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Weddings & anniversaries, B3

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CHAT ROOM



Habitat week hones skills, friendships

ast month, my friends Alison
Radelet, Jennifer Ermatinger,
Brooke Potts, Katie Krupka,
Ramona Quesada, Molly Penn, Mary
Beth Siefelt and I set out to Lee
County, Kontucky for our spring
break with Habitat for Humanity.
We were not sure what to expect.
Although we have done many community service projects, none of us had
ever worked with Habitat for Humanity before.
We left early Monday morning after
Eanter and began encountering problems almost right away. While traveling on 1-75, the buck door of the van
flew open and the lugage and Jennifer almost flew out! There ascemed
to be a million traffic janc that flew
pm.

we reached us. Seeming.

When we got there, the town of Benttyville was out to greet us and dinner was waiting. We spent the night unpacking and grocery shop-sing.

A gross reality

We were awakened at 7:30 the next morning. Our supervisor, Herman, took us to the house we were to work on. It was gross! Nothing had

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Almost 90, he fills niche at hospice home



When Fraser Pomeroy's wife, Margaret, passed away last October in Farmington Hills Hospice Home, it understandably left a huge void.

But her husband of almost 65 years found an intriguing way of coping with her loss. Each midday, about the time he would have been at a local nursing home trying to coax Margaret to eat, a routine he followed for years, Pomeroy has come back to the hospice home to serve meals to residents there and visit with them and their families.

"It's just a payback," Pomeroy explains, arriving at the hospice home by taxi-cab. He lives a few miles away at Dotroit Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills. Almost 90, he no longer drives a car.

"My wife was very well taken care of

at Detroit papers Manor in armingtion Hills. Almost 90, he no longer drivea a car.
"My wife was very well taken care of
here. I was impressed with the dedication of the staff, the kindness they
showed to her."
Pomeroy made a financial contribution to name the hospice home director's office in Margaret's memory. On
the office wall, he personally placed a
framed photo of himself and Margaret
celebrating their 50th wedding
naniversary in 1982.
The home, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, is
fiffiliated with Hospice of Michigan, a
non-profit organization that provides
care for terminally ill people in a homelike setting, has been operating less
than one year. And Pomeroy had to
jump one hurdle to volunteer there.
The hospice had a rule that a potential



Helping hand: Fraser Pomeroy helps resident Shirley Busher to the table for lunch at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills, where he volunteers almost

"I had been with my wife almost daily during her stays in nursing homes, mestly at noon. All of a sudden I'm home at noon. It felt out of place. This work is as good as any and better than some."

Sundays and holidays

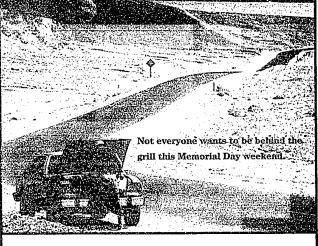
The census in the hospice home can vary widely. Last week there was a mere nine residents. There has been as many as 18. Pomeroy comes on Sun-days and holidays when he knows

staffing will be lighter. He was there on Mother's Day, chatting with the few residents who didn't leave for the day. Pomeroy also sees the benefit of chatting with family members visiting loved ones.

"I could see the need on both sides," he said. "I've met seme very fine people. It's been a plus."

Fraser and Margeret Pomeroy were married. Thanksgiving weekend, 1932.

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