

## “It all started with Guy Lombardo!”

It's a good thing Jerry and Jess Vander Wall aren't superstitious.

Their first date was on Friday, April 13, 1951, when Jerry asked Jess to a Guy Lombardo concert in Grand Rapids. “Some might say we were tempting fate with our first date on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, but I guess after 66 years of marriage everything has worked out just fine,” relates Jess.

This October will mark six years since the couple moved to Raybrook Estates II. “We love it here,” Jess shares. “It's a great place to live. We have wonderful friends and a loving community.” Jerry adds, “And we're so close to everything important to us.”

Recently Jerry and Jess decided to give a gift to Holland Home Foundation through their Trust. “We have five children we dearly love, but we added a 'sixth' child named 'Charity' to our plan,” he says. The Vander Walls consulted with Barnabas Foundation to complete their plan.

“Living here we see the opportunity to help others who've run out of money. The Lord blessed us and we want to bless others in this way,” Jerry continues. “We hope many people will do the same.” Their gift is designated for the Resident Assistance Fund.

After graduating Calvin College and University of Michigan Dental School, and a two-year stint in the Air Force, Jerry started a dentistry practice in Grand Rapids in 1957. In 1969, he returned to U of M to complete an advanced degree and became an endodontist. “My office was just down the street at the corner of Burton and Raybrook.”



Jerry served on many national and state-wide dental association committees. In recognition of his service he was named “Dental Citizen of the Year” in 2002 by the Michigan Dental Association. Avid Calvin College and U of M fans, they attend many sporting events at each school.

Jerry and Jess have also served in numerous ways at their church, La Grave Ave. Christian Reformed Church, Wedgwood Christian Services, Grand Rapids Christian Schools, Calvin College, and many other non-profit organizations.

“We're happy we could move here together and enjoy all the good things God has for us,” states Jess. “We're so thankful for His blessings.”



## Super Bowl report by Raffle Winner Tim Dyer

"Faith Hospice is very important to Carl Paganelli and his family, so for us, purchasing the raffle tickets was more a donation to a fantastic organization than actually hoping to win. Winning the tickets did, however, allow us to check off a lifetime bucket list item. We were fortunate enough to include the entire family and share an event that we all will remember forever, including witnessing the lowest scoring Super Bowl EVER!!! We are grateful to Carl for his generosity to Faith Hospice, and it was even more special knowing that the proceeds directly benefitted Faith Hospice in memory of his wife and best friend Cathy—honoring her life and expanding the incredible work Faith Hospice continues to provide."



## Cookie Caper was a sweet success!

Faith Hospice held its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Cookie Caper October 13. Our volunteers surprised each of our 200+ patients in the greater Grand Rapids area with a dozen home-baked cookies. More than 4,000 cookies were baked and 22 nursing facilities were given a plate to enjoy as well. A hearty thanks to all of our bakers, packagers and deliverers. Faith Hospice also really appreciates the large donation of cookie dough from Savory Foods. Well done!



## 1892 Heritage Society Members assure future care

"Seeing the care our mother received for several years at Raybrook Manor motivates us to support resident assistance now, and in the future, through our estate plan," shares a local couple, members of Holland Home's 1892 Heritage Society.

The 1892 Heritage Society honors individuals and families who make a gift through their Will or Trust, or provide another type of planned gift to Holland Home, Holland Home Foundation, or Faith Hospice. There are a wide variety of ways to show your support and become a society member. Members receive complimentary invitations to society events and a distinctive memento honoring their commitment.

Would you like to learn more? Contact Holland Home Foundation at 616-235-5125 or [foundation@hollandhome.org](mailto:foundation@hollandhome.org).



## Her Love Lingers

Rodger Rice, Estates II resident writing about Ruth Rice who passed away in early 2017

My dearest died  
yet her love lingers  
on my daily walks

One damp morning  
the sidewalk kissed with rain  
I sensed her nearby

A leaf heart  
appeared at my feet  
as if whispering  
I love you still



Seven steps farther  
a second leaf heart  
at my feet  
The added spot of light  
seemed to say  
I love you even more



Could it be  
God's love  
lets her love  
linger yet?



## Christmas Dinner: Where Love Endures

*"Holland Home's promise to its people reflects the promise I made to Richard when we got married—for better or worse and through sickness and in health. Holland Home helped us keep that promise to each other while keeping Richard safe." Joyce Michael*

Love was evident at the 2018 Keeping the Promise Christmas Dinner. More than 800 guests enjoyed amazing music by Selected of God choir and were inspired by the love stories of three Holland Home resident couples. Adding to the evening was an inspiring display of resident artwork. All funds raised benefit the Resident Assistance Fund.

## A surprise gift! Local teachers give to Faith Hospice



Like so many of their generation, John and Ilene Magee of Wyoming, Michigan worked hard, lived frugally, and served their church and community.

John and Ilene met at Immanuel Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. They married in 1965 after completing college. While they had no children, John & Ilene influenced literally thousands of young people through their 30+ year careers as school teachers — he teaching high school math at Grandville and she as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for Wyoming. After retirement, they enjoyed wintering in Arizona.

When John passed away in 2006, Faith Hospice provided his care. Later, Faith Hospice also cared for Ilene's brother, Bill. In gratitude for their excellent care, Ilene chose to give a gift to Faith Hospice through her Trust. Ilene passed away last October and Faith Hospice recently received her gift totaling nearly \$400,000.

"This gift is such a blessing for Faith Hospice and allows us to provide services to hospice patients who don't have the necessary funds to cover the cost," shares Rene Wheaton, Faith Hospice Executive Director.



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### Did you know?

June 3, 2019 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Holland Home's Keeping the Promise Golf Outing! Since 1989, the golf outing has raised more than \$2 million to ensure continued care for our residents who rely on financial assistance. Please join us in the AM or PM flight for 18 holes of golf at Watermark Country Club. Sign up for golf, or be a sponsor, at [www.hollandhome.org/golf](http://www.hollandhome.org/golf) or contact us at 616-235-5118 or [foundation@hollandhome.org](mailto:foundation@hollandhome.org).



# COMING SOON IN 2019

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 3  
Watermark Country Club

## SUMMER CONCERT

Friday, June 14  
Held on the banks of the Grand River.

## FAITH HOSPICE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 25  
Cascade Country Club

## KEEPING THE PROMISE DINNER

Tuesday, November 19  
DeVos Place