



## **Everly Staff: Carol Lester**

Most of Carol's life she lived in Colchester, Illinois. Three years ago she and her husband, Jerry, bought a house north of Macomb. Her backyard connects to fields that they farm. Jerry's family has been farming this land for over 150 years. Moving back here was something she wanted to do for him. Their home was built by Jerry's uncle.

Carol came to the Everly house in 2003 as part-time kitchen staff. Eventually she was approached to work a full time over night position. That was an easy decision for her to make. Carol commented that she has truly benefited by

working here. She considers herself very fortunate, for it has been her most rewarding job ever. She has learned so much from the many residents that she has met through the years. She was even able to reconnect with a teacher she had in high school.

Carol is the mother of two amazing children. Her son is a farm equipment designer and her daughter is a pharmacy technician. She also has two grandsons, one granddaughter, and two awesome great granddaughters. The things she enjoys doing the most are cooking and baking. She loves being in the kitchen. This last year has been hard for her not being able to have family and friends in for meals. Normally she cooks for 15 people. Another thing Carol enjoys doing is going to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge Tennessee. That was something she was not able to do last year because of Covid. 2021 is a new year and Carol thinks we are so much wiser for it.

