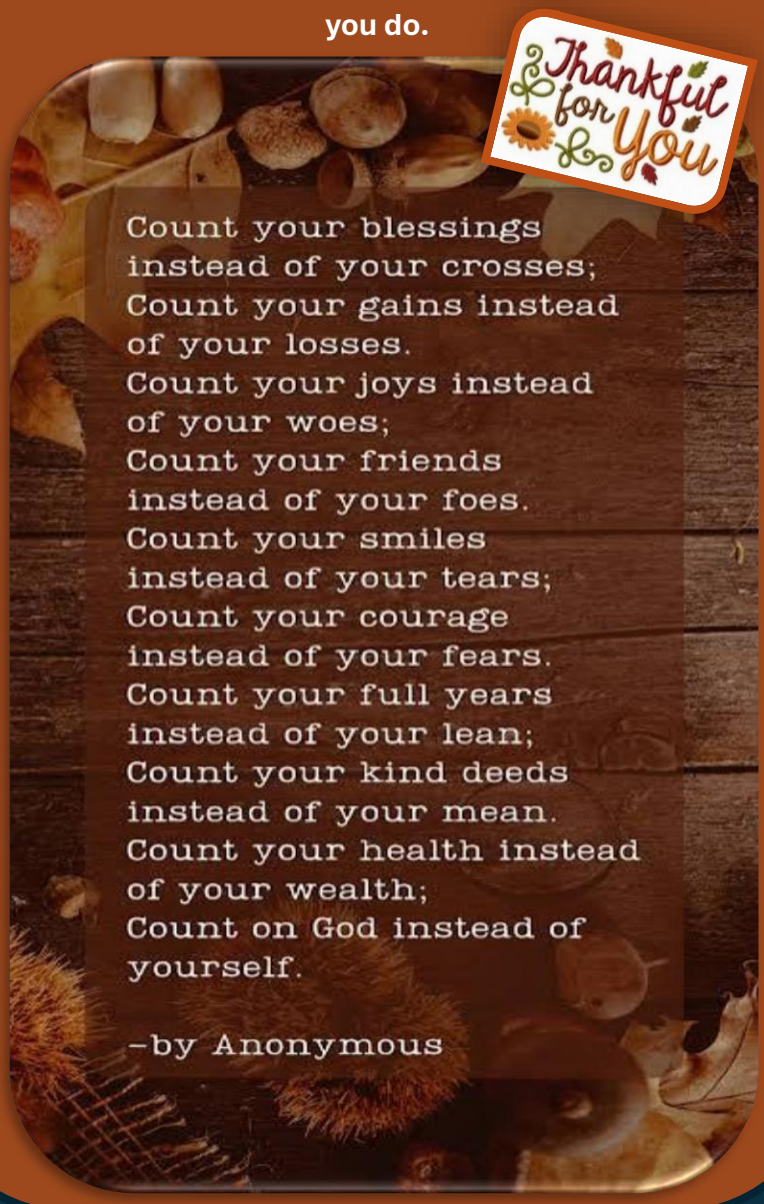
# The Manorette

## November 2026

We would like to Thank Everyone who has donated their time, items of use, talents and so much more to our residents.
We are thankful and so very grateful for all that you do.




## In Loving Memory

**Randy Lawson**
**March 29,1942-Sept. 29,2026**
**Marilyn Redfern**
**April 24,1942-October 23,2026**

**Please help us celebrate our November birthdays! You can send a card to:**

**6-Donna Lawrence**

**14-Tom Thomas**

**28-Deb Dorenbach**

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Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11 to honor all military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Key Facts & History:

- Date: Always celebrated on November 11. In 2026, Veterans Day falls on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.
- Original Name: Established as Armistice Day in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to mark the end of World War I (which formally ceased at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918).
- Renaming: In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, Congress renamed the holiday Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.
- Difference from Memorial Day: Memorial Day (in May) honors service members who died while serving; Veterans Day honors all American veterans, both living and deceased, who served honorably.

## Our Veterans

**Eugene Sanchez -Navy 1963-1967**

**Charlie Cornett -Army**

**Carleen Fisher-Air Force 1977-1997**

## Flower – Chrysanthemum

These beautiful blooms, more commonly called mums, generally signify optimism and cheerfulness, but they can have different meanings depending on their color. For example, red signifies love, white represents truth, and yellow is the color for unrequited love. In parts of Asia, chrysanthemums have been used in teas and wines and are traditionally associated with health and longevity. In North American tradition, mums symbolize friendship and are a lovely gift to bestow on your best pals.

## Birthstone – Yellow Topaz

Topaz likely gets its name from the Red Sea's Island of Topazios (now called Zabargad). Pure topaz is colorless, but trace imperfections in its crystal structure can produce shades of yellow, brown, pink, red, and blue. Imperial topaz, which ranges from reddish orange to orange-red, is one of the gem's most valuable color varieties. The ancient Greeks associated topaz with strength and believed it was capable of granting invisibility in times of emergency

The month of November gets its name from the Latin novem, meaning "nine," as it was the ninth month in the original Roman calendar. It became the 11th month centuries later when the start of the new year changed to January. Since Julius Caesar had renamed July after himself and Emperor Augustus did the same for August, the Roman Senate offered to name the 11th month after Tiberius. However, Tiberius rejected the entire premise of the idea, jokingly asking the Senate, "What will you do if you have 13 Caesars?"

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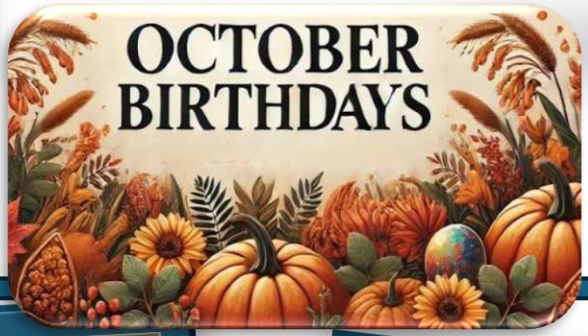
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# Employee of the Month!
# October 2026

## Liz Smith, LPN

Please join us in congratulating **Liz Smith, LPN**, our **October 2026 Employee of the Month!**

Liz has been a dedicated member of the Pioneer Manor team since **October 15, 2007**. Throughout nearly 19 years of service, she has consistently demonstrated **dedication, compassion, professionalism, and a genuine commitment to the people around her**.

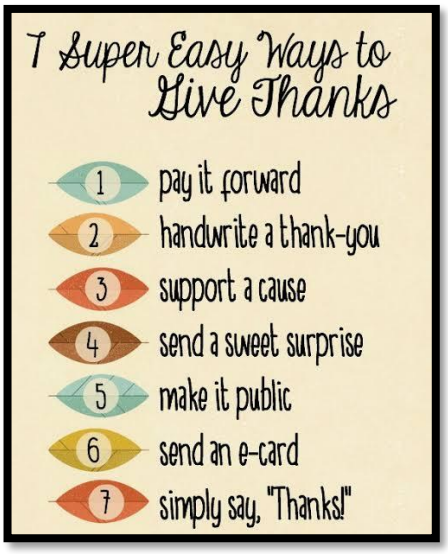
As an LPN, Liz takes great pride in providing quality care to our residents. She treats each person with **kindness, dignity, and respect** and shows genuine concern for their comfort and well-being. She communicates and works well with residents, families, fellow nurses, CNAs, and staff throughout the facility. Her experience, dependability, and strong work ethic make her someone her teammates know they can count on.

One of the qualities that especially stands out about Liz is that her commitment extends beyond simply completing her own responsibilities. **She works hard to take care of her teammates just as she works hard to take care of our residents.** Liz regularly picks up shifts, trades with coworkers when needed, and is thoughtful about others when requesting time off. She understands that long-term care is truly a team effort and consistently considers how she can help keep things running smoothly for everyone.

Liz brings a positive attitude to her work and is willing to step in wherever she is needed. She takes pride in doing things well, supports those around her, and consistently puts forth her very best effort. Even after many years in long-term care, she continues to approach her responsibilities with the same sense of commitment and concern for others.

Employees like Liz are an important part of what makes Pioneer Manor special. Her **loyalty, dependability, teamwork, compassion, and willingness to help** have made a lasting impact on our residents, their families, and her coworkers.

**Congratulations, Liz, on being named our October 2026 Employee of the Month! Thank you for nearly 19 years of dedicated service and for continuing to take such wonderful care of both our residents and your Pioneer Manor teammates.**



## Meet Our Team!

Pioneer Manor is excited to announce **Tatyana Puttergill as our new Dietary Manager!** While Tatyana may be new to this role, she is certainly **not new to Pioneer Manor**. Over the past 13 years, Tatyana has worked at Pioneer Manor on and off for a combined **six years as a Certified Nursing Assistant**. During that time, she has gotten to know our facility, our residents, our staff, and the importance of providing compassionate, resident-centered care.

Tatyana has been a CNA since 2013 and has experience in a variety of healthcare settings, as well as food service and childcare. Geriatric care has always been her favorite, and she believes compassion, patience, and kindness can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Tatyana has called Nebraska home for nearly 15 years and is the proud parent of two wonderful children. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, fishing, and hunting. She is also crafty and creative and loves cooking for family and friends—although she admits she could definitely do without the dishes!

Tatyana enjoys a challenge, learning new skills, and finding opportunities to grow. Her **years of experience caring for Pioneer Manor residents, familiarity with our team, love of cooking, and caring personality** give her a unique perspective as she transitions into leadership of our Dietary Department.

We are excited to see Tatyana take on this new opportunity and bring her experience and creativity to our residents' dining experience.

**Please join us in congratulating Tatyana on her new role as Dietary Manager!**