and residents have for each

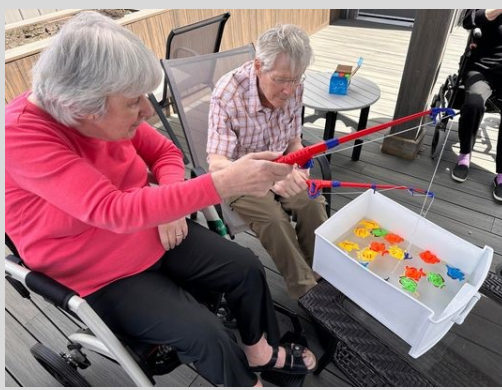


Keep on Smiling





A day without laughter is not a day we have here!



Employee of the Month - Dawn

Congratulations Dawn on being employee of the Month for June! Dawn has been with OVM for many years now, originally Dawn was one of our wonderful PSW's but recently Dawn has returned to OVM after becoming a nurse. Dawn is a great team player as she now knows what life is like as both a PSW and Nurse, she is calm and approachable. She loves a good laugh and enjoys the residents personal stories. Thank you Dawn for all your years of hard work and dedication to the OVM Residents and working within our team.

Special Events in June

June 3rd World Bicycle Day
Bike Pedal Marathon!

June 10th Almonte Hospital Run/
Walk

June 13th Teddy Bear Picnic on
our Memory Living for Residents
and Family Members

June 18th Father's Day Old Car
Show and BBQ

June 21 First Day of Summer
with our Strawberry Social

June 24th Almonte General Hos-
pital Garden Tour

Volunteers are always appreciated...

Do you enjoy giving back to the community? Do you want to feel invested in the lives of others? Do you enjoy making a difference in the lives of Seniors?

Become a volunteer at Orchard View by the Mississippi! Whether you enjoy arts and crafts, trivia, knitting, musical entertainment or walking we have a place for you!

Contact Michael Rowland at ovmrecreation@ovlc.com OR 613-963-5000



Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

A stingy old lawyer who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness was determined to prove wrong the old saying, "You can't take it with you."

After much thought and consideration, the old ambulance-chaser finally figured out how to take at least some of his money with him when he died.

He instructed his wife to go to the bank and withdraw enough money to fill two pillowcases. He then directed her to take the bags of money to the attic and leave them directly above his bed.

His plan: When he passed away, he would reach out and grab the bags on his way to heaven. Several weeks after the funeral, the deceased lawyer's wife, up in the attic cleaning came upon the two forgotten pillowcases stuffed with cash.

Apple of our Eyes



Team "Apple of our Eyes" is on a mission again this year to fully support the Almonte General Hospital Foundation by raising over \$2000. On June 10th, our residents will walk on our campus to show their appreciation for the support they receive at AGH.

We ask you to donate to our page or at reception or join our team or make your own team to participate with the run through our community. This years 5km & 10km walker and runners will be doing a lap around Orchard View. They love to hear the cheers and words of encouragement as they go for their best time.

<https://aghvmf.givecloud.co/fundraisers/orchard-view-by-the-mississippi-fundraiser>

Testimonial - Maria Bass

After coming to a couple of Orchard View's open houses my husband and I would come for a trial basis, for the winter 2017. Things happen for a reason, and the trial basis changed to a permanent stay in November 2016 after breaking my hip. I was well taken care of while in recovery and we met new people and made new friends.

The kitchen staff were so pleasant with both of us. My husband enjoyed telling a joke here and there. They always ensured he had his favourite desserts (puddings and jello) with an added flare - happy face made out of whipped cream or special sprinkles and maybe even both. My husband was not ready to move in to Orchard View but he did it for me and these little things mattered to him. In fact, all the staff are wonderful? They are always willing to help whether it be helping to scrape snow off the car, hanging a picture, moving a box, resetting the bell box, coming up with fun activities or just being kind and caring.

Unfortunately, my husband passed away on April 16, 2017 which was a sad and lonely time for me. Despite this difficult time, Before he passed he told me that he was happy to know where I would be, I felt secure and knew that I would be well taken care of. The kind words that were shared about him from staff and friends made me feel that they knew how very special he was to me and somehow that helped as it was very difficult to have to say goodbye.

Orchard View provides many daily activities for all and I have certainly been able to enjoy so many of them. There also wonderful special events throughout the year where my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are welcome to enjoy them with me.

COVID was a difficult time but the staff ensured we were safe and well taken care of. They were responsible, ensured our safety was maintained, and creative to ensure family and friends were able to come and see us whether by participating in parades, talking to them on the phone through the window and eventually with controlled in-suite visits.

I call Orchard View my home and am grateful to have lived here for the past 6 1/2 years.

Orchard View by the
Mississippi
CLASSIC

CAR SHOW

Local Owners

Free Entry



Father's Day June 18th 2023 11:30-1:30PM

**If you wish to bring your
vehicle, please email Michael
at ovmrecreation@ovlc.com
or call 613-963-5000**

Sunday June 18th 2023 come see our
classic cars and enjoy Father's Day
with your loved ones.
For BBQ reservation please call ahead.

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