

In Vern's memory: Marlene Schultz becomes 9th to name a room

He was the nicest man I've ever met," Marlene Schultz says of her late husband Vernon. "When I saw that Ave Maria Village was naming rooms in their new addition, I knew right away that I wanted to do it."

Marlene is the ninth donor who has stepped forward to support Ave Maria Village's campaign to create private rooms in the new addition with a gift of \$10,000. Since December, she has lived in the adjoining Heritage Centre since health problems spurred her to leave her home at the Centerpoint Condos.

"All the neighbors there checked on each other," she says. "When the light in the hallway wasn't on in the morning, they knew something was wrong." Concerned neighbors brought Marlene to the Emergency Department several times, once after falling into a diabetic coma.

"My kids don't live here," Marlene observes, "so I decided that was it. It was time for assisted living."

She was familiar with the Ave Maria complex from the years Vern lived here prior to his death in 2015. After Parkinson's disease and dementia made it too hard for her to care for him alone, he spent 13 months at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, with Marlene driving there twice a week to visit. Finally she arranged a transfer closer to home at Ave Maria.

The Schultzes' love story had begun long before. Both divorced, they met when Vern — a meat salesman then living in Moorhead, Minn. — called on her every two weeks at the Depot Cafe she operated in Jamestown. They got to know each other well. Long story short — as Marlene tells it — they were married May 14, 1988.

Vern was veteran of four years in the Air Force and another four in the Reserve. After their marriage, he left food sales and joined his bride at the Depot Cafe.

All was well until their retirement in 1999. "Up to

that time, he was extremely healthy. He walked all the time," she remembers. "We loved to go to the casinos, and went to Hawaii and on a cruise. But then we both started falling apart."

Marlene developed back problems. Meanwhile, Vern started acting a little differently. She says, "It took a while to figure out that he had dementia." Later, he developed Parkinson's. Finally, she could no longer care for him at home.

Ave Maria made a lasting impression after his move here. "The care was so good. He was so well taken care of. I couldn't believe how clean Ave was. The workers were all very helpful and friendly."

Eighteen months after he passed away, that lingering good impression brought Marlene to an assisted living apartment in the Heritage Centre.

"I've never regretted it for one minute!" she says. "The people here are so friendly and helpful, just like at the nursing home. I like the way our apartments are set up."

Never an early riser, she has cereal for breakfast. Marlene eats lunch downstairs with her neighbors. She snacks on cheese in the afternoon, then has something light like eggs or a sandwich in the evening — whatever she wants.

"There are so many things to do here if you want," I spend a lot of time using leftover materials to make towels, oven mitts and burp rags." She also creates beautiful wall hangings with her embroidery machine.

Marlene's gift of \$10,000 to name a room in her and Vern's honor was an easy decision, she says. "He received such wonderful treatment at Ave Maria."

And she's a wholehearted supporter of adding single rooms in Ave Maria's new addition. "You never know when I might end up there myself," she says cheerfully. "And when I get there, I want a private room!"





Our project moves forward — now, time to get cooking!

Thanks to friends like you, Ave Maria Village’s renovation project is showing exciting results! Now, it’s time to move on to the next phase — remodeling our aging, original kitchen to meet the appetite of today’s residents and their families.

Remember that TV ad for telephones, “Can you hear me now?” Here at Ave Maria, we now can answer with a ringing “You bet!” Our new phone system is fully functional these days. That’s good news for our residents, who all have private telephone lines with their own direct phone numbers ... and no monthly bills to worry about. Staff members are enjoying the system, too, including some new features that offer conveniences we’d only dreamed of.



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The bath suite renovations are sensational! Completion of the first is within sight. The shower is twice as big as the old one, so it can easily accommodate a reclining shower chair, with plenty of room for the bath aide to work beside the resident.

The shower’s floor has been upgraded with beautiful flat pebbles. Tile with the look of wood covers the rest of the floor and the walls. By the time it’s done, the shower suite will have the look of a stylish spa. Our residents are going to love it! As soon as the first suite is done, the crew will move on to recreate the same look in the second.

You did this ... with all of your gifts. Your memorials and tributes help tremendously with this huge endeavor.

Now we’re looking forward to the next phase: Carving a modern, functional kitchen out of the cramped 55-year-old area where all meals are now being prepared. It’s imperative that we remodel the space and install modern appliances to help our staff provide home-cooked meals even more efficiently. We’re waiting for construction estimates, which should be available soon.

You’ll be hearing from us next month, when Ave Maria’s annual Thanksgiving Appeal arrive in your mailbox. It’s our only general appeal of the year, and I hope it will help us make big progress in remodeling the kitchen.

There are other ways to help, too. One of the easiest is to give through an IRA transfer. If you’re 70 and one-half or older, you can make a direct gift of up to \$100,000. The distribution is not subject to tax, as it would be if you withdrew funds and then donated them to us.

Our Endowment Fund was created last year to accommodate charitable gifts of \$5,000 or more, which qualify for charitable tax deductions. We have another opportunity for you as well: Leaving a legacy or memorial in the name of a loved one, yourself or your business by naming a private room in the new addition. So far we’ve receive nine naming gifts of \$10,000.

Our residents are so fortunate. While our employees surround them with compassion and care, friends like you help us maintain Ave Maria’s comfortable homelike, faith-based environment. Thank you for everything you do for them ... and for all your generosity and your friendship!

Jan Barnes, Development Director

Give a Gift in Honor or in Memory of a Friend or Loved One

__ Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to Ave Maria Village.

Your name and address:

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__ in Honor of: _____
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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Please send an acknowledgment to the family or person we/I am honoring:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Mail this request form and your gift to:

Attention: Jan Barnes
Ave Maria Village
501 19th St. NE
Jamestown, ND 58401



Family and Fun Walk draws 150



Tom Geffre Family

A great turn-out of 150 men, women, children & dogs took part in Ave Maria Village’s third annual Family and Fun Walk. “It’s grown every year,” says volunteer Lisa Wagner, the fun run’s organizer. “The first year started out with only 50 people.” The event raised almost \$2,000 for Phase One of the Capital Campaign for Private Rooms.

Development and volunteer director Jan Barnes had special thanks for Dacotah Paper, which bought T-shirts, and Cash Wise, which donated water for the walkers.

For the first time, participants received awards for the largest group of each kind. Presbyterian Church of Jamestown was recognized for the largest church delegation. Legacy Fitness was the largest business group, and the Tom Geffre family — who were in town to celebrate his 70th birthday — was the biggest family.



Dustin Wagner leads the pack on his bicycle



Presbyterian Church in Jamestown

Six residents were pushed along the course in their wheelchairs. Another walked it with her walker and a companion by her side.

Walkers ranged from 10-day-old Loralye Mikula to 98-year-old resident Lillian Salisbury.

“It just goes to show,” says Lisa, “that fitness isn’t just for the athletically fit people. It is for everyone! And that’s what this walk is all about.

“We have a track that people can run or walk around one to three times. One of our couples walked it six times



Legacy Fitness

during the hour.

“Thanks to everyone who attended to help with Phase One,” the organizer added. “Hopefully, next year’s crowd will be even bigger!”



Gifts and Tributes May 1– August 31, 2017

Activities

In Memory of: **Lorena Hillius**

Alden & Landa Kollman

Day Dream Team

In Memory of: **Marge Patterson**

Tom & Lynda Thronsedt

Hour Club

Jan Barnes
 Roberta Bohl
 Jodi Bunde
 Michele Carstens
 Cassie Carter
 Jane Christensen
 Mark Curtis
 Rachel Dockter
 Sarah Eppen
 Sarah Frieze
 Linda Fuchs
 Sharyln Geerdes
 Tex Geerdes
 Kaitlin Gerszewski
 Kristi Gerszewski
 Cece Glinz
 Deb Greenstein
 Nichole Greenstein
 Melissa Hase
 Darlene Hass
 Makisha Heard
 Becky Heglund
 Claudia Holm
 Laci Hutcheson
 Susan Johnson
 Krystyl Kimmes
 Alexis Kleven
 Debra Koebernick
 Gary Koebernick
 Ashley Leiss
 Marilyn Lobsinger
 Michele Lunder
 Robyn Nething
 Heather Oster
 Janeane Otto
 Shirleen Pettet
 Susan Purdy
 Kim Ryan
 Jeannie Schmidt
 Caroline Scholand
 Raelene Schuh
 Marilyn Sheets
 Rich Sky
 Deb Steckler
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In-Kind Gifts

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Rick & Laurie Podoll

Craft Supplies & Quilts

Hilda Gumke

Electric Wheelchair

Ken & Lana Hoffer

Large Calculator

Maris Thompson

Nebulizer Machine

Charles James Family

Puzzles

Yvonne Wibstad

Florence Willey

Slipper, Housecoat & Afghans

Dick & Marlys Pieske

Towels

Marlene Schultz

In Memory of:

Alice Anderson

Brad & Jan Barnes

Alice Bietz

Jerald Patterson

Orpha Bertsch

Olaf & Frances Aasand

Brad & Jan Barnes

Clara M. Bertsch

Leslie & Shirley Bertsch

Gaylord & Shirley Burley

James & Marie Delzer

Steve & Wanda Delzer

Lyle & Betty Hanson

William & Janice Heyderhoff

Gary & Deb Koebernick

Doreen Larson

Cynthia Long

Dolly Monson

Jean Morris

Joan Morris

Tom & Skip Olson

Edith Prentice

Lee & Helen Roesler

Carrold & Luella Wahl

Claude & Darlene Wahl

Collin & Dolly Wahl

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

Clyde Young

LuVerne Brobst

Mary Eagleson

Meika, LuVerne's Dog 🐾

Cindi Psychos

Darrell Domek

Donald & Marie Olson

Fay Domek

Donald & Marie Olson

Allen Enger

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Warren Ernie

Aileen Astrup

Brad & Jan Barnes

Dan & Sue Greshik

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

Wanda Walker

Sharon Falk

Aileen Astrup

Brad & Jan Barnes

Gloria Bartlett

Marie Boyle

Eugene Cysewski

Herb & Cindy Flakoll

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Arlo & Karen Maag

Louise Max

Major Gifts

Statue of Jesus

In Memory of Edna Koenig

Monthly Giving Program

Sharon Falk†

Naming Private Rooms—\$ 10,000

John & Sue Johnson

In Memory of:

Patricia A (Pat) Johnson

Husband, William (Bud) &

Daughter, Cindy

Vernon† & Marlene Schultz

Marlene Schultz

Donald† & Marie Boyle

Marie Boyle

Phase I-Private Room Campaign

Anonymous

Marilys Carter



Gifts and Tributes continued

Rodney & Janice Roaldson
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Darold & Claudia Soupir
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Gerald Farrell
Rosanne Farrell
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Gerald Guenther
Walter Gusaas
Eugene Cysewski
Patti DeBuck
Jeff & Linda Fuchs
Jerry & Nancy Fuchs
Lyle & Betty Hanson
Marlene Schultz
Enid Wells
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Wanda Walker
Mac Halvorson
Gloria Bartlett
David Hanson
Jerald Patterson
Ray & Pat Hartman
Family & Friends
Lorena Hillius
Alden & Landa Kollman
Casey Jensen
John & Sue Johnson
Dan Jeske
Gloria Bartlett
Alice Kachel
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Esther Ketterling
Mark Ketterling
Ron Kooy
Eugene Cysewski
Jerald Patterson
Enid Wells
Bryan & Peggy Widmer
Carolgene Wolf
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Marilyn Lobsinger
Dick Lehseldt
Mary Jean (Morth) Burkhart
Robert Moran
Alice Bietz
Duane & Lois Knudson
Alden & Landa Kollman
Myron & Gertrude Pryor
Donna Tompkins

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Mary Jean (Morth) Burkhart
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Grace Nelson
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Pat Nordine
Darlene Olson
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Mary E. Smith
Dale & Wendy Thompson
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Marge Patterson
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Maris Thompson
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Bill Rouillard
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Marian Schmidt
John & Terry Schock
Evelyn Schmitz
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John Schoeler
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In Honor of:
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Paulette Webb
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Lorena Hillius
Alden & DeLanda Kollman
Darlene Olson
Dale & Wendy Olson
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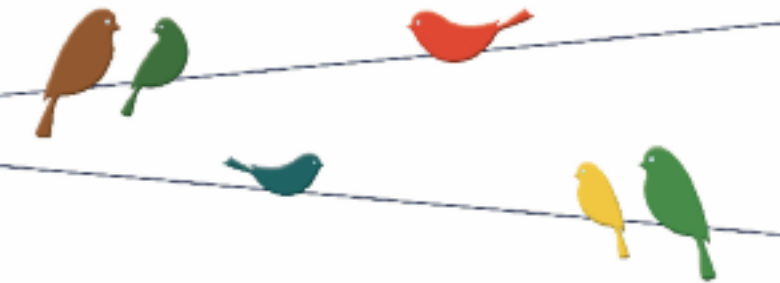
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All proceeds benefit Phase One
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for Private Rooms
and remodeling the kitchen.