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*Happy St. Patrick's Day!!*

Happy March to our Grand Haven Family, Spring is just around the corner & I cannot wait to see our beautiful gardens in bloom again. The first day of Spring is March 20th. This brings on new beginnings and a chance to appreciate all the things life can bring. Take a look around and notice the new life in our gardens, the warm sunshine and fresh air that follows after a rainy day. I leave you with this Irish Blessing:

May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more  
and nothing but happiness  
come through your door.

*Stephanie*

## Welcome to Grand Haven



**Harriet Hand**



**Delores Vought**



**Dorothy Danielsen**



**Jeanette Eastman**





# Senior on Spotlight



Ellis Orville and Myrtle Elizabeth (Thomas) Barber have been married for 75 wonderful years. Let's start at the beginning of their lives together.

Ellis was born in April of 1925 and was raised in DeWitt where he lived on the family farm with his 6 siblings. Ellis fondly remembers his mother having warm rolls and freshly churned butter when they arrived home from school. He also recalls sleeping 3 to a bed in a small house and having to go outside to use the outhouse especially in the cold of winter. Ellis graduated from DeWitt High School in 1942.

Myrtle was born in May of 1925 and grew up in Warner, Alberta Canada with her 5 siblings. Myrtle's father was originally from Iowa but the Canadian Government paid them to go to Canada to farm where they were grain farmers. Myrtle remembers attending a one room country school where there was no heat, electricity or plumbing but never the less she enjoyed the lessons taught. Myrtle also recalls with a laugh that her two older brothers would be constantly pulling pranks on all of the sisters and still to this day when she talks to them in Alberta they all have a good laugh. Myrtle graduated High School in Canada and then attended Dubuque Cosmetology School in Dubuque, IA.

Once Myrtle's dad retired from farming, he moved back to Iowa with Myrtle and her sister Eleanor while the rest of the family stayed in Canada. Ellis and Myrtle met through her sister who was dating Ellis's friend.

Ellis farmed north of DeWitt until moving to town in the late fifties. He sold real estate and insurance until he and his brother, Ivan, became primary shareholders in DeWitt Bank and Trust Company in the early sixties meanwhile Myrtle owned and operated Myrtle's Beauty Shop in DeWitt until the birth of their first child.

Ellis and Myrtle have 3 children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They loved taking trips with the grandchildren in their motorhome when they were young and then traveling abroad when they were older.

Ellis and Myrtle had a winter home in Mesa, Arizona for 30 years. They enjoyed traveling throughout the USA with interesting trips abroad visiting numerous countries in 6 continents.

Ellis and Myrtle enjoy the activities, bus trips and entertainment here at Grand Haven and love how friendly the residents and staff are.





# March Birthdays

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Jim Lovett            | 3rd  |
| Kay Fischlein         | 6th  |
| Dee Jepsen            | 7th  |
| Becca Ward            | 8th  |
| David Steen           | 9th  |
| Vera Elmshaeuser      | 11th |
| Taniah Butler (staff) | 11th |
| Bernice Decker        | 14th |
| Jeanette Eastman      | 19th |
| Denise Little (staff) | 22nd |



Turn your clocks  
ahead an hour on  
**March 13th**

Our deepest sympathy to the  
family & friends of  
*James Singelman & Barb Mohr*  
who recently passed away.

## Staff Anniversaries

5 years

Grace Hansel

3 years

Courtney Smith

2 Years

Lisa Collins

Dawn Schoenthaler







# Grand Haven

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## Moments corner:

