

# FRIENDLY CHATTER

## Shakopee

### Friendship Manor

### January 2026



# **January Events** subject to changes/if weather permits

**Thursday, January 1st – New Year's Day**

Tuesday, January 6th at 1:30 p.m. – James Shaw

Tuesday, January 13th at 1:30 p.m. – Jim Kirkendall



Monday, January 19th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Monday, January 19th at 9:30 a.m. –  
Resident Council**



Tuesday, January 20th at 1:30 p.m. – Barsolo Brothers

Friday, January 23rd at 1:30 p.m. – Happy Hour Social

Thursday, January 29th at 1:30 p.m. – Puzzle Group  
Station A Dining Room

Friday, January 30th at 1:30 p.m. – Valentine Day Crafts

# **Resident of the Month:**

## **Eugene LaTour**



Eugene (Gene) LaTour was born and raised on a farm in Marystow. He is youngest of five children. Days on the farm were filled with hard work and self-made fun. Gene served in the United States Army after high school, for two years. He is very proud of his service to our country. While in the Army Gene, earned the nickname of "Smiley", for many years some people only knew him by this nickname, which really made him smile more.

Gene met his wife, Jackie... a Prior Lake girl, a few years after his time in the Army and they married in 1960. Gene and Jackie celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past June. As lifelong members of St. Marks Catholic church, it is very special to Gene to have a continued connection with this parish here at Friendship Manor. He enjoys communion services and the Rosary.

Gene is a member of the Knights of Columbus and was an active person on membership activities, building maintenance projects and pancake breakfast fundraisers. This is where Gene became very good friends with Jim P, also a Friendship Manor resident. Jim has been a good friend and welcoming buddy as Gene has adjusted to day-to-day activities.

Road trips were one Gene's favorite family vacation activities. It was not uncommon to get up very early in the morning to start off a road trip to the Detroit Lakes area or Chicago area to visit friends and family when his children were young. Once the kids were later in elementary years, Kamp Dels in Waterville became the favorite destination. All day campfires and shenanigans with camping friends are precious memories that Gene proudly cherished as the campground expanded to the southern Minnesota tourist destination it has become today. A permanent camping site and various travel trailer upgrades welcomed over twenty years of family fun and retirement adventures for his family. A special trip to Germany included a Rhine River boat cruise for Gene and Jackies 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Gene was part of the maintenance team at Rahr and frequently rode his bike the short distance to work, retiring in 1998. We are told his metal round top lunch box is still in the breakroom above the doorway as a tribute to his years of service and dedication.

Gene turned 89 on November 24<sup>th</sup>. He spends his days in the puzzle area near station A, and likes to play BINGO. Raising his hand and announcing "Got-it" with each win and showing that smile that we all love so much is a treasure.



# **January Worship 2026**

Friday, January 2nd

Saturday, January 3rd

Monday, January 5th

Tuesday, January 6th

Thursday, January 8th

Friday, January 9th

Saturday, January 10th

Monday, January 12th

Thursday, January 15th

Friday, January 16th

Saturday, January 17th

Monday, January 19th

Tuesday, January 20th

Thursday, January 22nd

Friday, January 23rd

Saturday, January 24th

Monday, January 26th

Thursday, January 29th

Friday, January 30th

Saturday, January 31st

**\*\*Subject to change\*\***

Rosary 9:00 a.m.

Church Service 9:00 a.m.

Bethel Rock Worship 10:00 a.m.

Catholic Communion 9:30 a.m.

Devotions 10:00 a.m.

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Pastor Jerry Bible Study 9:45 a.m.

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**We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of the following Residents who have passed away.**

M. Eichstadt      Beverly F.      Barbara S.      Janice L.

## **Comforting Scripture:**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.      **John 14:27**

# Happy Birthday January Birthdays!

## Resident

Rose H. – January 2nd  
Carol H. – January 9th  
Kathleen P. – January 9th  
Gene R. – January 15th  
Joyce Y. – January 31st  
Roger M. – January 31st  
Ann Z. – January 31st



## Staff

Idman A. – January 1st  
Bruce S. – January 4th  
Jayline O. – January 6th  
Robin K. – January 7th  
Becca H. – January 9th  
Nadia R. – January 9th  
Jennifer S. – January 9th  
Habiba H. – January 12th  
Samatha R. – January 18th  
Emily W. – January 19th  
Mary J. – January 21st  
Emily K. – January 21st  
Jamie Mohlin – January 21st  
Rocio B. – January 24th  
Aisha H. – January 24th  
Van D. – January 25th  
Mary F. – January 29th  
Day Day E. – January 31st  
Bona G. – January 31st

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## **ATTENTION OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK**

If you are planning on bringing in any treats or food of any sort over the holidays or anytime throughout the year for the Resident please report to the nurse's stations first. It's generous and thoughtful but some Residents have food restrictions. We have a specific policy regarding

## **FOODS BROUGHT BY FAMILY / VISITORS**

# Santa Visits











# Happy New Year



BABIES

FEAST

KISS

PUNCH

DANCE

FRIENDS

MUSIC

TIARAS

FAMILY

HATS

PARADES

TIME

FATHER

HORNS

PARTY

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL DONATIONS FOR OUR RESIDENT.  
WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!