



Resident Carolyn Bowman

Carolyn was born in Macomb at the St. Francis Hospital. She grew up with her two brothers on her parent's farm just outside of Blandinsville Illinois. She was a bit of a tomboy and enjoyed feeding the animals with her father. She also remembers doing other farm chores like walking through the beans. She had a very old and inactive pony. Since he wasn't much fun to ride, she spent most of her free time riding her bicycle up and down the country road. When Carolyn was a Junior in High School, her friend introduced her to David, at the State Fair. They married two years later after she graduated from High School. They moved to Belleville, for a couple of years and then returned to the Macomb area so that David could help her grandfather farm. They eventually bought Carolyn's great aunt's farm. Carolyn and David have four boys. The oldest is Randy, He works in the swine industry. Dan manages a grain elevator in Burlington, Iowa, and farms around Stronghurst. Jon and Lanny work the family farm with their

two sons. So far David and Carolyn are blessed to have five grandsons, five granddaughters, three great-grandsons, and three great-granddaughters. They are very proud of their sons and their families, and hope they all feel the love they have for each one of them.

Carolyn worked for seven years at Northwestern High School. She also worked 22 years for WIU. She has many hobbies two of which are crafts and sewing. She made all ten grandchildren quilts. Carolyn and David also loved watching their sons play in sports. Now they get to watch heir grandchildren do the same. Their family is very athletic. As a result, they have spent many hours sitting on bleachers. They also enjoyed watching their kids doing their 4-H projects and attending fairs while they showed their pigs. Interestingly, her granddaughter also met her husband at the State Fair. Going to auctions and collecting were another hobby she and David enjoyed together. Her collections consist of stoneware, Tea Leaf China, and Sun Bonnet Girls.

Carolyn commented to me that they have very much enjoyed being at the Everly House this winter. The people here are all very special to she and David. We have surely enjoyed having them, and are very thankful they decided to come and stay with us. They add a lot of fun and laughter to the Everly family environment!

 **Happy** 
St. Patrick's Day!