

# THE STORY OF RICHARD

## An older adult positively impacted by Luther Manor Foundation & you.

You need to listen closely to catch all of Richard's words. Age has muffled his voice, and in his room at Luther Manor's Health Care Center, the rhythmic puffing of an oxygen machine fills the air. Yet, his mind is sharp, his thoughts clear, and the tales of his life interesting. Indeed, Richard has much to share.

Sitting on the dresser in his room are two framed pictures. One is a photo of his wife of nearly 60 years, Nancy. Richard cared for Nancy, who lives with dementia, for two years at their home. When Nancy became immobile, he could no longer provide care on his own. The family then moved her into a long-term care residence.



The second picture frame displays Mary, one of three daughters. Richard proudly points out to visitors the 48-inch muskie she caught and holds in the picture. Richard and Nancy raised Mary and her four siblings in Clyman, a rural town of roughly 400 people in Dodge County. Richard liked the small-town atmosphere. He held a position on the village board for 18 years and made a living in a machine shop.

Life held some sorrowful moments for Richard, like the death of one of his sons. It

offered some lighter times, too, like the travel he enjoyed with his wife after they retired. They cruised to Panama, Columbia, and Curasol and visited Europe.

In his matter-of-fact way, Richard explained the course his life took following his wife's move to long-term care. At his daughters' urging, he moved closer to them, selling his home and renting a condo where he lived for a year. His new home never really took, however, and he often felt lonely. Suffering a bout of pneumonia, Richard was hospitalized and unable to return home. His next move was to Luther Manor's Health Care Center. Today, Richard receives the care, comfort, and community he needs.

It is because of Luther Manor Foundation and donors like you that Richard's oxygen and medications are regularly monitored. It is because of you that the needs of residents like Richard are met and their hygiene maintained. And it is because of you that their lives are enriched through educational, spiritual, and cultural programming.

Without donors like you, Luther Manor would be unable to extend its mission of enriching the lives of older adults to those who have outlived their savings. **Give today.**