



## Resident: Margaret Pieper

Margaret was born in Christian County, Illinois. She is the oldest daughter and the third of six children. Her Father, Fredrick Murray's, parents came from Ireland and settled in central Illinois. Her mother, Elizabeth's, parents came from Germany. Margaret grew up on a farm and learned how to work hard. They had a garden at the house and in the field that she tended. She also had to drive tractors, milk cows, and help feed the calves. She helped save one baby calf that was born in February. It needed to be brought into the house to be nursed back to health. She wrapped Betty in a blanket and kept her warm behind the stove. Her parents then had to convince her to let her new pet go back outside with it's mother. Margaret also had to help raise 300 baby chicks. They also had pigs and horses on their farm. She walked to a country school until she went to High School. Then she went to school in the town of Stonington, Illinois. After High School,

Margaret took her Civil Service Exam. That summer her brothers were away, and she had to help her dad put the farm in before heading to her new job. At 17 she journeyed alone to Chicago, got her own apartment, and worked at the Treasury Department. She later married her high school sweetheart Leonard Wright. They had one son, Michael. He went into the military and served in Vietnam. The war was very traumatic for him and he had a hard time when he got back. Sadly, he has now passed away. This is a tragedy that Margaret has never been able to get over. Her husband passed three years after their son, it was a very tough time. Later, Margaret was working in Decatur, Illinois and was visited by an old boyfriend. Their families had always been close friends. They kept in touch after that and then got married. They moved to Tucson for awhile, and then moved back to Illinois to be close to family. Throughout the years Margaret worked in the insurance industry until she retired. She was licensed in Arizona and Illinois. Margaret has had a great life and has a wonderful family. She has always kept in touch with her siblings, and their families.

We are so happy to have Margaret living here at Everly. She brightens our days with her smiles and kind words.

