

# PATHWAYS

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## Happy Valentine's Day!



### Sharing love stories

*Make plans now to celebrate Valentine's Day with us! Some of our favorite couples share their wedding snapshots and love stories with us. Turn inside for more love stories and photos!*

*Do you recognize these three happy couples? Turn inside to discover their identities and see more photographs from our favorite wedding scrapbooks.*

### Cupid's arrow finds Sue!

Calder Woods resident Sue Mann never thought Cupid would strike twice, but he did! She's fallen in love a second time — this time to a man she first met when they were teenagers.

Back in the 1940s, Sue and Carl Weisenfelder were students at Beaumont High School. Sixty-plus years later, they met at a class reunion and began dating.

On Jan. 23rd, they exchanged wedding vows,

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Sue Mann and Carl Weisenfelder exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony combining their two faiths. Sue's pastor, Dr. Bob Shield of Trinity United Methodist Church, and Carl's priest, Father William Manger of St. Anne's Catholic Church, both participated.



Every year, Calder Woods stages its own Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras parade.

### Mardi Gras at Calder Woods

*Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!*

*Celebrating Seniors Mardi Gras Style!*

Stop by the Calder Woods booth at the annual Senior Mardi Gras celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10th, at the Beaumont Civic Center. We're serving shrimp etouffe!

*Mardi Gras Bash!*

Independent Living residents are invited to our annual Mardi Gras Bash at 5:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15th, in The Terrace dining room. We'll have a live Cajun band, a wonderful buffet, door prizes, and more surprises!

*Fat Tuesday Parade!*

All residents are invited to join our Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Parade at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16th. Prizes go to the best decorated floats. All the fun starts in the health-care lobby.



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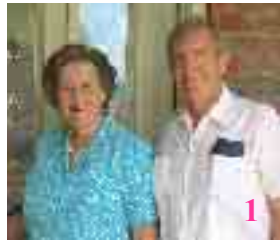
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*To arrange for a tour and a complimentary lunch for you and your friends, please contact David Long, Director of Marketing. He'll show you why Calder Woods is Beaumont's #1 choice for senior living!*

**Calder Woods sweethearts revealed**



**Sam and Evelyn Lord**

*Evelyn Marlin and Samuel Smith Lord Jr. met at a Navy ROTC dance at Tufts College in Medford, Mass. Girls from Boston University (Evelyn's school) were invited. Sam saw Evelyn across a crowded room, asked her to dance, and the rest is history. They were married on Feb. 28, 1948 and will mark their 62nd anniversary this month! They have five children (one deceased), seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.*

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**Ted and Barbara Moor**

*Barbara Elizabeth Strong and Ted E. Moor Jr. are both lifelong residents of Beaumont. They met during their senior year at Beaumont High School in 1949 and married on Sept. 4, 1953. They will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary this year. They are the parents of three children and have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Ted owns an insurance company and still goes to work nearly every day!*

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**John and Billie Templeton**

*A conversation with a mutual friend prompted John Templeton to call Billie Moore for a date. That date turned into a courtship and then marriage on Dec. 15, 1950. They both worked for Texaco and rode to work together, ate lunch together, and rode home together. It has been togetherness for 59 years! John and Billie never had any children of their own, but have always enjoyed the children of family and friends.*

**Cupid's arrow finds Sue!**

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surrounded by family and friends. Carl's five daughters came from out of town to be there to support their father and his new love.

Carl's first wife, Mary Jo, died a year ago. They were married 58 years. He was by her side caring for her the last eight years of their marriage as she battled Alzheimer's disease.

Sue, 83, and her first husband, James, were married 55 years before his death in 2003. They had one son, Stephen, who also died in 2003.

"It's been delightful to meet and get to know Carl's family," Sue said. "They have been so kind and loving to me. I lost my family when my husband and son died. Now, it's like I have an instant family, including 14 grandchildren."

Carl, 84, a retired Ideco engineer, said he



**Carl's five daughters gathered for a group photo with their dad and Sue after the ceremony.**

always thought he would never marry again.

"At first, Sue and I thought we were too old for this," he said. "Then we thought, why not? We wanted to be together all the time and really need each other. We're very happy."



**Celebrate Valentine's Day with us!**

*We'll celebrate Valentine's Day early at Calder Woods — all day Friday, Feb. 12th!*

*Enjoy entertainment from the Driftwood Barbershop Quartet during the lunch hour and stop by parties all over our campus:*

- Independent Living: 3 p.m.*
- Assisted Living: 3 p.m.*
- Harbor: 3 p.m.*
- Nursing: 9:30 a.m.*

*Friday evening we're heading to the Spindletop Steakhouse on Crockett Street downtown. Please RSVP by calling the Front Desk before 5 p.m. Feb. 11th.*

# Love Stories



**Dr. Gene & Nancy Orgeron**

Nancy's brother was a fraternity brother of Gene's and introduced them. They were married on Jan. 10, 1953 and just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. They have three children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Charles & Myrna Webster**

Charles and Myrna met while they were going to college — he at Lamar and she at Chenier Business College. One weekend they both headed to Houston to visit family and friends. On the way home, they met on a bus when he asked if he could sit beside her. They soon discovered they were living at the same boarding house in Beaumont! They married May 16, 1942 and had two children (both deceased). They have one grandson and a great-granddaughter.



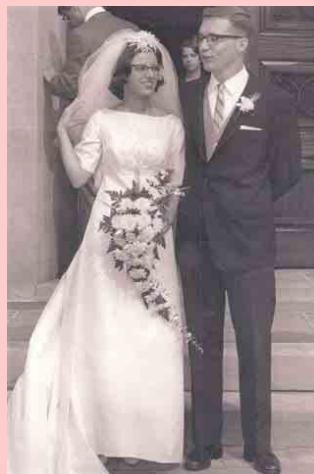
**Vernon & Agnes Northrup**

During World War II, Vernon's first duty as a Navy Chaplain was an assignment to the Small Craft Training Center, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif. He met Agnes, who was singing in the Chapel Choir. They married Jan. 21, 1945 and just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They have two children and three grandchildren.



**Lovic & Dauris Ridenhour**

Lovic met Dauris while they were in high school. They married July 3, 1938 and will celebrate their 72nd anniversary this year! They have three children, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



**Jerry & Nancy Ehrman**

Jerry went to high school with Nancy's older brother, Tom. He says he "fell in love with her at first sight and romanced her until she caught me." They married Sept. 4, 1965. They have six children and 13 grandchildren.



**Louis & Ann Knabeschuh**

Louis started dating Ann, who was a high school classmate and friend of his sister. They married on June 10, 1950 and mark 60 years this year! They have seven children, including two sets of twins, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



**Art & Alene Larkin**

Art and Alene met in high school and married Aug. 5, 1944 in his parents' home just before the Army shipped him overseas. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

## Faith group meets weekly

*A new ecumenical faith group called "Community of Faith" has formed at Calder Woods. They meet every Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the Independent Living Chapel. Resident Drue Talley helped form the group to act as a liaison between residents and the staff at Calder Woods. All residents are welcome to join them every Thursday!*

## WELCOME

### NEWCOMERS

*Please help us welcome new residents to Calder Woods!*

Jean Cappel

Kathryn Crocker

Philip DeShong

Elizabeth Holliday

George Toland



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Please help us honor all of our residents who are celebrating birthdays during February!*

1st — Peggy Sibley

6th — Marie Harlan

6th — Nell Phillips

6th — Mary Shelton

7th — Lucy Fanette

8th — Martha Reimers

10th — Dorothy Habegger

11th — John Legett

15th — Arlean Hawkes

18th — Rose Luparello

## A miracle for mom — Arlean Hawkes

When Arlean Hawkes celebrates her 81st birthday on Feb. 15th, it's going to be extra special. Three years ago, she thought she might lose her son Keith to a devastating illness. This year, he's alive and well.

"He's a walking miracle," Arlean says. "I couldn't ask for a better birthday present!"

In 1976, when Keith was just 19 years old, he was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a condition that caused excess spinal fluid to put pressure on his brain. A surgically implanted brain shunt controlled the problem until 2006 when he slipped into a coma that caused severe brain damage. After several surgeries to replace the brain shunt, he finally awoke from his coma.

It has been a long recovery, but he is finally back home and has returned to his job as first assistant to the Jefferson County auditor. He's now campaigning to become the county treasurer.

"We were told he wouldn't live, and if he lived, he would never walk again," Arlean



Arlean with son Keith and his wife, Sandra.

said. "He had to learn to walk again. A lot of prayers helped pull him through."

Keith, 53, said his faith and family made his recovery possible.

"It was quite a struggle," he said. "It was the grace of God that got me through this."

Keith's story, recounting his belief in God's healing powers, is featured in motivational speaker Zig Ziglar's new book, "Embrace the Struggle."



Jane McBride

## Author to appear at book-signing Feb. 9

*Beaumont Enterprise columnist Jane McBride will be at Calder Woods on Tuesday, Feb. 9th. She will speak and read excerpts from her new book, "Grace, Gratitude and Generosity." The book is a collection of some of her favorite columns that have appeared weekly in the newspaper the past 17 years. Jane will arrive at Calder Woods in time to enjoy lunch with residents in The Terrace dining room. After lunch, she will speak at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel/Auditorium. She will be available to sign copies of her new book, which you can purchase for \$19.95 after her presentation.*

## Shriners honor Louis Williams for 50 years!



*El Mina Temple Shriners came to Calder Woods on Jan. 8th to honor resident Louis Williams for 50 years of dedicated service. Pictured with Louis are his wife Mary and (left to right) Scott Bedwell, secretary of the Mid-County Shriners; Ken Stevens, president of the Mid-County Shriners; and Brad Corley, Chief Raban of the El Mina Temple. In making the presentation, they honored Louis for his work behind the scenes as a volunteer, especially with their annual circus.*