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Assisted & Independent Living Community

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Resident Spotlight: Diana McClellan

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Diana (Dee) Borg McClellan has been a resident of Summerfield for 1 year. Dee was born in Los Angeles, California to William and Mary Borg. Her father didn't want her to have a funny nickname, so they named her Diana. Ironically, HE gave her the nickname Dee.

Dee grew up with her sister Rosemary, who was 10 years older, in Inglewood and later Palos Verdes, CA. Her backdoor neighbor in Inglewood, was her cousin Kathleen, who was a resident here at Summerfield, on the independent living side, until fairly recently. Kathleen had to move to another residence after experiencing some health issues, but it was fun for them to be neighbors again after so many years.

Dee attended BYU and became a First Grade Teacher. She met her sweetheart, Jay McClellan, at a BYU dance. He was scoping out the girls and Dee smiled at him, so he asked her to dance. They fell in love and were married in the Los Angeles, LDS Temple in 1966. Exactly 2 years later their first boy, Kevin, was born on their wedding anniversary. He was a month late! Dee and Jay lived in Provo and Orem while Jay finished his master's degree. They moved to Southern California for a few years, and welcomed their daughter, Kimberly, in 1971. A few years later, they moved back to Utah and settled in Sandy, Utah. Jay worked at the Church Office Building as an exhibits designer and space planner for 30 years.

Dee had given up teaching public school when Kevin was born, but she taught preschool, and piano lessons, so she could be with her children. In 1979, their long-awaited son, Coray, was born. You'll see Coray and his wife Kara around Summerfield quite often, as they live close by. Dee served in her church and worked hard as was one of 2-3 neighborhood piano teachers.

She and another neighborhood teacher taught each other's children - it was more effective to get their kids to practice while NOT being the teacher too.

At one point Dee had more than 40 students. She loved to teach theory, group and private lessons, and influenced many, many young lives. Her children never thought of her as a working mother because she was always home when they needed her. Dee taught piano for more than 40 years. It was very difficult for her to retire.

Dee's favorite thing to do to relax is stitchery - cross-stitch, needlepoint, crocheting, knitting, you name it! When it was affordable, she even made a lot of her kids' clothes and her own clothes. She was wonderful at toll painting, ceramics painting, and other crafts. She decorated her home with beautiful works made by her own hands. She loved making things for others as well. Her friends and family all have beautiful items in their home stitched or painted by Dee. Now her grandchildren are the lucky recipients of her homemade treasures. Dee is a voracious reader. She finds an author she likes and reads all their works, if she can.

Dee loved to travel. She took her family on many adventures through the United States. One of her favorite trips was a cruise to the Panama Canal. She sat, fascinated, in the rain with an umbrella and watched as they went through the canal.

Dee taught her children the value of hard work. She is very proud of their accomplishments and the families they have. She fostered their passions, and they are able to bless the lives of their children and those they come in contact with because Dee and Jay were such supportive parents.

Dee has 14 grandchildren, ages 28 to 3 And misses her husband, Jay, very much. But she still has a zest for life. She always rallies when life wants to get her down. It was difficult to leave her home of 42 years in Sandy, but she is very positive, and really enjoys the people around her here at Summerfield.



Summerfield Birthdays!

Manor

July 6th – Ruth Johnson

July 13th – Doreen Kochenower

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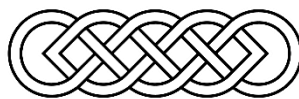
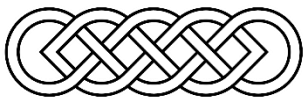
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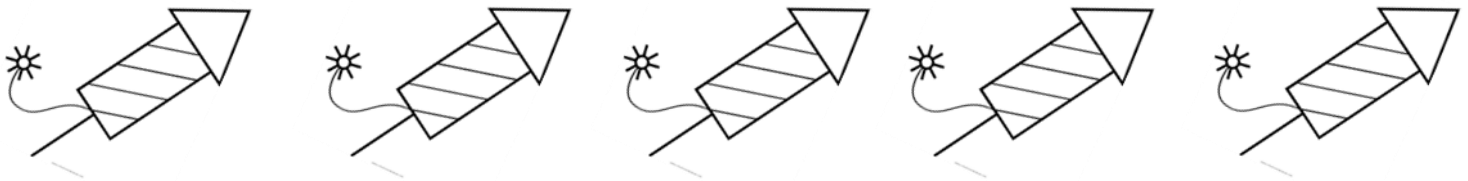
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