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Meet Pat and Don Young

After 11 long, hot years in the Tucson area, Pat and Don Young returned to Colorado, acknowledging that the warmer climate had not really helped Don's Multiple Sclerosis as they'd hoped.

He admits he enjoyed the warmer temps, and Pat admits she did not. Eleven years was an honest tryout.

They're back, this time choosing Evergreen to be closer to family, as many people do in their later years. Rocky Mountain Village's proximity to their son and 15-year-old granddaughter helped seal the deal.

Prior to Tucson, they had lived in Woodland Park.

Although Don had been born in Pittsburg and Pat in Springfield, Illinois, both families had relocated to California early enough that the coastal state became "home" for them.

Pat's dad had experienced Southern California's Mediterranean climate mid-winter as a sailor docked in the deep harbor naval port. Observing kids in the ocean and playing in shorts — a sharp contrast to the cold, snowy winters of the Midwest — he'd had a life-defining moment, returning to Illinois announcing to his wife, "We're moving to San Diego!" So, as Pat says, she became "one of them."

Waterskiing was one of her favorite activities growing up, a sport that continued after getting married. Their boat was named "Pat's Pride."

Don's father's work was cause for the family to relocate to the San Gabriel Valley, living primarily in San Marino.



Don's uncle (Pat's employer) introduced the couple, and within a year they were married. Pat was a stay-at-home mom, raising their two boys and complementing that role by being a teacher's helper and a part-time secretary.

Over the years she worked as a high-impact aerobics instructor and manager of a stencil company, giving classes in the art. While living in Woodland Park, she started her own stenciling business.

In Tucson, she joined a group of quilters 10+ years ago and learned to piece colorful fabrics by machine; a variety of her quilts adorn their entryway at Bergen, changing regularly. "I wanted to finish a quilt started by my grandmother," Pat explains as her motivation, "but I still haven't finished it because it would require hand quilting."

Pat knits and crochets — on a limited basis, she points out — donating her simple creations to the homeless.

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**"The soul that gives thanks can find comfort in everything;
the soul that complains can find comfort in nothing."**

--Hannah Whitall Smith

Memo from the Manager

Since there are many new residents I thought a few reminders might be helpful...

Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Feeding bird seed is not allowed as it draws rodents to the buildings. Putting out nectar for the hummingbirds is ok and putting out water for the rest of the birds is helpful and welcomed.

Visiting dogs are not allowed at RMVE.

Please do not place trash in the recycle bins.

Living in a community is not the same as living in your own single-family home, so please be respectful and aware of your actions and how they might impact your neighbors and the Association as a whole.

Thank you to all of you who are continuing to observe the Covid-19 protocols. Hopefully, once you are all vaccinated, the restrictions can ease a bit. For now, let's hold steady and continue the admirable trend of not having cases here.

-- Kathy

WELCOME!

Gail Miler - 214 B

The Youngs continued

Don spent his career in property and casualty insurance. In his younger years he picked up playing bridge and would enjoy the opportunity to sub if there's an opportunity here at RM Village.

Since moving to Bergen last November, getting acquainted has been difficult with COVID. Simply recognizing the few people they've met has been more challenging because of wearing masks!

They're looking forward to "seeing" more neighbors when the masks can come off and pot-lucks are permitted. Meanwhile, they're enjoying their corner unit with all the windows.

Pat walks in the park and has joined the senior exercise class at the Rec Center. She's kept busy (although it's a frustrated sort of busy) trying to acquire a driver's license and a license plate during COVID times; getting an appointment has been next to impossible.

This is the first time they've lived in apartment-type accommodations since they've been married. "It's tough to find a place for everything!" Pat exclaims as she talks about downsizing. (We've all been there, haven't we?)

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