

To our Colonial Villa Family,

Our Mom came to Colonial Villa in the Fall of 2009 with declining health issues. Immediately we could see that her greatest need to love and be loved would certainly be met here. We really had no way of knowing just what to expect. However, from the very beginning we were touched by the warm, poignant, sometimes cute and often funny content of things that happened.

After a few weeks went by, we began to notice something. Sometimes the body will present us with issues that need to be treated immediately and effectively. Sometimes the soul will present us with a need that must be treated with gentleness and compassion. Sometimes we find that the body and the soul will present their needs in a complex blend of aching pains and earthy emotions that must be treated with wisdom experience and love. She surely found that here at Colonial Villa. The people here called to do a "duty" did them well; but love made them do it beautifully!

Over time, Mom made special connections with many of you who valued her for her caring manner. She was a woman whom so many called friend. Our hearts know that this made a difference and that she made a difference. What a blessing!

The true sharing of one's life with another is a great gift to cherish. The people here (from the office to the kitchen and all points in between) seem to get satisfaction from meeting people, helping them and becoming a part of that life or family.

And, so, where to begin? We want to express how sincerely grateful we are to all the hands and hearts who helped along the way. Hats off, a huge round of hugs, and high fives to you all....we appreciate each one of you!!

So, one last time – thank you. Thank you for loving her, thank you for care-taking for her, and thank you for seeing her through to the end.

God bless you all,  
Pat & Judy