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✿ Geri Setzke, *Village Woods Resident, Assisted Living*



For Geri Setzke, her life had been busy, including at least 10 years in volunteer work as a “Friend of the Library” in Michigan, where she sold gently used books to raise funds for the library and taught young children to read. “It was something that I loved. I love to read, and I love books.”

Geri is originally from Illinois, but when her husband retired, they followed his dream and moved to Michigan, where they made a life of their own, away from family but with each other. “I had a nice life. My husband was living his dream and I was happy for him. I was loving my time at the library, and we were so happy together.”

But then Geri’s husband passed away, and she was lonely. She stayed in Michigan 5 more years, but longed to be back in Illinois, close to her most of her children. “I just had to go back to where I was comfortable,” she says.

She lived with her daughter for a while, but she wanted a home for herself. She looked at a couple places, but Village Woods stood out.

“I fell in love with it here,” Geri says. “I liked the atmosphere, and people were friendly. I liked that it has Christian values. I’m Catholic, so I’m very comfortable here.”

Activities are a big part of Geri’s days at Village Woods. “I try Bingo, SeniorFit, live entertainment, movies, games, trivia. There’s a lot to offer, and there’s something for everyone.”

Geri has lived at Village Woods 2 years now, but even though she receives Assisted Living services, she doesn’t think she’s limited. “I feel that this is very independent. Your choices are your choices, just as they would be in your own house. Nobody forces you to do anything.”

Geri’s family visits her frequently, and while Geri has a few physical ailments that sometimes keep her down, she knows she has what she needs at Village Woods.

“You have to get old,” she says, “but you can do it as gracefully as possible here. I couldn’t ask for a nicer place to live.” ✿



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