

Culpepper Place

Senior Living



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A Premier Senior Address

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**Nellie
Christina
Slagter**

Nellie Slagter recently joined us at Culpepper Place Senior Living after her son Howard moved from Iowa to Branson to be closer to his family. Funny, witty and a joy to be around Nellie has enjoyed all of the people that she has met in such a short amount of time and is trying to get used to the idea of others “doing for her.” “It’s hard to get used to the idea of others doing things for me that

I've always done, but I am learning to enjoy it after working so hard my whole life."

Nellie was born on November 19, 1927 on a farm in Eddyville, Iowa to Dick and Nellie Vangenderen. She grew up with four older brothers and one younger sister, who she explains was very spoiled.

When reminiscing about her childhood she laughs and says, "It was all work and no play!" Living on a family farm there was always work to be done and the whole family worked very hard. "I can't remember not working," she says. Working in the fields, milking cows, driving tractors is what day to day was filled with. "I guess you could say I am a Jack of all Trades!" shares Nellie. "I never attended High School because my work was on the farm, but my sister did," shares Nellie.

"It's a different world today, if your parents said no, the kids listened and just obeyed. And I'm proud to say that I never got a spanking!"

"When I was about 14 my sister was diagnosed with Polio, from that point on I was given the responsibility of taking care of her and making sure that she got all of the over night medications that she needed.

Nellie never drove or had a car, growing up when there was

free time, she was always with her brothers. It was while she was out with her brothers that she met her future husband, a farm hand himself, a man by the name of John Slagter. He soon as her out and nine months later they married. "I thought when I got married it would mean less work, it was more!, she laughs." Nellie's father had bought them a farm of their own to tend to and raise a family.

Together John and Nellie raised three boys; Howard, Ronnie and Jeff. Daily living and making a living was a family affair on the farm until the boys were old enough and went to college, Nellie and John continued the farming responsibilities. When the boys were young they really enjoyed going into town and attending the county fairs as a family.

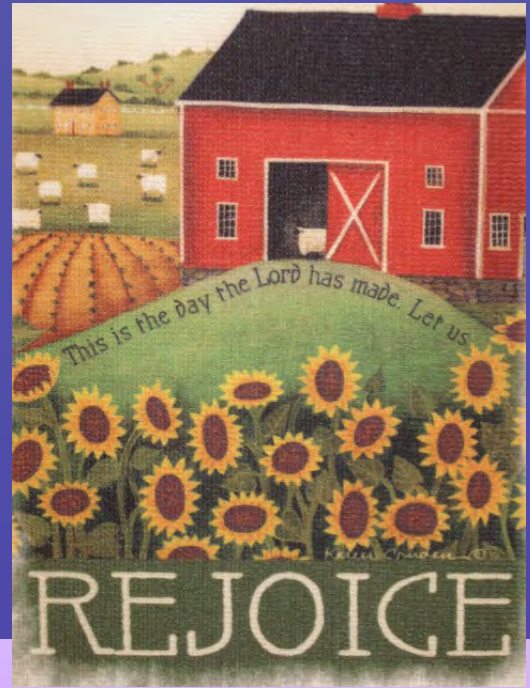


*Nellie' Son, Howard and
Diana Slagter*

When there was brief moments of down time, Nellie really enjoyed the art of quilting, sewing and embroidery work. From milking endless cows and bailing hay to the fine skills of needle work and craft, Nellie did it all.

Today Nellie enjoys five Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren.

At Culpepper Place Senior Living she really enjoys the friendly atmosphere, the food, activities and local outings into Branson on the bus.



"I remember mom making us boys go out in the timber to pick wild raspberries in the hottest days of the summer and our reward was to get to go to the carnival in town on the Fourth of July.

It was a terrible job and not happy that she made us do that. Mom would get bad poison Ivy but she liked raspberries so much, she was still crazy enough to go back to get them and risk more poison ivy.

I hope it taught me the value of hard work and more important, how bad poison Ivy is." Nellie's Son, Howard Slagter

Nellie and Sue frequently enjoy an afternoon cup of coffee and chat.





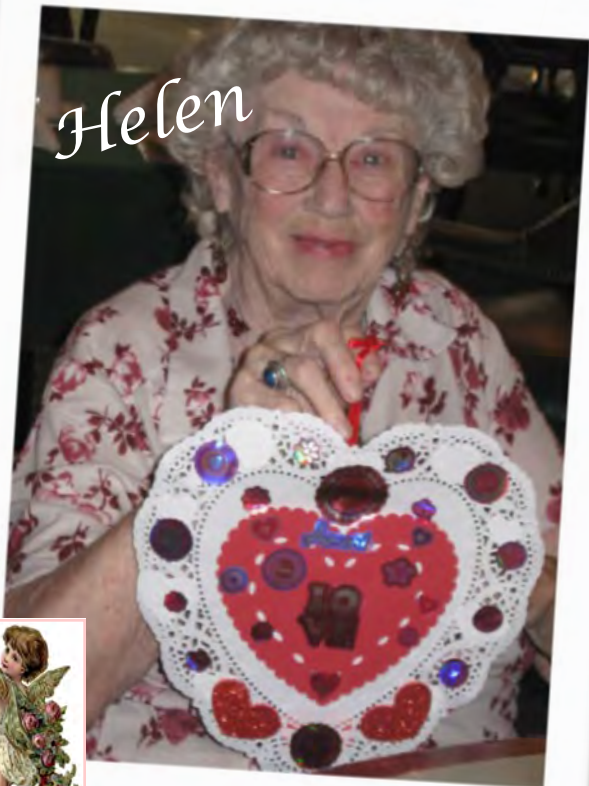
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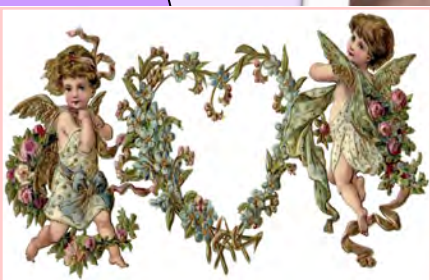
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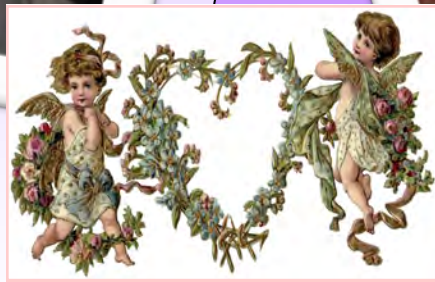
Corkie



Albina



John





According to Wayne's World... and Health and Wellness



Giving peace of mind during these winter months.

Most residents, families and staff are rather enjoying the coziness inside of Culpepper Place and not worrying about the inconveniences the winter season can bring. This brief mild weather only reminds us of the extreme conditions other seniors may have to endure around the corner such as dangerous driving, unsafe walking conditions and loneliness due to the winter blues, especially after the holidays.

We are relaxing this winter and enjoying stimulating activities, delicious dining experiences, and the personal care of our warm and experienced staff. Invite your friends and family to come visit and see how we keep you safe in celebrating life this winter season.

Wayne Rainey, Community Director
Lisa Tew, LPN, Health and Wellness Director

Celebrating February Birthdays



- Norma Haupt* 2-2
- Earl Ritchie* 2-3
- Louise Clark* 2-4
- Loretta Ritchie* 2-5
- Margaret Falkenberg* 2-7
- Vivian Earl* 2-19
- Wanda Gates* 2-20
- Jean Boyd* 2-23
- Greg Miller* 2-24

