

Please remember these SCs and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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The NEWSLETTER for SENIOR COMPANIONS

August 2016



Ceola Mayfield	August 4th
Christina Lynn	August 5th
Francine McGowan	August 5th
Joy Robinson	August 6th
Eldonna Fischer	August 11th
Darlene Moore	August 19th
Pamelita Words	August 20th
Ruth Hicks	August 23rd
Ruthie Johnson	August 23rd
Harriet Jones	August 24th
Wilma Donerson	August 25th
Louvina Spears	August 28th
Kay Brown	August 28th



Lugene Robinson
1933-2016

Lugene Robinson was born on October 4, 1934, to the parents of John Henry Robinson and Clemmie Edwards in Domino, Texas. He was one of four children. Mr. Robinson joined the United States Army on May 2, 1955 where he served until February 12, 1959. He received an honorable release from active duty at that time as Airman First Class.



Mr. Robinson came to Kansas City where he met and later married Norma Robinson, and to this union two children were born. He was also blessed with two step children. He worked at Menorah Hospital as an Environmental Service Supervisor for many years until retirement. He later returned to work part-time at Truman

Medical Center and he eventually retired from there also.

Mr. Robinson joined the Shepherd's Center of KC Central as a Senior Companion in April of 2011. His client of more than five years Rebecca remembers him as follows:

Lugene was a funny man who made me laugh. We had so much fun together playing cards, visiting with each other and getting to know each other and our families. Rebecca told me that her grandchildren called him, "Papa Lugene". She also told me how much she will miss him. He was always so helpful, neat and courteous, plus she said, he smelled so good.

We will all miss Lugene at our monthly Senior Companion in-services. He was always smiling and brought so much to the table.

Mr. Robinson departed this life on July 9, 2016 at the Veteran's Hospital. He leaves behind his daughter, Saundra, his son, Maurice and his stepsons, Steven Frazier and Kevin Robinson. He also leaves behind grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

His Senior Companion family will never forget him and all of the love and support he brought to this program. His memory serves as a reminder of the work that we do and what it offers to all of the lives we touch.



*Years Ago Summer Meant
Fairyland Park*

Senior Companion Training Class Summer 2016



Front row (left to right): Marilyn McMahon, Sondra Poplar, Fran Shirley, Nancy Ellmaker, Mary Lewis, Ada Johnson, Patty Ryan

Back row (left to right): Jacqueline Gordon, Bob Bond, Barbara Bailey, Emma Martin

We are thrilled to add 10 new Senior Companions to the Program. Starting in April, Bill Meynier started sending out application packets to people who contacted us previously and were interested in the program. Over 50 packets were sent out.

In the following months we received a large number of completed applications and the interview process began. We interviewed close to 30 applicants. Among those that were interviewed, 13 were chosen due to their overall life experiences and their compassion toward the needs of the program and the population we serve.

Next the applicants were fingerprinted and background screened as a requirement of our primary program funder, the Corporation for National Community Service/Senior Corp. On July 18th we began training at the Central Presbyterian Church.

For the next 10 days Barbara Bailey, Nancy Ellmaker, Jacqueline Gordon, Ada Johnson, Mary Lewis, Marilyn McMahon, Erma Martin, Sondra Poplar, Patty Ryan, Franzetta Shirley, Bill and myself got acquainted, learned from one another and gained respect for each other as we grew as a team. All Senior Companions received a handbook and each day we met with community partners that support many clients that we serve in various ways. Those community partners were Harvesters, United Way, Clay County Senior Services, Cancer Action, Jewish Family Services, Metropolitan Lutheran Ministry, Grace Hospice, Alzheimer's Association, MARC/Area Agency on Aging, MO Division of Health and Senior Services, Kansas City Public Library, just to name a few.

We discussed the program step by step with active Senior Companions and Volunteer Station Managers. Bill explained timesheets and the various yearly records we must maintain to stay in compliance with CNCS. We must be in compliance at all times in order to continue receiving the program funding which pays each of the Senior Companions stipends, meals and mileage each month. We discussed the importance of our client wait list, matching with clients, their families and the importance of signed care agreements.

With all this said, this new group of Senior Companions have completed 40 hours of training and their journey with the program now begins. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to our family. They are a wonderful group of loving, caring individuals that will be a bright addition to our team. We are not in this program alone, but with like-minded people that help form our union of support for those who are older, disabled and many times isolated in this world.

We CAN and DO make a difference. Peace be with you and all we serve.

Got Paychecks?

- For those attending the Kansas City Inservice—August timesheets must be received in our office NLT Thursday, September 8th in order to be available at your Inservice.
- For those attending the Lee's Summit Inservice, the cut off date is Tuesday, September 6th. We know this is a short window but because of the way the calendar falls it leaves us little time to process your check on time for your Inservice day.
- Any checks not processed in time for an Inservice will be mailed as soon as we can process them.
- Inservices for Clay County have been suspended until further notice. Paychecks will be mailed as soon as they are processed.
- If you do not attend Inservice, your check will be mailed the following day.

Don't forget

.....Monday, September 5th is Labor Day—the Post Office will have one less day to deliver timesheets to our office.

- Quote of The Day -

"I never really look for anything. What God throws my way comes. I wake up in the morning and whichever way God turns my feet, I go."

Pearl Bailey

- Home Safety Tips for the Elderly -

Keep emergency numbers handy

Prevent falls

Safety-proof your home

Protect against fires and related dangers

Avoid bathroom hazards

Prevent poisoning



IMPORTANT NOTICE — Under no circumstances are Senior Companions allowed to physically drive clients anywhere. This creates a serious insurance liability for Shepherd's Center. Due to the gravity of the risk to the center, any violation of this policy by a Senior Companion will create immediate cause for dismissal from the program.

- Regretfully, there can be no exceptions to this policy -