

Senior Spotlight

Mary Montoni

Mary Montoni moved from Cadiz, OH to Kent, OH when she was 16 years old. In Kent, she met the love of her life, Joe Montoni. They met for the first time while roller-skating, but Joe let Mary know he had



Mary and Joe Montoni

seen her many times sitting out on her porch. Joe was the first of his family with 15 siblings to graduate from high school. Mary and Joe met right when World War II was beginning, so they wrote letters back and forth while he was deployed. In the meantime, 16-year-old Mary started her first job (a 'Rosie the Riveter') gig as a



Mary working her first job as a welder in 1942.

welder at C.L. Gouger where she worked for three years. When Joe returned, he helped build the house they would live in for 69 years. Together they had three children, Larry, Sandy, and Tom. The family

has lived a wonderful and enjoyable life together. They take yearly vacations to places like Surfside Beach and North Carolina and stay in a big house together.

Mary and Joe have 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren all of whom they are proud of. For their 50th wedding anniversary, their kids surprised them with a trip to Hawaii, and then for their 60th a trip to Las Vegas. Mary enjoys trips to the casino, especially the lucky ones. Mary and her sister in law Theresa and niece Delores used to head to the casino around 7 p.m. and not return until the early hours of 2 a.m.! They called themselves the "Apple Dumpling Gang," and had many wonderful adventures together.



Mary and Joe at their 50th Wedding Anniversary

When Joe sadly passed away in 2011, Mary decided it was time to look for a new living option as taking care of the house was a lot of upkeep for her. She stayed in a different senior living facility for a while, but after her and the family's expectations weren't met, they went searching and found Danbury Cuyahoga Falls.

"I love the friendly environment, the life enrichment activities, and the food!" -Mary

Mary's family says they love that there is always something to do at Danbury and that they are glad to have found a place for their beloved Nonni. We are so happy to have you here, Mary!