

# May 2024 Newsletter

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## We Welcome May

Hello there! We have a busy month planned for VM/NLAL, including Mother's Day, Nursing Home Week, Memorial Day and more!! We are sure hoping that the weather starts to warm up so we can get outside and go for golf cart rides soon 😊.

This year's Nursing Home Weeks Theme is "Radiant Memories- A Tribute to the Golden Age of Radio", we have fun events planned for each day of that week from the 20s-60s! This week is a heartfelt tribute to the era that many of our residents hold dear, bringing back memories of gatherings around classic radio shows and the music that defined a generation. Will also celebrate skilled care that supports our residents each day 💙 Thank you, take care!

Jessie Lunde-Burnside, Administrator

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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**Gunder H. – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Hilda S. – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Ione J. – May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Bev N. -- May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Ron M. -- May 31<sup>st</sup>**

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**Celebrate with us!**

# May Resident of the Month

## Leroy Peterson

LeRoy was born in the house he has lived in for most of his 85 years (minus the time in the military and first year or so after marriage). He was the first child of Ernest and Mamie Peterson of Hitterdal. He was born early and weighed only 4 ½ pounds. He was so small that his first crib was a shoe box! He had seven siblings including two brothers and five sisters. LeRoy was raised on the family farm his Grandparents purchased in 1901. LeRoy was the third generation to farm the land and raise a family. He graduated as Salutatorian from Hitterdal High School in 1956 (???). He was then drafted in the United States Army where he served for two years in the area of Communications that involved a security clearance. If he had re-enlisted, he would have moved up to top secret clearance which he was not interested in. His military pay for \$125 a month and \$75 was sent home to his new bride, Ardith Peterson, whom he married while on temporary leave from the military. After the military, he and Ardee purchased the family farm from his parents where they started their small grain and dairy farm. They have three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Ardee passed away this past March. They were married for 60 wonderful years!

LeRoy served on the church council at Highland Grove and Salem Lutheran for numerous years. He was on the U-H School Board for 12 years and was proud to be part of the Hitterdal Lions Club.

LeRoy enjoyed a few trips to see his army buddies in Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas. He liked going to Medora in the summer and even went on a Caribbean and an Alaskan Cruise. He also loved to watch his kids and grandkids in all their sports events and school activities. Now at 85 years of age, he loves to reminisce and looks forward to visits from his family and friends. He appreciates all the wonderful caregivers at the Viking Manor and is looking forward to another season of the MN Vikings.

Written by: Peterson Family



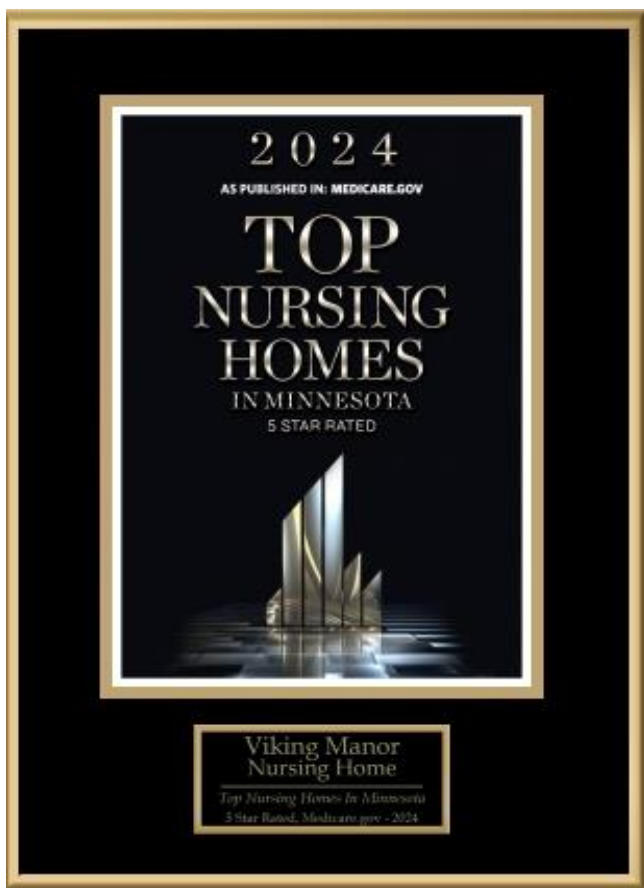
**We Congratulate you  
Leroy on being Viking  
Manor's May Resident of  
the month, we sure enjoy  
you here with us!!**

## Activity Events:

- May 1<sup>st</sup>: Happy May Day!!
- May 5<sup>th</sup>: Cinco de Mayo
- May 6<sup>th</sup>: National Nurses Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Luncheon
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- May 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> Nursing Home Week 😊
- May 17<sup>th</sup>: *Syttende Mai*
- May 27<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day



We are excited to have all these fun celebrations this month!! We sure love these fun events with our residents, we hope that they enjoy it just as much. See the Activity Calendar for more information. Watch for pictures on our facebook page!!



*Very Proud of all our Employees assisting in making this top rating happen again in 2024!*

*Our Employees are dedicated in reaching our goal of "BEST POSSIBLE RESIDENT CARE" and the extra TLC in loving care, we are the- "HOME WITH THE HEART" ❤️*



# Viking Manor Celebrates our Ulen Hitterdal High-School 2024 Graduate Employees!!



**Brynn Braseth:** Dietary Aide



**Elise Tweten:** CNA



**Sierra Blakeway:** CNA



**Gavin Burnside-** Maintenance Assistant

*We wish you  
the best in your  
future plans!*



**Lindsey Moore:** Dietary Aide



**Addison Yarbrough:** Dietary Aide

*Congratulations  
to you All 😊*



**Therese LaFond:** Dietary Aide

## May Social Services News:

By: Caitlin Halvorson, SSD

What a good feeling it is to have finally reached MAY. We are looking forward to a fun month of activities! If you have any requests for me or any concerns, please reach out through email ([caitlinh@vikingmanor.com](mailto:caitlinh@vikingmanor.com)) or give me a call during the week; I am happy to assist in any way that I can.

Minnesota Fun Fact: 16% of Minnesotan's claim Norwegian heritage (I think we might have 15% of that population here at Viking Manor 😊). Is there any better way to celebrate that heritage than with *Syttende Mai*? For those that don't know, this is the Norwegian Independence Day which translates to "May 17<sup>th</sup>."

## Viking Manor Employee Spotlight Recognition



*In May we have a 10-year anniversary we are happy to celebrate!*

**Deb Walton** works here as our Activity Director. Deb has many special connections with our residents. She follows our core values- has integrity, compassion, dedication, and great teamwork! Deb always puts the residents care needs first. Viking Manor is very thankful to have her on our team!

*Thank you, Deb, for your 10 years of service! We sure appreciate you!!*

*Here's too many more 😊*



Viking Manor Office will be closed on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day, Thanks!