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In Loving Memory of: Nannette Green

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Nanette started life in the Vancouver General Hospital in British Columbia. In later years, a sister and a half-brother would complete the family. She mentioned with a chuckle, her own oldest daughter and her younger half-brother are almost the same age. How cool is that!

At 20 years of age, Nanette joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) taking her initial training at St. Hubert, Quebec. As a young Recreational Specialist, she was off to Aylmer, Quebec where often she was involved in the training of NATO pilots in amongst her other duties. It wasn't long before she was off to an isolated posting in northern Quebec. There she met and married Dennis Moore and had her first child, Debra. This was a time (1957-not that long ago) where once women in the military had a child, they could not longer be in the service. Thus, her career with the military ended after 2 and a half years.

Their next posting as a young family was to Ottawa, Ontario, with three more children arriving –unfortunately after 10 years, she and her husband decided to divorce.

Always having been an athlete and now a stay-at-home single mother, it was suggested that it might be time for her to find something to do outside the home, so she ran with the idea and eventually took up golf.

It was here she met a golf pro, John Henry Green from Montreal and they married in 1973 while they were living in Florida. This marriage endured (over 30 years) with John unfortunately passing away in Almonte in 2009, from leukemia.

This blended family saw Nanette with her four children and John with his six children - one can only imagine those busy times. Living in Florida, John continued on as a golf pro and they also started a construction company during their years in the United States.

But, John had always had a dream of training race horses; he had spent a lot of time with his uncle at the race track in his younger years and the bug had hit. It was time to give up the golfing and the construction company and head out on new adventures. John, one day jumped on the back of a sulky driver's cart and asked to be taught everything the fellow knew. And, so it began.

Moving to an acreage near Perth, Ontario, John was busy now with the horse farm and Nanette took a job with Imperial Oil first at the office in Ottawa, then as the agent for Imperial Oil in Perth.

Her love of sport has continued throughout life; she ran a women's gym in Ottawa for a few years (Vic Tanny's) and also had taken up tennis while they were living in Florida, eventually becoming a member of the South Florida Tennis Team.

There had always been a longing in John's heart and soul to build his own golf course, so another adventure began. Land was purchased, ground broke in 1997 for what is now known as Greensmere Golf & Country Club, off March Road and the rest is history. But not without a lot of hard work; they moved to Almonte, Ontario and started a little restaurant in one of the strip malls while Greensmere was coming to life. For nine years they had that little restaurant, Burger Tyme, until one day another decision – it was time to sell as the golf course was almost ready. Momma's Restaurant had just burned down so the day Burger Tyme little restaurant went up for sale, it was purchased and handover to Mamma's owners the Friday of that week.

Greensmere is well known in this area (consisting of two 18 hole courses). Nanette has spent many hours working at the golf course filling in where ever needed. The gardens took a huge part of her time, a labour of love. Nanette, herself has five grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Greensmere continues to this day with many of the Green's family at the helm – a daughter is CEO, a grandson is Director of Golf, a son in law is Manager of Maintenance, and a grandson is a groundskeeper. A granddaughter and a step-grandson are now also working at the club.

Nanette arrived at Orchard View by the Mississippi nine months ago now, and is absolutely delighted with her little studio apartment. Although she has given up her car, Nanette loves to walk and finds time for that as often as possible.

Thank you, Nanette for sharing your story with us and especially the bit of history of Greensmere, as many of our readers I am sure have enjoyed a day on your course.



Keep on



What a crazy December we have had, from our 25 days of Christmas to all the puppy love! Our Open House was truly the best! Wishing everyone well in 2024



Smiling



On the best of days, our days are filled with smiles.
No matter what may spark that joy inside.



Employee of the Month : Ashley Cadieux

Congratulations Ashley on being OVM's employee of the month for January! Ashley has been an employee for three years now, she has made OVM her home away from home by sharing her love of animals with the residents by sharing her pet pig Kevin Bacon with us and her dogs. Ashley is a hard working PSW and part time Restorative Aid employee, working with our Memory Living Residents. Ashley loves her job so much and it shows daily. Thank you Ashley for being so kind and giving to the Residents and keep up the great work!

Special Events in Month

International Polka Day

Coffee Break Presentation and
Fundraiser with the Alzheimer
Society

Resident Art Exhibit

National Popcorn Day

National Hot Chocolate Day

Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

~ As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field.

But hay, it's in my jeans.

~ A guy goes into a lawyer's office and asks the lawyer: "Excuse me, how much do you charge?"

The lawyer responds: "I charge £1,000 to answer three questions."

"Bloody hell - That's a bit expensive isn't it?"

"Yes. What's your third question?"

Testimonial ~ The Wickendens

The Festive Season is an opportunity to reflect on our first year at Orchard View. Since arriving in September of '22, the welcoming process has never ceased. The kindness and caring that began before we arrived carried on through moving in, getting settled, and prevails to this day. It's like the warm glow of a Yule log throughout the year. This is our home and neighbourhood now. We have made new friends and participate in the endless activities designed for everyone. The cuisine is outstanding reflecting careful planning and execution. The servers provide lots of smiles while caring for us. The staff throughout get the little and sometimes not so little things looked after. We have a wonderful laundry service. Cleanliness of the building in general and our individual homes is nicely maintained. We indeed thank the organisation and management which provide with such excellence for our comfort and security.

Open Activities

~ Bistro ~ Puzzle Tables ~ Joe on Piano

~ Wellness Centre Bike and Walking Bars

~ Adult Colouring ~ Bingo

~ Bingo with Joanna and Friends

~ Massage Chairs (Wellness Centre/2nd Floor
Lounge/3rd Floor Lounge)

~ Library ~ Weekly Bus Outings

~ Tuck Shop ~ Scrabble

~ Church Services / Rosary Prayers

~ Fitness classes on Main & 3rd with Almonte Physio

~ Door to Door Mind Work Games

~ Musical Entertainment & LOTS MORE!

Amenities & Services

24-Hour Nursing Staff

Chapel Services

Wellness Centre—Physiotherapy

Emergency Response
System

Foot Care Nurse

Full Service Dining Room

Hearing Aid Clinic

Hair Salon and Esthetician

Wheelchair

Accessible Bus

Pool & Shuffleboard
Table

Bus Trips and Shop-
ping Trips

Massage Therapist

Library

House Physician

Snack and Beverage
Bistro

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 at ovmrecreation@ovlc.com or 613-963-5000

Local carving group back at Orchard View on the Mississippi!

After years of searching for a home for group carving during and after the Covid 19 need for isolation, the local carving group The Mississippi Wood Carvers, seen here, are once again able to use the Wellness Room at Orchard View on the Mississippi.



There we gather on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to share ideas and learn from one another.

Local residents of OVM are welcome to drop in and watch or join the group, learn a few carving skills and produce the occasional masterpiece. In addition to enjoying time together, in the last couple of years the Mississippi Wood Carvers have produced over 100 comfort birds for Home Hospice North Lanark to share with their clients



Other residents of Almonte, Carleton Place and the surrounding area who are looking for a new and inexpensive hobby are welcome to join us. We are not qualified instructors but have years of experience and are willing to share what we have learned.

Feel free to drop in to visit or come and learn the basics of wood carving. For more information contact John Peters (613-601-2148 or <almontecarver@gmail.com>)

Upcoming Events



Come over for a cup of Joe

In support of

Tuesday, January 14th at 2:30pm



RSVP with Julie at 613-963-5000 or email at ovmarketing@ovlc.com

Our great partners at the, Alzheimer Society work so hard to support many in the community living with or caring for someone with Alzheimer's and Dementia. In January we invite you for a "Coffee Break" social and fundraiser to support those who support us.

Save the Date!

ST. PATRICK'S

DAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday March 10th

RSVP ovmreception@ovlc.com or call us 613-963-5000

