



Ave Maria Village

SMP Health System

# VILLAGE VOICE



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## Ave Maria's oldest volunteer, Martin Suko, is also one of its busiest

Out of about 50 men and woman who volunteer at Ave Maria Village, Martin Suko is a stand-out. His 99th birthday is January 25 ... and Martin is going strong.

"The Heritage Center and Ave Maria are home to me," he says. "This is a great place."

Even before his wife Helen came here in 2012, he was familiar with it from near-daily visits with three sisters who lived here.

"I know my way around here, so if anyone needs anything, I can pretty much help them out. I will volunteer until I can't get around any more."

Age certainly hasn't stopped him. Every morning finds him at Ave Maria heading the towel- and washcloth-folding brigade ... always making sure that everyone uses hand sanitizer before handling the linens.

He hands out hymnals in the chapel and helps worshippers find the songs. He sings right along with his powerful voice, then collecting the books at the service's end.

Chaplain Tom and his helpers had persistent problems with the candles on the altar. Volunteer Martin bought two sets of battery-operated candles himself, along with a battery charger from fellow volunteer Elaine Hanson. When the batteries run low, he makes sure they get charged properly.

"I like to help people with different things," he says. "I can do almost anything."

And all kinds of things are asked of him. He has called Blackout Bingo in the past. His blueberry pie is a prized menu item at the pie social and volunteer bazaars.

Fellow volunteers have noted that Martin is on hand every single day to help out however he can — tallying 317 hours of volunteer service in 2014. He does make one thing perfectly clear, however: This year he plans to take a week off to go fishing at Lake Bordulac with his nephew Steve.

Martin's story began in 1916, when he was born in Bordulac, North Dakota. Raised in a family of 11 children, he met his future wife Helen when she came to work on the Suko farm during threshing season.

They were married not too long afterward on Feb. 8, 1940 — a union that lasted 74 years until Helen's death at

Ave Maria March 11, 2014. During their time together, they enjoyed playing cards and dancing; both were very involved with their church.

Martin and Helen raised five children: Jim (and his wife Mary Ann), who live in Montana; Jane (and Jim), Arizona; Jerry (and Linda), Bismarck; Elaine (and Louis), Wisconsin; and Darlene (and Scott), Jamestown.

The Sukos farmed in the Alfred and Eldridge area for many years, but Martin dreamed of using his education to become a mechanic. He went on to work at a co-op in Park Rapids, Minnesota, for several years, followed by a time in construction.

Eventually he got into the gas business with Jamestown Gas, Farmers Union Gas and Oil, and — after supposedly retiring — for another ten years with Polar Gas.

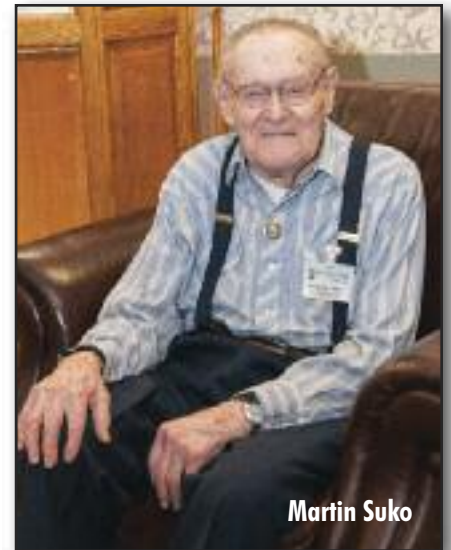
He also installed and fixed furnaces. That entailed many service calls on the darkest and coldest of nights. He reports, "I was always able to get 'em going again."

When Helen came to Ave Maria in 2012, Martin visited her daily. He sold his house in November 2013 and moved into the Heritage Centre to be only a hallway away from her.

"When Helen was at Ave Maria, they treated her with such respect. She was well cared for." Their granddaughter Robin works at Ave Maria, making it even better. "She'd always stop in to see her when she came to work."

He loves gardening. After maintaining a huge garden at his home, he now works in the Heritage Centre's garden.

"It's great here," he says. "All the people are friendly and know me by name. I love to visit."



Martin Suko



Jan Barnes  
Development Director

## Lots of good news! Ave Maria Village closes in on goals, thanks to a lot of help from friends like you

**H**ave you stopped in to see our new Wall of Honor? One of the happiest parts of establishing this display to honor our friends and donors is how that list is growing!

Looking back over the past year makes me grateful beyond words for what you have done — and are doing — for Ave Maria Village

Your tribute gifts in honor and in memory of your friends and loved ones are increasing every month. More and more members of our community are recognizing that, as a charitable organization, Ave Maria applies your gifts directly to helping our residents. We have so many things on the list of things we'd like to do to make life better and brighter for our residents. When you honor others' memory with your tributes, you make so much possible.

Our Thanksgiving appeal started out strong ... and ended with a big bang! As we began in November, a donor who wishes to remain anonymous pledged a \$5,000 gift to match others' contributions. I was elated. But we'd no more than begun that match when *another* friend stepped up ... with a \$10,000 matching gift (and another request to remain anonymous).

Wow! When we let you know about these two developments, you quickly matched them with your own gifts. As of January, we've received a total of \$37,390 — and, since our appeals are three-month efforts, we still have February to go.

That's a huge advance from last year's appeal, which totaled about \$7,000. Thank you!

Our wonderful volunteers are champions, too. In 2013 they boosted their bake sale with the addition of baskets, earning a total of \$1,386. This year they opened it up even more, bringing in decorations, scarves, crocks, children's books, handmade items, bath and lotion sets and more. The result: They raised \$2,133. They're amazing.

And then there is our biggest effort, the Capital Campaign. When I wrote to you last fall, \$212,500 remained to be raised; I mentioned how I looked forward to reducing it below \$200,000. And you've done that! Just three months later, the balance is down to \$161,000. Your generosity is making our dream come true.

The journey to success is never easy. However, after working very hard together in the past year, look at how far we've come. We're going to make it ... and we can't wait!

Thank you for your friendship, good will and loyalty to Ave Maria Village. May you find peace and happiness every day of the year ahead.

— Jan Barnes, Development Director

### Capital Campaign

**Ave Maria Village's  
Capital Campaign is  
on track!**

**We are within  
\$161,000 of reaching  
our goal!**

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## 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:**

\_\_\_ in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to be memorialized)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person to be honored)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send an acknowledgement 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**



## Bill & LuVerne Mangin: ‘The food is good and everyone takes good care of us.’

Retired from a life in the newspaper and insurance industries, Bill Mangin and his wife LuVerne now call Ave Maria Village “home” ... enjoying the friendly life and an opportunity to live out their strong faith in a secure, comfortable setting.

“We especially appreciate Chaplain Tom,” Bill says of Ave Maria’s Chaplain Tom Geffre. “Every Monday we have the praying of the rosary with a group of our neighboring residents. Sometimes he gives a short communion service after that.” They’re regulars at weekly Mass.

The Mangins spent much of their life in LaMoure, where they

raised two sons. An old farm boy, Bill grew up on a farm near there. LuVerne is a native of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. They met in Fargo through the friend who eventually married Bill’s sister.

They were married almost 58 years ago at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo. Bill worked as a linotype operator at the LaMoure Chronicle at the time after graduating from the State College of Science in trade bookkeeping.

He went on to become a Farmers Union insurance agent. After more than 30 years in the business, he retired at 65.

Bill and LuVerne moved into an apartment in the Heritage Centre three years ago. It was a good fit from the

beginning. “We liked the size of our apartment, and the people were all so good to us,” they remember. “There were always people to visit with.”

The move also brought them closer to their son David, his wife Teresa and their three children. David works at UTC, and Teresa is employed by the post office.

Their other son, Martin, is in the construction business in LaMoure.

After Bill “took a couple spills” in the Heritage Centre, he reports that the staff recommended they move to Ave Maria.

“I didn’t want to come over at first,” he admits. “Now that we’re all settled in, though, we like it here. We have everything we need.”

As an old newspaperman, it’s not a surprise that Bill is an avid reader of “whatever [he] can get his hands on.”

The couple watch a lot of TV — especially EWTN, the Catholic TV channel, which features praying the rosary every day.

They also participate in many of the activities planned for residents. They never miss Bingo. “I really like to play Bingo,” LuVerne confesses. Does she win a lot? She grins: “Not so much.”

The Mangins especially enjoy the semi-annual breakfasts that Ave Maria sponsors for all the residents and staff. The food, in fact, is one of the high points of living here, in their opinion.

“The food is good, and everyone takes very good care of us,” Bill says. “It’s a good place to be.”



Bill & LuVerne Mangin





# Ave Maria Village Gifts & Tributes

## September 1–November 30, 2014

### Activities

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#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Delores Carlson**

Deborah Heery

#### **Harry Gusaas**

Patti DeBuck

### Capital Campaign

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Chuck & Marlene Axtman

Tim & Christine Burchill

Farmer's Union Service

Association

Larry & Darlene Kropp

David & Marge Nething

Family

Thrifty White Pharmacy

#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Harold "HB" Beckman**

Jerry & Nancy Fuchs

Lee Gessner

Jeff & Merri Mooridian

Joan Morris

Allen & Candy (Klose)

Valenta

Wesley & Donna Wiberg

#### **Harold "HB" & Sophia**

#### **Beckman**

Family & Friends of Harold &

Sohpia Beckman

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#### **Harold Braniff**

Lloyd & Ginger Lee

Chris & Chelsey Pierce &

Family

Paulette Webb

#### **Delores Carlson**

Paulette Webb

#### **Francis Donegan**

Family of Francis Donegan

#### **Arlene Ebel**

Mark & Claudia Jacobson

#### **Glory Ebertz**

Friends of Glory Ebertz

Gregg & Tracy Schweitzer

#### **Richard Fletcher**

Gloria Bartlett

Darold & Claudia Soupir

#### **Harry Gusaas**

Jerry & Nancy Fuchs

Don & Myrtle Liebing

Arthur & Roxanne Mitzel

Rod & Barb Monson

Marlene Schultz

#### **Avis Hanson**

Paulette Webb

#### **Erna Headland**

Family & Friends of Erna

Headland

#### **Marian Klose**

Isabelle Cahoon

Patti DeBuck

Don & Marie Olson

Norm & DeLette Winkelman

#### **LaVonne Magstadt**

Rick & Bev Allen

Mary Jean Burkhart

Richard & Lil Dixon

Pam Golde

Bob & Sandy Hill

Mark & Claudia Jacobson

Cliff & Mary Ellen Kropp

Larry & Darlene Kropp

Ardelle Loose

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

Raeann Mayer

Glenna Monek

Lloyd & Darlene Mord

Trude Smith

Jeanette Srozinski

Deb Steckler

#### **Dorothy Mittleider**

Wesley & Donna Wiberg

#### **Burnette Schlenker**

Grace Walz

Paulette Webb

#### **Rose Schweitzer**

† LaVonne Magstadt

Jean Morris

Joan Morris

#### **Esther Sorenson**

Gary & Roseleen Arneson

Family of Esther Sorenson

#### **Verna Thompson**

Tim & Christine Burchill

Donna Tompkins

#### **Martha Trudeau**

Gary & Roseleen Arneson

Leonard & Cynthia Willey

#### **Mary Trzruc**

Family of Mary Trzruc

#### **Naomi Wanzek**

Gloria Bartlett

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

#### **Kimberly Weatherly**

Cliff & Mary Ellen Kropp

Larry & Darlene Kropp

#### **Nathalie G. Wilson**

Jim & Sue Matthiesen

#### **Helen Young**

Patrick & Connie Dunphy

First Church of Nazarene

Gerald Guenther

#### *In Honor of:*

#### **Sr. Giustina Zanin**

Raymond & Barbara

Zanin

### Chapel Fund

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#### *In Memory of:*

#### **Arlon Ammon**

Wanda Walker

#### **Harold "HB" Beckman**

Bank Forward

Duane & Lois Knuson

Don & Marie Olson

Arnold & Joyce Roorda

Steve & Carolyn Tomlin-

Cichos

Wanda Walker

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

#### **Harold Braniff**

Dalton Braniff

Family & Friends of Harold

Braniff

Duane & Lois Knudson

Charlie & Marge

Kourajian

Wanda Walker

#### **Mary Agnes Brumleve**

Brad & Jan Barnes

#### **Delores Carlson**

Deborah Heery

#### **Janet Hockert Caron**

Gloria Bartlett

#### **Rev. Eustis Cowardin**

Mark & Claudia Jacobson

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#### **Maudie Dillman**

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Paulette Webb

#### **Glory Ebertz**

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Steve & Carolyn Tomlin-  
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#### **Dorothy Halvorson**

Wanda Walker

#### **Marian Klose**

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Elsie Weber

#### **LaVonne Magstadt**

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Dennis & Jill Bredahl

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Marilyn Lobsinger

Monica Lubbers

Linda Misemer

Ellen Orr

Arnold & Joyce Roorda

Gerald & Barbara Srozinski

Lue Struble

Steve & Debra Tompkins

Wanda Walker

Bryan & Peggy Widmer

#### **Elton Mittleider**

Frank & Marvel Fischer

Steve & Carolyn Tomlin-

Cichos

#### **Craig Runck**

Mark & Claudia Jacobson

#### **Esther Sorenson**

Thomas & Mary Elaine

Falck

Duane & Lois Knudson

Paulette Webb

#### **Lawrence "Bud" Spitzer**

Dennis & Jill Bredahl

Paulette Webb

#### **Max Suter**

Don & Melida Schwehr

#### **Russell Trautman**

Wanda Walker

#### **Martha Trudeau**

Don & Melida Schwehr

Paulette Webb

#### **Mary Trzruc**

Suz Trzruc

#### **Kimberly Weatherly**

Eileen Dallmann

#### *In Honor of:*

#### **David Donegan**

Kass Mihelich



## Hour Club

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Anonymous  
 Jan Barnes  
 Kay Benson  
 Roberta Bohl  
 Pam Boomgaarden  
 Jodi Bunde  
 Jane Christensen  
 Bonnie Dauenhauer  
 Amanda Dockter  
 Diana Elhard  
 Lisa Entzminger  
 Sarah Eppen  
 Barb Erickson  
 Joe Fieber  
 Alyssa Fitzgerald  
 Sarah Frieze  
 Linda Fuchs  
 Sharyln Geerdes  
 Tom Geffre  
 Kristi Gerszewski  
 Cecelia Glinz  
 Missy Hase  
 Darlene Hass  
 Claudia Holm  
 Michael Jan  
 Linda Johnson  
 Sue Johnson  
 Shannon Just  
 Anne Kainz  
 Debra Koebernick  
 Gary Koebernick  
 Whitney Krebs  
 Laurie Krebsbach  
 Marilyn Lobsinger  
 Michele Lunder  
 ☪Lavonne Magstadt  
 Lori Mettert  
 Paula Moore  
 Rob Moseng  
 Robyn Nething  
 Heather Olson  
 Shirleen Pettet  
 Sue Purdy  
 Kim Ryan  
 Alyssa Sanders  
 Christian Senyoni  
 Jeanine Schmidt  
 Caroline Scholand  
 Raelene Schuh  
 Amie Schultz  
 Stacy Schulz  
 Lenore Seitz  
 Brenda Smaage  
 Deb Steckler  
 Annie Strickland  
 Peter Vondal  
 Paulette Webb  
 Donna Wiberg  
 Peggy Widmer

## In-Kind Gifts

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**Player Piano**  
 Dave & Marge Nething

## McCoy Suite

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*In Memory of:*  
**Harold "HB" Beckman**

Patti DeBuck  
 Marion Drenth  
 Jeff & Merri Mooridian  
 Norm & DeLette  
 Winkelman

**Emil & Gertrude Guenther**

Gerald Guenther

**Harry Gusaas**

RD & Deidra Brown  
 Marlyn Domek

**Sandy Hanson**

Mary Jean Burkhart

**LaVonne Magstadt**

Patti DeBuck

**Rose Schweitzer**

Betty Brosz  
 Larry & Kristi Weber

**Harvey Steele**

Gloria Bartlett

**Martha Trudeau**

Betty Brosz

**Helen Young**

Arva Dell Tahran

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## Thanksgiving Appeal

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Anonymous  
 Don & Joyce Bentz  
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Duane & Lois Knudson  
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 Anna Stachlowski  
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*In Memory of:*

**Jack Barnes**

Audrey Barnes

**Joe & Agnes Cysewski**

James & Angela Madsen

**Sylvia Eberle**

Sandra Ueland

**Eva Goldade**

Rosanne Farrell

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**Helen Suko**

Garnet Perleberg

Jerry & Linda Suko

**Marty Tag**

Cindy Tag-Nygord

Larry Tag

**Opal "Red" Thompson**

Joseph & Maris Thompson

**Wilbur Wahl**

Gary & Donna Neys

## Naomi Wanzek's Birthday

Brad & Jan Barnes

**James Warmuth**

Harriet Halvorson

**Wayne Wiberg**

Florence Goehner

**James Wieland**

Muriel Wieland

*In Honor of:*

**Lorena Hillius**

Alden & Landa Kollman

**LaVonne Hodgson**

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## Chapel Fund

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Gwendolyn Ruth Liechty  
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## McCoy Suite

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## Transport Center

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