



ORCHARD RIDGE

Senior Living

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100th year

ANNIVERSARY
1921-2021



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FIRST DAY OF WORK AT COEUR
D'ALENE HOMES.

A LIFETIME OF LOYALTY

At the same time that we are celebrating our 100th year anniversary, we have in residence a 100 year old woman with some amazing ties to Orchard Ridge. Blanche Walker was born on October 4, 1920 in South Dakota. She moved to Idaho in 1936, married in 1937, and had 5 children. She has fifteen grandchildren and more great grandchildren than she can even count!

In 1951 or 1952, depending on who you talk to, she started working at the old Coeur d' Alene Homes as a nurse's aide. She stayed on working there, caring for elderly residents, until 1966.

Her son
Don talks

about her as being the toughest, hardest working lady he knew. They lived on Emma Street at the time and she would walk to work every day to do the difficult duties of a nurse's aide for a full shift, then return home to tend to her lot-sized garden, cook dinner for the family, care for her five children, and then do all of it over again the next day!



95TH BIRTHDAY AT THE GROVE

Blanche went on to work and live in Spokane, but later returned to the Coeur d' Alene area. Around 2004 she moved into Orchard Ridge's independent senior living community, then called Heritage Place. She lived there for fourteen years. Even in her nineties she was a voracious gardener. The manager ended up just letting her have her way with the flowers and plants since it was much easier than standing in her way! Her son says she probably drove the maintenance men crazy asking them for plastic bags, yard tools, and trash cans so she could tackle her gardening projects.

Eventually Blanche needed more care and moved into the Assisted Living side of Orchard Ridge. Even at the age of 98 she was still putting on her sunhat and taking her watering can out to water a few potted flowers in the front of the building. Recently she has needed more care and she downsized her enormous doll collection and moved into our Memory Care. She loves reminiscing and amusing us with stories from her youth, like when her horse Nancy bit her or walked home from school and left her stranded! She is still a tough woman, taking life's challenges with her usual unflappable spirit. It has been such an honor to be able to do the same for her that she did for others almost 70 years ago!



PLANTING FLOWERS AT THE GARDEN

Blanche, thanks for sharing so many of your 100 years with us!



APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Usually by the end of April most people in the Northwest are ready to get outside to start planting their gardens of fresh vegetables and flowers. That is no exception here at Orchard Ridge! Especially this year with Covid somewhat under control and residents wanting and needing fresh air, we are ready to start planting flowers for our residents to enjoy!

A small donation of \$35 helps us purchase the flowers we plant in both the Serenity and Terrace gardens. If you would like, we would commemorate your donation with a lovely marker with your loved ones' name on it displayed through the spring and summer months.

Simply use the enclosed remittance envelope, mark Tribute Gift if you wish to honor your loved one in this way.



*He makes
everything
beautiful in its*

Time
Ecclesiastes 3:11



THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO PURCHASED AN ANGEL THIS PAST HOLIDAY SEASON IN MEMORY OR HONORING THEIR LOVED ONES. THOSE HONORED WERE:

Ann Woolbright
Babe Furnish
Bertha Pederson & Millie Rockney
Betty Owens
Beverly Justus & Jerry Elston
Chuck Zosel
Darlene Combs
Darrell Belstad
Del and Jo Fusch
Dick and Marie Scharnhorst
Don Hoffman
Dr. Jim Pataky
Dwight Haberman
Evelyn Hayes
Gene Wasson
George Murph
All Grandparents/Parents
Harry E Johnson
Howard and Arleen Johnson

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Cheers to 100 Years!

SAVE THE DATE!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021
1:30-4:30PM
BOAT IN ONLY EVENT
(TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)
PRIVATE RESIDENCE (NEW OWNER OF THE WHITE HOUSE)
\$100 PER PERSON



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