



### Resident Birthdays

Joyce H.	Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Annabelle F.	Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Charles K.	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pat D.	Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>

### Staff Birthdays

Glenda M.	Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>
Abby Harris	Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Elvia V.	Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Joni D.	Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>

### Staff Anniversaries

Ben V.	2 years
Yomina P.	2 years
Taylor H.	5 years
Dana H.	7 years
Joni D.	7 years
Joanna S.	12 years

### New Residents

NA

### We Remember

NA

**September 2025**

**505 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street | Hills, MN 56138**

Hello!

As of August 2025, the Tuff Memorial Home was given the title of a 5-Star Facility! This has been an incredible milestone to achieve and a true recognition of the exceptional standards of care we uphold. The 5-Star rating system comes from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and is a good tool designed to help families and residents evaluate and compare nursing homes. Many factors include health inspections by the State of Minnesota, staffing levels, and quality measures like fall preventions. These are then collectively combined over the past 3 years to determine a score year to year. This perfect score means that our facility excelled in all the categories and have shown improvement from each year. This goes to show how much our staff care about who they serve and what they do to ensure residents remain our top priority. Family and community support also plays a key role in this achievement.



What a great achievement to those in the picture and many more not shown. Pictured from row left to right is Katie K., Dana H., Jane B. Back row left to right is Glenda M., Jocelyn J., Emily B., Dennis B., Judy D., Kelli H. and Sandy B.

### Mission Statement

*The Tuff Memorial Home is a Christian home with a heart. In Christian love, we provide heartfelt quality care to people in a way that contributes to their sense of dignity and self-worth.*

### Department Heads

Administrator- Katie Kendall  
Executive Director- Jane Blank  
Director of Nursing- Dana Huisman  
Social Services Professional- Emily Baatz

Life Enrichment Director – Jocelyn Jacoby  
Laundry & Housekeeping Supervisor – Judy DeNoble  
Maintenance Supervisor – Ben Vander Poel  
Dietary Manager – Kelli Hellerud

# Highlighted Activities for September

## 9/3 and 9/10- Outing to Rock Ranch

- This is always a fun outing residents enjoy! It's so nostalgic smelling the hay, petting the horses and the leather smell of the saddles.

## 9/11- Patriot Day

- This Patriot Day, we honor the heroes of 9/11 with a special tribute and gathering to remember and reflect.

## 9/18 – LUGS

- We get to welcome the Luverne Ukelele Group here to perform for us. What a fun new kind of music we get to listen to.

## 9/19- Autumn Craft

- There are so many talented residents here who can't wait to make more crafts.

# Tuff Family Council

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month at 5p.m. located in the Tuff Chapel.

**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

These meetings are designed for families to gather amongst themselves to discuss topics related to their loved ones in a safe space. Stay tuned for meetings with educational guest speakers.



## 💖💛WALK WITH US IN SUPPORT 💛💖

### Alzheimer's Walk ~ September 27th in Sioux Falls, SD

We are walking to honor our Tuff Home family, the loved ones who call this their home, and the families who walk alongside them every day!

Scanning the QR Code Link in the left corner will take you to the team page so you can join us!! 😊 The Home has kicked things off with a \$500 donation, and we'd love your support too, feel free to share in the cause with a contribution.

You can also contact Emily B. at Tuff and let her know you will be joining the team for the walk!  
(507) 962-3275 ext. 2 or via email



## Residents gave advice on what younger generations could learn from their generation



Anna Mae V.



Mavis H.



Betty R.



Marj R.



Jim M.



Marilyn N.

## Employee of the Month is: *Alicia K.*

Employee of the month is Alicia K. She has worked as a CNA since 2014. Her loving and supportive family is very important to her. Her family consists of 3 mothers, 2 fathers, 6 sisters, 4 brothers, 3 daughters and hard-working husband, Cory. In her spare time, she loves tending to her 67 chickens and 7 dogs. What she enjoys most about her job is listening to the residents talk of their past and how interesting it is to learn what they have been through. She loves singing with residents in their own little duet.

"What a gracious God we serve." -A.K.

