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Remembering Dave

From the Director



*"Heroes are ordinary people who make themselves extraordinary."
~ Gerard Way*

There are people that we encounter in our lifetime that we are immediately drawn to for a variety of reasons. We may have similar interests, recognize a special talent or ability they possess but sometimes it is simply that we find the person extraordinary.

Mr. Dave, as he was known at Bear Creek, was that type of individual. I only met him a few times but was also immediately drawn to him and recognized he was someone special.

He shared a copy of an article detailing his life story confirming how special he was. He was of a generation where serving his country was a given, family was a priority and sacrifice and service were expected.

In his later years, he attended Bear Creek Senior center in Hampton and if a popularity contest had been conducted, he would have been the winner by a landslide.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to come into contact with so many amazing individuals and have the benefit of hearing firsthand their life stories. Hearing history from those who have lived it is such a special opportunity as anyone who has grandparents can attest to.

God bless Mr. Dave and his family, his Bear Creek center family and friends and to all the special people that we encountered in our life and lost.

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Bear Creek Senior Activity Center is a great place to gather and make new friends. Since opening in May 2017, many friendships have formed. One in particular was that of Dave Andrews. Dave was small in stature, quiet in voice, witty in personality and wealthy in knowledge, wisdom and history. While serving in the Second World War, he found himself in the midst of danger more than once. Each time he brought his A26 Invader safely home. Dave was very humble, but if asked, he eagerly shared his wartime stories. He was an icon at the Center. Seated on the sofa and wearing his WWII veteran cap, he would greet passersby. Many would stop by to say hello, shake his hand and thank him for his service. With a kind smile and twinkle in his eye, Dave would accept their words of gratitude. That seat is vacant now, no longer occupied by our 96-year-old friend. But those precious memories will forever be in our thoughts — memories of a quiet soul who captured the hearts of all.

