

# *MEADOWS MESSENGER*

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## Special Insert

### **FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS LOSES EMPLOYEE AND DEAR FRIEND**

By Diane Thurber

When we said good-bye last summer to our former Maintenance Manager and friend Jack Clark, we told him to stop by if he was ever in the area, and he did just that in early November. Jack's son brought him for a nice visit, hosted by long-time resident Mary Meek, who was extremely fond of Jack, as we all were. Jack looked good and seemed happy in retirement. He was spending a lot of time volunteering at his church, helping out wherever he was needed. Jack brought his dear companion "Charlie" along for the ride (anyone who ever knocked on the door of the maintenance shop remembers Charlie!), but Angie had to work, so we hoped to see her next time. Jose stopped by and made no secret of the fact that he'd love to have Jack back! Unfortunately, after this visit, Jack's health began to decline dramatically, and he passed away on December 28, after what Angie described as "a very Merry Christmas with the family." Visiting Angels and Hospice both had been a great help to them, and ensured that Jack was "taken care of" and not "worked on." A Memorial Service was held on January 3 at First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, where Jack was a Deacon. During the service there was a remembrance video prepared by Jack's son-in-law, that portrayed not only the decent, hard-working, family and religious man we all knew, but that also revealed an earlier, lesser-known persona. Were the pictures of the young man heading off to the prom sporting long blonde hair that swept mischievously over one eye really our Jack?! It's always fun(ny) to take a peek back at those long-ago high school days, but the most poignant pictures were those of Jack enjoying his close-knit family, particularly his three sweet granddaughters. There were also numerous pictures of Jack and Angie's travels, many of which were taken with groups from their church, on goodwill missions. Testimonials from friends and fellow church members evoked both tears and soft laughter. A piano solo and final message from Reverend Ray Bearden concluded the tribute, leaving everyone with warm remembrances of a man who will be dearly missed. Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the Benevolence Fund of First Baptist Church (13600 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193; 703-730-9009), Samaritan's Purse (donation information online) or to a charity of your choice. Cards may be sent in care of the Board President or dropped off at the maintenance shop, and will be forwarded to Jack's family; they have respectfully requested no Facebook postings.

## **COURT 8 RESIDENT AND PREEMINENT GARDENER PASSES AWAY**

By Diane Thurber

Even if you didn't know Ron Krivosh's name, if you ever passed by his unit in Court 8, you certainly noticed his extraordinary horticultural skills. Ron and wife Shannon MacGregor were the husband-and-wife team whose magnificently manicured gardens were a feast for the eyes. They spent hours tending their lovely plantings, and their efforts brought tremendous beauty to their little corner of the community. It was with much sadness that we learned of Ron's passing on the evening of January 30. Ron enjoyed a successful career in retail management, beginning with The May Company, during which time he traveled all across the country. He settled in Virginia in 1993, and he and Shannon met while both were working for Woodward & Lothrop. Ron was an expert in mergers and acquisitions, which led him to a second career with Northrup Grumman, before his retirement in 2004. Ron was a devoted husband and family man, a nature lover, and an excellent cook. A Celebration of Life was held on February 9 at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, during which guests learned much more about Ron's life through touching eulogies delivered by his brother, father-in-law, son, and wife. Ron always had a smile on his face, and he was crazy about his only grandchild, Lukas. Those of us who knew Ron, and those who enjoyed the fruits (and flowers) of his labor, extend our heartfelt sympathies to Shannon and to the rest of Ron's family. We will miss his presence and the beauty he brought to the community.

