

Resident Spotlight

This month our spotlight shines on Irene Greene.

Irene's adventurous & dynamic life began on a June day in 1922. She has fond memories of growing up with her older sister and brother in the Woodland and 79th Street neighborhood of Cleveland. She met her 1st husband in this neighborhood when he and friend helped mow her lawn in exchange for a spot to sit on that lawn and watch the air show.

Irene attended Ohio State University and majored in psychology. Perhaps this is why she was sharp in business. Her 1st husband developed the Toothette oral swab. He and she owned and managed the company in Ohio as well as a 25 space trailer park in Florida. After her husband's passing, Irene maintained leadership of these companies. She also opened a store in New Smyrna Beach in Florida called "Fashion Knits". Here she sold yarn, and also jewelry handcrafted by herself.

She had known her second husband for 20 years before he traveled to Florida to ask for her hand. Irene accepted his proposal, sold her Florida businesses and returned to Ohio.

To say that Irene is well-traveled would be an understatement. She's had lunch along the *Champs-Élysées* and at the top of the Eiffel Tower. Her travels include the Rainforest, the Panama Canal, most of the United States, and Canada. While visiting Canada, she was served tea by Justin Trudeau.

Irene joined our community about a year ago. She is a long time knitter & quilter and has won awards in Lake Farmpark's annual quilt show. Although she is legally blind, she continues to knit, & also work jigsaw puzzles with the help of a viewer.

Irene describes herself a "private person

She is well-liked and respected by staff members and other members of our community. Irene enjoys attending afternoon bingo games. Mornings are reserved for visits with her son, Timothy who she describes as her "everything".

We at the Ridge are grateful and happy to be able to spend time with Irene Greene.

