

# The Monthly Review

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# Resident of the Month: Beryl & Willard

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Willard Kranch was born on September 15, 1936 to Elsa and Werner Kranzusch in Hurdsman Bridge. He was a third generation Canadian, but life was difficult for German-born immigrants back then. Willard's father left to fight in World War 2 and was gone from 1939 to 1945. Their home was expropriated in 1952 to build the train station and they moved to McKay Street in New Edinburgh. This is where Beryl's family ran a taxi service. Beryl was born in 1937 to William and Florence Buske. She was also of German descent. She worked in the family business as a dispatcher while attending school.

Beryl and Willard Kranch met 70 years ago when she was 15 and he was 16. At the end of their high school years, Beryl graduated top of her class in Accountancy from Commerce High School and Willard graduated at the top of his Auto Mechanics class. They put their education to good use. Willard began working as a mechanic and Beryl was a dispatcher at her parents' taxi business until they married.

They married in 1956, 5 years after they first met, and had three daughters: Karen, Susan and Sandra. While Beryl was raising their 3 young girls, Willard worked his way up to service manager at Welch and Johnston, a large regional tune-up specialist company. With the death of Willard's father, his mother moved in with the family, which allowed Beryl to go back to work.

For the last 25 years of their careers, Beryl and Willard both worked for General Motors. Beryl was in charge of financial data and custom orders for vehicles, while Willard travelled several days a week as a district service representative. Working for a large automotive company allowed them to drive great cars. Beryl enjoyed Corvettes and a Firebird in her younger days. Willard rotated through lots of vehicles as he travelled for work to different dealerships. They retired together in 1991.

Both Beryl and Willard wanted their family to be central to their lifestyle and made sure they took their girls camping, RVing and to the cottage they owned for close to 50 years. Those memories are precious to them both. Willard was an engaged father, taking his girls on skiing vacations and at least one big trip a year. The Kranch home was across the street from Rideau High School and was open to the girls' friends, who enjoyed their hospitality as well as their pool.

Today the girls visit and help their parents with gardening and maintenance as well as health issues.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church was where Beryl and Willard first met and it became an important part of family life. They were on many committees and Willard became the Sunday School Superintendent while Beryl, and eventually the girls, taught Sunday School

When Beryl and Willard retired, their girls were independent and the couple made good use of their time. They enjoyed their cottage in Foymount, bought a house in Florida (and lived there from October to April every year) and travelled extensively: Spain, Hawai'i, England, Canary Islands, Venezuela, Mexico, Jamaica, Europe......

Beryl and Willard's last home before moving to OVM was on Scheel Drive in McNab Braeside. They were among the first group to move into the Towns in 2018. They have made their home their own with lovely gardens out front and back. They enjoy their time with Tammy, their remaining pet dog, and wave to passersby from the front porch, where they spend a lot of time.





# Keep on Smiling

















A Happy Father's Day it was! Thanks to all our OVM Dads.



























Our annual Teddy Bear picnic had blue skies as we say let the sun shine on summer!







### Employee of the Month - Tatum

Congratulations Tatum on being the employee of the month for July. Tatum is one of our amazing servers in the main floor Dining Room. Tatum is the perfect employee. She is punctual, reliable, polite, caring, kind, balances her days with school & work, and jumps in when needed. Tatum takes her job very seriously and understands the impact of specialty diets, special requests and peoples likes and dislikes. We are very grateful for Tatum being part of our team!

### Special Events in July

July 1st Canada Day Olympics & Taste Testing

July 14th Avon Representative
Table Sale

July 11th Let's Flamingle Pool Party

July 29th Bicentennial BBQ at the Civitan Hall 11-3:00pm

July 29th Family Career Presentation with "The Sweetest" Shirley Deugo

### Laugh out Loud with Orchard View

What did the beaver say to the maple tree?

It's been nice gnawing you

What was the skeleton doing at the hockey game? Driving the zam-boney!

What has antlers and sucks blood?

A moose-quito!

Why is maple syrup always so sad? Because it's sappy.

Why shouldn't curlers tell jokes on the ice?

Because they'll crack up.



What did the snow say to the Rocky Mountains?

## Testimonial: Vivian Brown ~ Eileen Wilson's Sisiter

Nineteen years ago, at the age of 52, Eileen's life changed forever when she had her first stroke and was forced to retire from her RPN position at the Almonte Hospital where she had lovingly cared for the elderly and chronically ill patients. About 10 years later, she lost her loving husband and caregiver. Subsequent strokes caused more damage, and more restrictions despite her valiant efforts to do as much self care as possible. Life is tough and her smiles and laughter have diminished over the years.

Michael and all of the recreation team are doing everything in their power to brighten her days by providing creative, stimulating, ability appropriate, and fun programming. Recently, I was reviewing the many recreation photos on Orchard Views Facebook pages. Much to my delight I found 5 pictures taken in the last month of my sister Eileen, displaying her beautiful smile while baking, hunting balloons (her first hunting experience), playing the ladder game, having high tea, playing noodle hockey and doing word searches. She was obviously enjoying the company, the craziness, the humour, and the interest. The fact that she was participating was amazing. Thank you, Michael, and your staff, for the encouragement, hard work, creativity, empathy, respect, patience, and love that you demonstrate daily to Eileen and all the residents of Orchard View.



