In Vern’s memory: Marlene Schultz becomes 9th to name a room

He was the nicest man I’ve ever met,” Marlene Schultz says of her late husband Vernon. “When I saw that Ave Maria Village was naming rooms in their new addition, I knew right away that I wanted to do it.”

Marlene is the ninth donor who has stepped forward to support Ave Maria Village’s campaign to create private rooms in the new addition with a gift of $10,000. Since December, she has lived in the adjoining Heritage Centre since health problems spurred her to leave her home at the Centerpoint Condos.

“All the neighbors there checked on each other,” she says. “When the light in the hallway wasn’t on in the morning, they knew something was wrong.” Concerned neighbors brought Marlene to the Emergency Department several times, once after falling into a diabetic coma.

“My kids don’t live here,” Marlene observes, “so I decided that was it. It was time for assisted living.”

She was familiar with the Ave Maria complex from the years Vern lived here prior to his death in 2015. After Parkinson’s disease and dementia made it too hard for her to care for him alone, he spent 13 months at the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, with Marlene driving there twice a week to visit. Finally she arranged a transfer closer to home at Ave Maria.

The Schultzes’ love story had begun long before. Both divorced, they met when Vern — a meat salesman then living in Moorhead, Minn. — called on her every two weeks at the Depot Cafe she operated in Jamestown. They got to know each other well. Long story short — as Marlene tells it — they were married May 14, 1988.

Vern was veteran of four years in the Air Force and another four in the Reserve. After their marriage, he left food sales and joined his bride at the Depot Cafe.

All was well until their retirement in 1999. “Up to that time, he was extremely healthy. He walked all the time,” she remembers. “We loved to go to the casinos, and went to Hawaii and on a cruise. But then we both started falling apart.”

Marlene developed back problems. Meanwhile, Vern started acting a little differently. She says, “It took a while to figure out that he had dementia.” Later, he developed Parkinson’s. Finally, she could no longer care for him at home. Ave Maria made a lasting impression after his move here. “The care was so good. He was so well taken care of. I couldn’t believe how clean Ave was. The workers were all very helpful and friendly.”

Eighteen months after he passed away, that lingering good impression brought Marlene to an assisted living apartment in the Heritage Centre.

“I’ve never regretted it for one minute!” she says. “The people here are so friendly and helpful, just like at the nursing home. I like the way our apartments are set up.”

Never an early riser, she has cereal for breakfast. Marlene eats lunch downstairs with her neighbors. She snacks on cheese in the afternoon, then has something light like eggs or a sandwich in the evening — whatever she wants.

“There are so many things to do here if you want,” she says. “I spend a lot of time using leftover materials to make towels, oven mitts and burp rags.” She also creates beautiful wall hangings with her embroidery machine.

Marlene’s gift of $10,000 to name a room in her and Vern’s honor was an easy decision, she says. “He received such wonderful treatment at Ave Maria.”

And she’s a wholehearted supporter of adding single rooms in Ave Maria’s new addition. “You never know when I might end up there myself,” she says cheerfully. “And when I get there, I want a private room!”
Thanks to friends like you, Ave Maria Village’s renovation project is showing exciting results! Now, it’s time to move on to the next phase — remodeling our aging, original kitchen to meet the appetite of today’s residents and their families.

Remember that TV ad for telephones, “Can you hear me now?” Here at Ave Maria, we now can answer with a ringing “You bet!” Our new phone system is fully functional these days. That’s good news for our residents, who all have private telephone lines with their own direct phone numbers ... and no monthly bills to worry about. Staff members are enjoying the system, too, including some new features that offer conveniences we’d only dreamed of.

The bath suite renovations are sensational! Completion of the first is within sight. The shower is twice as big as the old one, so it can easily accommodate a reclining shower chair, with plenty of room for the bath aide to work beside the resident.

The shower’s floor has been upgraded with beautiful flat pebbles. Tile with the look of wood covers the rest of the floor and the walls. By the time it’s done, the shower suite will have the look of a stylish spa. Our residents are going to love it! As soon as the first suite is done, the crew will move on to recreate the same look in the second.

You did this ... with all of your gifts. Your memorials and tributes help tremendously with this huge endeavor.

Now we’re looking forward to the next phase: Carving a modern, functional kitchen out of the cramped 55-year-old area where all meals are now being prepared. It’s imperative that we remodel the space and install modern appliances to help our staff provide home-cooked meals even more efficiently. We’re waiting for construction estimates, which should be available soon.

You’ll be hearing from us next month, when Ave Maria’s annual Thanksgiving Appeal arrive in your mailbox. It’s our only general appeal of the year, and I hope it will help us make big progress in remodeling the kitchen.

There are other ways to help, too. One of the easiest is to give through an IRA transfer. If you’re 70 and one-half or older, you can make a direct gift of up to $100,000. The distribution is not subject to tax, as it would be if you withdrew funds and then donated them to us.

Our Endowment Fund was created last year to accommodate charitable gifts of $5,000 or more, which qualify for charitable tax deductions. We have another opportunity for you as well: Leaving a legacy or memorial in the name of a loved one, yourself or your business by naming a private room in the new addition. So far we’ve receive nine naming gifts of $10,000.

Our residents are so fortunate. While our employees surround them with compassion and care, friends like you help us maintain Ave Maria’s comfortable homelike, faith-based environment. Thank you for everything you do for them ... and for all your generosity and your friendship!

Jan Barnes, Development Director

Give a Gift in Honor or in Memory of a Friend or Loved One

Enclosed is my gift of $______ to Ave Maria Village.

in Memory of:

in Honor of:

(Name of person to be memorialized)

(Name of person to be honored)

Please send an acknowledgment to the family or person we/I am honoring:

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Your name and address:

Mail this request form and your gift to:

Attention: Jan Barnes

Ave Maria Village

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Jamestown, ND 58401

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A great turn-out of 150 men, women, children & dogs took part in Ave Maria Village’s third annual Family and Fun Walk. “It’s grown every year,” says volunteer Lisa Wagner, the fun run’s organizer. “The first year started out with only 50 people.” The event raised almost $2,000 for Phase One of the Capital Campaign for Private Rooms.

Development and volunteer director Jan Barnes had special thanks for Dacotah Paper, which bought T-shirts, and Cash Wise, which donated water for the walkers.

For the first time, participants received awards for the largest group of each kind. Presbyterian Church of Jamestown was recognized for the largest church delegation. Legacy Fitness was the largest business group, and the Tom Geffre family — who were in town to celebrate his 70th birthday — was the biggest family.

Six residents were pushed along the course in their wheelchairs. Another walked it with her walker and a companion by her side.

Walkers ranged from 10-day-old Loralye Mikula to 98-year-old resident Lillian Salisbury.

“It just goes to show,” says Lisa, “that fitness isn’t just for the athletically fit people. It is for everyone! And that’s what this walk is all about.

“We have a track that people can run or walk around one to three times. One of our couples walked it six times during the hour.

“Thanks to everyone who attended to help with Phase One,” the organizer added. “Hopefully, next year’s crowd will be even bigger!”
Gifts and Tributes  May 1– August 31, 2017

Activities

In Memory of:
Lorena Hillius
Alden & Landa Kollman

Day Dream Team

In Memory of:
Marge Patterson
Tom & Lynda Thronsedt

Hour Club

Jan Barnes
Roberta Bohl
Jodi Bunde
Michele Carstens
Cassie Carter
Jane Christensen
Mark Curtis
Rachel Dockter
Sarah Eppehn
Sarah Frieze
Linda Fuchs
Sharyn Geerdts
Tex Geerdts
Kaitlin Gerszewski
Kristi Gerszewski
Cece Glinz
Deb Greenstein
Nichole Greenstein
Melissa Hase
Darlene Hass
Makisha Heard
Becky Heglund
Claudia Holm
Laci Hutcheson
Susan Johnson
Krystyl Kimmes
Alexis Kleven
Debra Koebernick
Gary Koebernick
Ashley Leiss
Marilyn Lobsinger
Michele Lunder
Robyn Nething
Heather Oster
Janeane Otto
Shirleen Pettet
Susan Purdy
Kim Ryan
Jeannie Schmidt
Caroline Scholand
Raelene Schuh
Marilyn Sheets
Rich Sky
Deb Stecker
Deacon Ken Votava

In Kind Gifts

Books
Jennifer Morris
CDs
Pat Buen Family
Calendars, books & magazines
Clance Liechty
Cards & Games
Sandy Hill
Comforter
Rick & Laurie Podoll
Craft Supplies & Quilts
Hilda Gumke
Electric Wheelchair
Ken & Lana Hoffer
Large Calculator
Maris Thompson
Nebulizer Machine
Charles James Family
Puzzles
Yvonne Wibstad
Florence Willey
Slipper, Housecoat & Afghans
Dick & Marlys Pieske
Towels
Marlene Schultz

Major Gifts

Statue of Jesus
In Memory of Edna Koenig

Monthly Giving Program
Sharon Falk†

Naming Private Rooms–$10,000
John & Sue Johnson

In Memory of:
Patricia A (Pat) Johnson
Husband, William (Bud) &
Daughter, Cindy
Vernon† & Marlene Schultz
Marlene Schultz
Donald† & Marie Boyle
Marie Boyle

Phase 1 Private Room Campaign
Anonymous
Marilys Carter

Docotah Paper
Eagles Auxiliary
Leslie & Beryl Lueck
Mary E. Smith

In Memory of:
Alice Anderson
Brad & Jan Barnes
Alice Bietz
Jerald Patterson

Orpha Bertsch
Olaf & Frances Aasand
Brad & Jan Barnes
Clara M. Bertsch
Leslie & Shirley Bertsch
Gaylord & Shirley Burley
James & Marie Delzer
Steve & Wanda Delzer
Lyle & Betty Hanson
William & Janice Heyderhoff
Gary & Deb Koebernick
Doreen Larson
Cynthia Long
Dolly Monson
Jean Morris
Joan Morris
Tom & Skip Olson
Edith Prentice
Lee & Helen Roessler
Carrol & Luella Wahl
Claude & Darlene Wahl
Collin & Dolly Wahl
Bryan & Peggy Widmer
Clyde Young

LuVerne Brobst
Mary Eagleson
Meika, LuVerne’s Dog
Cindi Psychos

Darrell Domek
Donald & Marie Olson

Fay Domek
Donald & Marie Olson

Allen Enger
Ray & Carol Erbele

Warren Ernie
Aileen Astrup
Brad & Jan Barnes
Dan & Sue Greshik
Jim & Sue Matthiesen
Wanda Walker

Sharon Falk
Aileen Astrup
Brad & Jan Barnes
Gloria Bartlett
Marie Boyle
Eugene Cysewski
Herb & Cindy Flakoll
Margaret Harding
Arlo & Karen Maag
Louise Max
Gifts and Tributes continued

Herman Morth
Mary Jean (Morth) Burkhart
Grace Fraser

Albert Nelson
Arlo & Karen Maag

Grace Nelson
Rick & Carma Maddock

Vergil Neumiller
Bryan & Peggy Widmer

Robert Nordine
Pat Nordine

Darlene Olson
Wilford & Vicky Hillebrand
Alberta Kurtyka
Mary E. Smith
Dale & Wendy Thompson

Francis Orr
Doris Orr

Marge Patterson
Aileen Astrup
Brad & Jan Barnes
Alice Bietz
Elaine Hanson
John & Sue Johnson
James & Rita Morris
Myron & Laurie Mosolf
Maris Thompson
Bryan & Peggy Widmer

Peggy Quigley
Elsie Weber

Kay Richards
Jean Morris
Joan Morris

Jessie Roskens
Elaine Hanson
Gregg & Tracy Schweitzer

Bill Rouillard
Mary Jean (Morth) Burkhart

Marian Schmidt
John & Terry Schock

Evelyn Schmitz
Mary Jean (Morth) Burkhart

John Schoeler
Gene & Bea Andersen
Brad & Jan Barnes
Gloria Bartlett
Friends & Family
Arlo & Karen Maag

Sister Carol Jean
Brad & Jan Barnes
Jeff & Linda Fuchs

Sister Margaret Rose
Brad & Jan Barnes
Donald & Marie Olson

Neil Spitzer
Gloria Bartlett

Gerald Sroczinski
Brad & Jan Barnes

Rosine Stahlecker
Elmo & Ardina Bentz

Jim & Connie Harty
Richard & Marlys Pieske
Maris Thompson

Eunice Sveum
Brad & Jan Barnes
Mary M. Domek
Jeff & Linda Fuchs
Jim & Connie Harty
John & Sue Johnson
Gary & Deb Koebenick
Jim & Sue Mathiesen
Jerald Patterson

Archie Sveum
Curt Sveum
Jay Sveum
Roger Sveum

Don Thoms
Brad & Jan Barnes

Delores Wanzek
Gene & Bea Anderson
Brad & Jan Barnes
Eugene Cysewski
Arlo & Karen Maag
Terry & Julie Schoeler
Marion Stampka

Ray Werner
Tom & Mary Olson

Jean Kruger Wood
Donald & Marie Olson

Willis Wooddell
Royce Wooddell

In Honor of:
Beth Neutzman’s Birthday
Paulette Webb

Lloyd Clements
Allen & Wendy Clements

Resident Memorial Plaque- $250

In Memory of:
Robert Elliott
Ray & Carol Erbele

Gordon Gilbertson
Gordon Gilbertson Family

Lorena Hillius
Alden & DeLand Kollman

Darlene Olson
Dale & Wendy Olson

Marge Patterson
Jerry Patterson

John Schoeler
Family & Friends

Mrs. Peter (Anna) Schwartz
Don & Lois Schwartz

Lory Wanzek
Bernard, Charles, Fred, John & William Wanzek
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Friday, December 8
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Barthel Room

Stock your pantry! Shop for Christmas! Seasonal Decor • Baked Goods • And More!

The volunteers will be baking, baking, baking ...

All proceeds benefit Phase One of our Capital Campaign for Private Rooms and remodeling the kitchen.