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Resident of the Month: Bill Simpson

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Bill was born in Ashton, Ontario and lived on Fallowfield Road for most of his life. He was born on a farm that his grandfather had run before his father. He grew up learning about farming and helping out. They had dairy and beef cows, chickens and pigs, as well as crops—mostly corn. The farm had started off small with only 12 cows but it grew to 125 cows. Bill stayed in the area, went to a local public school, and was part of the church choir growing up. He had his circle of friends who all lived close. He met and married a school teacher and continued to live on the farm, running it with his father. Bill and his wife had three children, Garry, Kevin and Wendy. When his sons were older, Bill, his father and his two sons all operated the farm together. It was a family affair and they would have meetings over breakfast each morning to discuss everything. His wife was the bookkeeper for the farm.

Bill loved living in the country, going to the fairs and going for drives on Sunday afternoons. He absolutely loved music and dancing. He and his wife would go to all the dances in the nearby towns every Friday night. Square dancing and line dancing was the big social event of the week.

Goulbourn township stretched over a 10 mile square radius. After being on council for quite a while, the regional government amalgamated much of that area and Goulbourn was no longer a township. Bill said he had many interesting experiences while on council and being deputy mayor and he was grateful for that opportunity. Bill was also a part of the Federal Agriculture organization and was the director of the Carleton County Milk Committee for a long time.

Very active in his community, he volunteered a lot of his time that wasn't spent working on the farm. He worked almost every day and very rarely went on vacation; yet Bill and his family always upheld the habit of resting from work on Sundays. He loved farming, it was in his blood and he never wanted to do anything else. Bill said that he'd still be farming to this day if his health was good enough. The family decided to sell the farm about seven years ago, and Bill retired.

Sadly, Bill's wife passed away while most of their children were still living at home. The Simpson's are a very tightly knit, family-oriented group and always stayed close. All three of Bill's children live in the area along with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He expressed that he was most proud of his family and how well they all get along and work together.

Farming was more than a full-time job, but Bill still found a bit of time to travel. He and his wife went on farm tours across Canada and the United States. After Bill retired he traveled to California and New York with his partner a few times to visit her family. He went on a couple cruises in the Caribbean as well as to the East and West Coast of Canada.

Retirement was a big change for Bill after working almost every day of his life. He moved into Orchard View about two years ago with his partner from their home in Munster. He has been a hard worker all his life and is enjoying some well-earned rest here at Orchard View. I enjoyed learning about his family's five-generation farm and Bill's passion for the land and farming.





OVM Remembrance Day service and piper from the legion



Staff and Residents showing that you're never too old to dress up for Halloween



Keep on Smiling



Employee of the Month - Victoria Tompkins

Congratulations to Vic for being December's employee of the month. Vic is a great PSW who loves the residents and puts her heart into her work. She is energetic, positive and a very hard worker. She always has a smile and pleasant word for everyone and is liked by both residents and staff. She is a team player who gets the job done with enthusiasm. Big thank you to Vic for all she does here at OVM!

Testimonial - Louise Dallaire

My dad (Gerry) came to Orchard View in late May 2021 after having spent 7 months in a retirement home in Bells Corners. We love everything about OVM: the personnel, the friendly residents, suites, building, organization at all levels, food (so much so that he now has to lose a few pounds), activities of all genres, and the fact that he is close by to his family. Staff at OVM are really engaged and it shows in their work.

You will usually see us playing pool on Friday afternoons in the multi-purpose room. Gerry is now letting us win a game or two these days. Please wave if you see us.

Venez nous voir!

JoJo's Did You Know

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious"

There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewable Vitamins.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it would digest itself.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Open Activities

- ~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables
- ~ Wellness Centre Bike and Walking Bars
- ~ Joe on the Piano ~ Adult Colouring
- ~ Social Distanced Bingo with Joanna and Friends
- ~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre/ 3rd Floor Lounge)
- ~ Docking Station for phone calls or Video Calls on the computer
- ~ Library ~ Tuck Shop
- ~ Church Services / Rosary Prayer
- ~ Fitness classes on Main, 3rd and 4th Floor with Almonte Physio
- ~ Door to Door Mind Work Games
- ~ Bistro Activities
- ~ Scrabble LOTS MORE!

25 Days of Christmas at OVM

Dec 1: Lighting Ceremony & The Uke's of Almonte performance

Dec 2: Making Center Pieces for dining room

Dec 3: Christmas Cocktails with Santa

Dec 4: Christmas Village-Vendors and Sleigh Rides

Dec 5: Resident team tree decorating

Dec 6: Wesley Clover Lights Drive

Dec 7: Deck the Halls-door to door visit

Dec 8: Winter Wonderland Wine & Cheese for residents and staff

Dec 9: Candy Cane Lane

Dec 10: Holidays treats from around the world

Dec 11: Coffee with Bailey's

Dec 12: Christmas gift wrapping

Dec 13: The Uke's of Almonte Christmas Concert

Dec 14: Christmas cake taste test

Dec 15: Wooden tree ornament painting

Dec 16: Christmas Trivia

Dec 17: Festive Pajama Party

Dec 18: Apple Cider Social

Dec 19: Cookie Decorating

Dec 20: Holiday Milkshakes

Dec 21: Christmas High Tea

Dec 22: Decorating Holiday Dishes

Dec 23: Wheelchair/Walker Decorating and Parade

Dec 24: Christmas Cocktail Party

Dec 25: Merry Christmas-A Day of Presents



Merry Christmas

**Book a Christmas
lunch or dinner with
your loved ones in the
main dining room**

Sat, December 25
12 pm and 5 pm

Book at Reception
Meal costs \$35 per person
\$17.50 for children

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