

Can you name a room for dear parents who never lived here? Yes!

When Kathy Vandeberghe heard about Ave Maria Village's plan to add new private rooms, she asked a great question: Could she honor her late parents ... even though they never lived here?

parties." The couple was divided after Kathy's mother suffered a head injury, which dramatically affected her memory. When she moved into a nursing home, Leonard lived in an apartment near Kathy's sister Donna. "It was

Yes! Yes, she can. And so, when Phase I remodeling is complete, one of the private rooms that will be added next will carry the names of Leonard and Frances Rude ... thanks to Kathy and her commitment to providing independence for our elders. The room will also bear the name of her aunt, Lil (Neva) Rude, who spent 15 months as a resident of Ave Maria.

"When my parents were in a nursing home, they would have loved to have private rooms," Kathy says. "And Aunt Lil loved it here! The care was excellent. I think the staff enjoyed her sense of humor and good attitude. She never complained.

"They were so good to her. I really feel Ave Maria's staff love and care about the residents." <image>

very hard on him, being without Mom," Kathy says. "They were married 69 years." Her father died in 2012 and her mother in 2014.

Her aunt came to Ave Maria in February 2015. She passed away in May 2016.

Kathy and her husband Tom had a farm and ranch 10 miles south of Cleveland for10 years, then bought another 9 miles west of Gackle. They'd been married for 42 years when, on Dec. 29, 2007, Tom suffered a massive heart attack and passed away. Kathy moved to Jamestown, where her sister, brother, parents and aunt all lived.

Kathy has two sons. Mark, an electrician, and his wife Becky live in Omaha, Neb., with their three daughters. Paul and wife Lori ranch south of Cleveland, where they raise

Kathy's father Leonard worked at Porter Brothers for nearly 40 years. Her mother Frances was employed by Doerr Jewelry and in the White Drug cosmetics department. Lil started at Scott's Five and Dime before spending 25 years as secretary of Trinity Lutheran Church.

"They did everything and went everywhere together," Kathy remembers. "They spent all the holidays together, went to the same church and shared family birthday registered Angus cattle. They have two daughters.

"Baby Boomers like me are going to want single rooms," Kathy reflects. "It's hard for people with completely different personalities to get along together.

"So this was a very easy decision to part with \$10,000 to name a private room as a tribute to my parents and Aunt Lil. It was a no-brainer for me! I can't think of a better way to honor the three of them."

Thanks to your support, we're starting 2018 on a high note

appy new year! We're starting 2018 on a high note, thanks to all of you who've made such a difference in our Campaign for Private Rooms.

Our residents are already enjoying the new telephone system that you made possible. It means that each of them has his or her own telephone and private telephone number ... at no extra cost to them. It eliminates the need to dial 9 and takes away another small but important bit of that institutional feeling — making Ave Maria Village feel even more like home.

Our two spacious, spa-like bath suites are complete, and our residents are loving their beauty and tranquility. We'll be inviting you to see for yourself at an open house after the weather warms up.

Now, for the kitchen! First, thanks to our wonderful volunteers for helping to make life better for staff and residents alike. They purchased two smaller, lighter dessert and snack carts earlier this year. When we tried them out in two of the four neighborhoods, everyone loved them. And so the volunteers went on to raise enough money to buy two more, reaching their goal after their holiday bazaar.

We're moving forward with the first stage of the kitchen project with a quote on new walk-in refrigeration units. To give the dietary staff more workspace, they'll be installed outside the kitchen's current floor space, which requires a new concrete foundation to be installed. Then the units will be assembled and installed. The rest of the remodeling project will get underway when the old ones have been removed. All this will begin this spring. The cost is \$126,000.

Everyone at Ave Maria is excited about this project. It was time for the old, outdated kitchen to go. Though the cost is high, we know we can do it. Our wonderful, caring employees themselves are donating more than \$1,500 every month through the Hour Club to help make the dream a reality. With your continued generosity, we're going to make this happen at last!

If you're looking for a gift that would make a dramatic difference there, the kitchen staff would dearly love a heavy-duty mixer, at a cost of \$3,769. It would enable them to make their own desserts, bread and buns, pizzas and cookies instead of buying them from commercial services.

Please don't forget the opportunity to name a private room in honor of a loved one, a business or yourself. So far, eleven have been named. One could carry your name forever.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your generous soul and beautiful spirit. If the world had a million more just like you, it would be a wonderful place indeed. My wish for all of you is that the new year may be filled with nothing but happiness, peace and good health!

Jan Barnes
Development Director

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New meal service system eases challenge of delivering hot, fresh meals

Big changes are coming to mealtime at Ave Maria Village! Starting Monday, Jan. 22, you'll have seen the last of the big, bulky food carts that move through the halls of our facility at mealtime.

All meals are going to be served from the two satellite kitchens on campus. The halls will be free of the cumbersome, unreliable old carts at breakfast, lunch and dinner time.

Under the new system, food will continue to be prepared in the main kitchen. But individual meals will be dished up and served out of the satellite areas.

Most residents will eat breakfast in the dining room, rather than in their own rooms. Nursing staff will no longer need to make toast then, either. It will be made in the satellite kitchens on a convenient conveyor-style toaster.

Aides will take trays directly from the kitchens out to the rooms of those who prefer to eat there. Substitutions and special requests will be much easier to accommodate, since there's going to be no need to keep going back and forth to the main kitchen to get things.

The change helps the dietary staff as well as residents themselves. For one thing, the carts that have been used for decades are so old that spare parts are no longer available to fix them. At \$10,000 per cart, replacing them is



prohibitively costly.

The change to serving from satellite kitchens will also save the time it takes to load the old carts. Details are being worked out right now. When the system is ready to go, everybody wins!

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New phone system and bath spas garner rave reviews from Ave Maria residents



Elsie Hieb

Beth Nuetzman



Carol Holmgren



Roberta Reimers

A ve Maria Village residents are delighted with the innovations that have come with Phase I of our campaign!

Beth Nuetzman: I really like having my own private phone number! I'm still getting it out to friends. I like not having to dial 9 to get an outside line. It makes it so much less institutional!

The new spa is lovely. I really enjoy taking my shower there. It's so big and luxurious. For some reason, the water seems hotter, too, and I love hot water. I still like my whirlpool baths, too. It's so much easier to get into the new one.

Elsie Hieb: The new bath spas are really pretty. The nice blue walls are so calming.

I especially like the new whirlpool tub. The bath aide just

drives us right up into it from the back. It's so much better than going in from the side like we used to. Even the bath aides seem happier.

I really enjoy my bath. It's wonderful ... the whirlpool makes my legs feel so much better.

Roberta Reimers: I love how the water stays at one temperature in the shower. The old one went up and down. There's way more space, and it's not so cluttered.

What I like best is that three showerheads are all on at the same time. It's weird, but it feels good. I could stay there all the time.

Carol Holmgren: It's really nice. The shower area is very pretty. However, I actually prefer the tub. I like the new whirlpool a lot! It's easier to get into, so nice and warm. It makes you feel so good!