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Greetings

We invite you to enjoy this issue of *Love Where you Live*. This issue will feature articles that we hope you'll find informative and interesting.

Life Care Continuum of Care Campus located in Post Falls, Idaho offers you or your loved ones the choice of how you want to live through your golden years and, most importantly, provide you peace of mind that you or your loved ones will be taken care of and provide for with the quality of care you expect.

Garden Plaza is our Independent Living Facility. If you're looking for a home that offers you 5 star dining, transportation to and from Doctor's offices, shopping, fun day trips, a saline swimming pool, activities and lots more, then Garden Plaza is the place to be! Imagine yourself in luxurious surroundings, having a chef prepare your meals daily, housekeepers keeping your apartment clean and giving you the leisure time to do the things you want to do and fun doing them!

The Bridge at Post Falls is our Assisted Living Facility on the campus. When you find you need a little more help, you can move right next door and continue living in luxury with the same amenities as Garden Plaza, but also provides you around the clock nursing care to help with housekeeping, hygiene, medication management and fantastic meals so you can rest easy knowing they you or your loved ones have access to quality healthcare right a home.

Life Care Center of Post Falls is our Skilled Nursing Facility located across the parking lot from The Bridge and Garden Plaza. We provide rehabilitation for residents that have had surgery or an illness to recuperate and get you well so you can go back to your home. We have a full staffed physical therapy department, available 7 days a week. We also have residents who call Life Care of Post Falls their home. We are a pioneer in making sure our community's seniors have the best technology and services to make you or a loved one's stay at Life Care of Post Falls the best experience possible.

If you would like more information, or would like a tour of our facilities, please call Donna Birch, Marketing for Life Care Continuum of Care campus, at 208-755-8398. We'd love to hear from you!

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WE ARE

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FOR YOU

**Terek Beckman,
Senior Executive
Director, Garden Plaza
Independent Living
and The Bridge
Assisted Living**

I was born and Raised in Idaho Falls Idaho and have spent the last 10 years traveling across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho running Assisted Living Retirement and Memory Care Communities.



My greatest accomplishment in life is my family. My wife and I just celebrated our 10 year anniversary, and I have two amazing little boys.

Working in senior living is not something that we can teach people to do, it is something that has to come from the heart. The senior living industry is an amazing industry but if you don't have the right people with a love for seniors and a passion to jump in and work hard you will never have a successful building. I tell my staff every day that I can teach you the skills you need to take care of our residents but I can't teach you the heart and passion to love what you do.

I have worked in Senior Living for the last 10 years starting from a line staff member and working my way up through multiple positions including the Roles of Training Coordinator, Executive Director and Regional Director. I was raised to work hard and put my heart into everything I do, so I continue to strive for perfection, grow and be a little better today than I was yesterday!

I graduated from Idaho State University in 2006 and I hold a national Assisted Living Administrators License as well as licenses in several different states. I came to Garden Plaza of Post Falls just a short time ago but I am overwhelmingly grateful to be here and have the opportunity to work with so many amazing residents and staff. Being raised in Idaho it has always been my goal to one day come back to our beautiful state and run a community here and Garden Plaza is that opportunity. Call Terek at 208-773-3701.

Working in the industry has taught me the ins and outs of so many things from Long Term Care insurance to Veterans Benefits to helping people determine the right fit for themselves or their loved one (even if it's not with one of our properties). I look forward to serving this city and being a resource for all those that need help. If there is anything that we can do for you please let me know.

**Jeremy Tolman,
Executive Director,
Life Care Center of
Post Falls**

Jeremy hails from Eugene, Oregon "Track Town USA". Originally from Utah, he graduated from Weber State University with a bachelor's degree in Long Term Care Administrator and a double minor in Spanish and Communications. He has 14 years of experience in Social Services, Marketing, Admissions and is an expert on helping others understand the complexities of Medicare insurance plans. He frequently writes newspaper articles and teaches



community education sessions to help individuals pick the right Medicare plan. His passion in long term care is to create an environment where patients are seen as people and treated like they would be in their own homes. One of his favorite quotes is “patients don’t live in our facility, we work in their home.”

Jeremy was a 5 time division I NCAA All-American in track and field and was inducted into the Weber State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. He became only the 3rd native Utahn to run a sub four minute mile. Call Jeremy at 208-777-0318.

Jeremy is married to Kristy and has 4 active daughters that keep him moving. Jeremy is an elite ultra marathoner, winning the 2014 Oregon Trail Series. He also enjoys cycling, football, basketball and is an ElliptiGo enthusiast. His family is also very active with daughters in soccer, track and cross country

**Donna Birch,
Director of
Marketing,
Life Care Continuum
of Care Campus**

Before coming to the Life Care Continuum of Care Campus as Marketing Director, Donna was Vice



President of Program Development for Birch Consulting Group. Throughout Donna’s varied career, she was a telecommunications Engineer, Inventory Manager and also worked as a mechanic for Kraft Foods. Her philosophy is to not be afraid to take risks, in business or in your personal life. It’s amazing what you can do! Originally from Pennsylvania, Donna lives in Hayden Lake with her husband Ed and has three children and eight grandchildren. With her husband, she is co-owner of Birch Consulting Group, which provides energy efficiency programs for large commercial

manufacturers. When Donna’s not working spreading the word about The Life Care Campus, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband and grandkids.

Call Donna at 208-777-0318.

**Mary Beth Hassell,
Executive Director,
The Bridge Assisted
Living**

Marybeth grew up in a small town in North Dakota. Her mother was a registered nurse that cared for seniors, so she became familiar with senior care at an early age. Marybeth attended University of Idaho and Boise State University where she received her Practical Nurses License. Marybeth has 5 grandchildren that bring her joy and keep her busy because they are actively involved in the arts. Marybeth’s passion is for taking care of seniors. Her desire is to encourage a warm and well trained staff to provide excellent care. Call Mary Beth at 208-777-3500.



This poem summarized her philosophy.

Just Think

You’re not here by chance,

But by God’s Choosing,

His hand formed you

and made you the person you are.

He compared you to no one else –

you are one of a kind.

You lack nothing that his grace can’t give you.

He has allowed you to be here at this time in history

To fulfill his special purpose for this generation.

Top 15 Tips For Dealing With All Your Stuff

1. Prepare ahead of time. Know local resources, ask questions, and have a Plan A and Plan B. Think about all you will need, from boxes to dates for garbage pick up. Select a charitable organization and start making a list of all the contacts numbers you will need.

2. Enlist the help of good-natured family members, neighbors and volunteers. Many hands make light work. The more help you have, the less overwhelming it will feel and the faster it will get done.

3. Locate important documents. Have the important conversations with your children before a crisis hits, or they face a nightmare. Make sure your family knows the location of your will/trust, bank account information, insurance policies, retirement and investment accounts, titles to cars and the house, location of keys, contact information for all professionals (attorney, financial advisor, CPA), online account passwords, etc.

4. Get professional help. It's too daunting to do this process alone when there are skilled professionals to guide you. Seek out the good ones and listen to their advice. Most of the time, they are worth their weight in gold. Remember to hire a personal property appraiser to determine the worth of your personal property. How can you gift it equitably if you don't know it's true worth?

5. Take inventory, but don't take the stuff. Walk around the house with a notebook and list anything that has either financial or sentimental value. Make copies and send it to your siblings/children/heirs. If you have an appraisal done, you can share this as well.

6. Divide the contents amicably and equitably. Create a spreadsheet and make a "wish list" for each heir; ask them what they would like to have. It's not a guarantee they will get it, only an inquiry.

Prevent future fighting by ascertaining the values of those wish list items. Consider documenting it so all the children see the complete spreadsheet. Division of property should take place with children only; no spouses and grandchildren.

7. Set a date(s) to clean out or simplify the home. This will give you a deadline in to use as a target for preparation and getting it done.

8. Establish 4 collection areas. The areas should be: 1) What to keep; 2) What to throw away; 3) What to donate; and 4) What to sell.

9. Be fair and share. If there are disputes, turn to The Boomer Burden book by Julie Hall, The Estate Lady®, for solutions. Politely remind those involved that "it isn't about you." It's about doing the right thing and honoring the right people.

10. Start from the top and work down. When you begin the process of cleaning out, simplifying, or emptying a home, always start at the highest point in the house; the attic. Have a team of people to create an assembly line, so there are those to discard, those to pack up items, etc.

11. Be safe. Always have gloves, dust masks, insect spray, first aid kit, hand tools, etc. Bomb attics and garages with

insecticide 3 days prior to going in those dark places.

12. Be green. Recycle as much cardboard, paper, and plastic as you can. Consult local refuse haulers and environmental agencies for instructions on how to safely dispose of cleaning sol-vents, paint, etc.

13. Check the hideouts. If you have any secret stashes, please let someone know. Favorite hiding places? Toilet tanks, ice cube trays, books (look for cash in pages), canister sets, mattresses, floorboards, drapery hems, items wrapped in handkerchiefs.

14. When in doubt, don't throw it out. Make sure you have a professional look at your dis-card pile first to make sure it's okay to throw items out. You can't keep everything, though the temptation is naturally there. You will drive your spouse crazy if you bring too much home. You kids will be burdened with too much stuff, when they have to clean out your home.

15. For each thing you bring in your home, get rid of two items. Clean out your own closets, attic, and garage. Statistically, we only use the same 20% of what we own. Dress the less fortunate. Help many people with your unwanted items.



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The Music Soars

We are so very fortunate.

They cook our food and clean our rooms,

They chase away our fears and dooms,

I never worry about being bored,

The activities fly, the music soars,

And if I want some time alone,

My apartment is my very own.

If I am ill or just afraid,

My pendant pressed will bring me aid.

The Lord, he took my hand with grace,

And led me to this special place

That I may live my life in peace.

My soul is free and I have release,

From all my worries and cares,

I need not fret about my affairs.

Thank you all my special friends,

To leave you out would make amends,

For you are so very dear to me.

I love you all sincerely

I leave you now to take my rest

And wish you all the very best.

*Poem by Veldonna Armstrong, resident at
The Bridge at Post Falls, And Terek Beckman,
Senior Executive Director of Garden Plaza
Independent Living*



Call Terek at 208-773-3701.

Live The Life You Deserve

By April Howard, Sales Manager, Garden Plaza Independent Living



The famous building that everyone sees from the freeway. The waterfalls that make you feel like you're on vacation. It's Garden Plaza of Post Falls. We have the only campus of North Idaho that has all

sectors that make up the continuum of care.

- INDEPENDENT LIVING
- ASSISTED LIVING
- SKILLED NURSING AND REHABILITATION.

Family members can rest at ease knowing that as mom or dad age and might require more care, our campus can accommodate. The campus will make certain that they are in the appropriate spot for the needs they have now, and for the care they may require in the future.

So often people think that moving into a retirement community is essentially giving up your independence. That's not the case at all. Moving into Garden Plaza is the chance for you to live the life you have earned. You are choosing to be pampered! You are choosing to ditch the chores and let someone else do them for you! After years of doing errands and finishing honey-do lists, it's your time to relax and unwind. You can say goodbye to spending hours in the kitchen preparing a meal. You can say goodbye to scrubbing toilets, vacuuming and dusting blinds. Let Garden Plaza tend to the details.

No more worrying about driving in the snow and ice, let our chauffeur take care of you.

No More trying to juggle your social calendar, our activity director coordinates all the details so you can get your yoga and breakfast in before attending paint class.

When you wander the halls of Garden Plaza, you're taken away to an inviting and decadent home. We like to knock down the walls of what a "nursing home" image is and bring the luxury of cozy furniture, fine dining and deluxe furnishings into our community.

Three stories of private apartments, from studio up to 2 bedrooms. Discover your favorite floorplan to display your treasured heirlooms. The units are spacious and the prices are competitively priced amongst similar Independent livings in Spokane and the Coeur d'Alene Area.

Get lost in a book in one of our two libraries. Get a curl and set on the third floor beauty shop. While you're there, enjoy a manicure or pedicure, or both!. Shoulders feeling a little tense? Allow our on-site massage therapist to help loosen up those tight muscles. There is a computer lounge to use as you like. There is a gym to walk off those yummy Sunday brunch calories. The General Store is a convenient shop to get gifts for friends or to pick up some toothpaste if you are running low. The Bistro is quaint and perfect for catching up with your neighbors over a delicious cup of soup. Oh and the pool!! A swim in the 88 degree saline water is so nice on the joints! This is home? I can get used to this!

Complete with weekly housekeeping, all utilities, and wireless internet, DirecTV, full-time activity calendar of events, transportation and 2 restaurant- style meals prepared daily, the all-inclusive living is really quite nice. Go ahead, spoil yourself! Call April at 208-773-3701.

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WHERE YOU DINE

Garden Plaza and The Bridge at Post Falls offers Dining Services that are all about choice. The residents never succumb to a cookie cutter meal. Our culinary team is delighted to offer variety and customization to appease cravings. With three delicious entrées every night, along with an “Always Available Menu” offering twelve options, the residents are in the driver’s seat and satisfied taste buds thrive.

Chef Jim Adolfson uses the freshest ingredients featuring local produce, fresh seafood and prime meats.

Sodium awareness is of high importance. Salt is never added in the handcrafted sauces and soups. Processed foods are never purchased. All of the entrées are prepared in-house and nurtured with detail and expertise. We are very proud of our dining experience. Dining room manager, Gail Carlson, only hires the finest servers and is constantly coaching them to represent the very best in hospitality. Gail ensures her wait staff to be consistent, efficient and always professional. Residents enjoy the restaurant atmosphere with the personalized flavor.

Food is very important in the transition to moving into a new home. Garden Plaza doesn’t take the importance of food lightly and there are several staple events to incorporate savory bites. The favorite is “Friends & Family.” Friends & Family is just that. Residents invite their loved ones in on Friday afternoons to enjoy a musical entertainer along with Chef Jim’s delicious hot and toasty appetizer bar. Ice cream socials, Café La Bridge, Customs Omelet & Waffle Bar, Dinner Buffets, Gourmet Sunday Brunch, and Monthly Theme Dinners keep the palates quite pleased.

Doesn’t get better than that!





WHERE YOU GROW YOUR MIND

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FRIENDSHIP
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HOUSEKEEPING
INDEPENDENT
INVITING
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NURTURING
PAINTING
PAMPERED
PEACEFUL
POKER
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Keep Yourself Moving!



The variety of aerobic classes all located right on-site is a refreshing amenity. Mondays there is Strength & Balance and Yoga followed by Tai Chi Tuesdays. By the time Water Aerobics Wednesdays come around, your body is feeling very good! Switching up the workouts is ideal to reap maximum benefits and avoid any plateaus. Most importantly, the assortment of classes avoids hitting an exercising rut and ensures that burning a sweat can be rather enjoyable.




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Meet Beverley Harris, the Recreational Director of Garden Plaza. Never a dull day at Garden Plaza, Beverley is a liaison of coordinating fulfilling social engagement to appease all characters and fashions of life that move into the community. She schedules trips to local theater productions and visit the best shows in town. She coordinates educational workshops, poker, bridge, bingo and Wii Bowling, support groups, language lessons and art classes. She does extensive research and planning to book the top performers and entertainers for the weekly toe-tapping and dance floor boogie soirées. Residents know and love her as the happiness guru. Call Beverly at 208-773-3701.



THE BRIDGE AT POST FALLS

AN ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY



The Bridge of Post Falls offers a spectra of assisted living services to adults 55+ who value their independence, but who also desire additional support with daily activities. Our knowledgeable staff is available around the clock to help with housekeeping, hygiene, medication management, complete meal preparation and other customized needs. Nursing staff is also available 365 days a year, so residents and their families can rest easy knowing they have access to quality healthcare right at home.



Residents can choose from a variety of assisted living apartments with floor plans and amenities specifically designed to make day-to-day senior living more comfortable and convenient. From our safety-conscious environments to our socially engaging health and wellness programs, The Bridge of Post Falls allows seniors to pursue their individual lifestyle choices while enjoying the health security necessary to live life to the fullest.



The Bridge at Post Falls offers the finest in Assisted Living with luxurious surroundings. Dining services in our elegant dining room are all about choice. Three delicious entrees every night, along with an always available menu with twelve choices for you to choose from. We have a fabulous chef that will make your dining experience exceptional! Call 208-777-3500.

Nurturing Your Family



Sit by the fireplace and enjoy the warmth in our beautiful living room. The lifestyle at The Bridge at Post Falls offers our residents the best of the best! We want you to make The Bridge your home. Experience the security of full time health professionals taking care of you or your loved ones 24 hours a day.

We offer scheduled transportation for our residents. If you have a doctor's appointment, we will take you. If you want to do some shopping or run an errand, we have designated errand days to take you where you need to go. No need to worry about driving. We'll do it for you!

JUST A FEW CONVENIENCES OF LIVING AT THE BRIDGE AT POST FALLS:

- Custom Care Plan designed around individual needs
- Cozy and comforting environment
- Reputable staff to ensure quality care
- Studio, one Bedroom and two bedroom units
- Weekly Housekeeping
- Weekly Laundering of private clothing and linens
- 3 Meals served in Dining Room Daily
- Full time Activity Calendar for optimized mind and body enrichment

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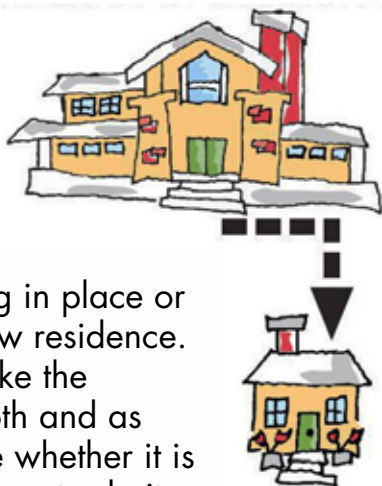


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The Bridge at Post Falls leaves intrigue up for grabs every day. There are daily exercise classes to keep those muscles moving. From Bridge, Bingo and Pinochle, the competitive interaction is always good to keep the mind sharp. Feel pampered at nail and manicure hour. There is always a puzzle to contribute the proper placement of a piece or two. Live musical entertainment is a delight and familiar tunes often spark nostalgia of yesteryear. Enjoy the simplicity of reminiscing with friends while having the opportunity to learn and grow through quality activities. The Bridge focuses on mental engagement and social interaction all from the comforts of home!

The Bridge at Post Falls has a monthly resident spotlight presentation. We call it “This is my story.” One resident share’s their life story including milestones, celebrations and heartbreak that shaped who they have become and the legacy they have created. Pictured here, Ras Rasmussen shares a sneak peek into his personal biography. As a World War II veteran, he reveals he was at the historic scene in Iwo Jima when they raised the American flag.



What stories shaped your life? What choices did you make that affected every day after? Who was your mentor and how did they inspire you? We’d love to hear your story! Call 208-777-3500.

Life Care Center of Post Falls



Our goal at Life Care Center of Post Falls is to exceed the community's expectation of serving their post-hospitalization rehabilitation or long-term nursing care needs. Being awarded "Best of North Idaho" is a great honor and implies the trust and satisfaction we strive to bring to North Idaho residents.

For the BEST healthcare, our residents shouldn't have to travel outside their community. They should have the convenience of staying local and still get the state of the art care options found in large cities. Life Care of Post Falls is a pioneer in making sure our community's seniors have the BEST technology, services and care close to home. We provide our residents the convenience of an Aquacizer treadmill which allows our patients to start their therapy sooner and safer than ever

before. In the world of rehabilitation technology, this technology is the BEST!

We also provide our residents the convenience of TWO in-house, full-time physicians because we believe your care should be personal, on-site and timely. Life Care was the first nursing and rehabilitation center in Idaho to offer this service. We feel this is the BEST practice for quality care. Life Care Center of Post Falls would like to thank our community for their vote as the BEST option for post-hospitalization and long-term nursing care in North Idaho. Call Donna at 208-777-0318.



Probate: Is It Worth Avoiding?

By: Jeffery Crandall, J.D., AEP®



Jeff Crandall

As I talk to clients about estate planning, one of the most common misconceptions I encounter is the notion that if I've signed a will, my kids won't have to worry about probate. I wish it were that simple and easy. It's not. In Idaho, a probate is required for any person who dies owning real estate or property with a combined value over \$100,000. For a married couple, probate may be avoided at the first spouse's death if all of the assets are held jointly, but probate can't be dodged at the second death without some other planning. Having your will in place allows you to control the appointment of your personal representative (PR) and the manner of distributing your estate among your intended beneficiaries, but it doesn't change anything when it comes to probate.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TITLE

You might ask why a will doesn't avoid probate. Why can't the PR just divide up my estate to the beneficiaries I named in the will? It's all been decided, so why does the court have to get involved? The simple answer is...it's a matter of title. If you have an average estate, which might include your home, some money saved in the bank, and a car or two, you're going to leave behind several assets that are held of record in your name. Those assets can only be transferred to someone else by a signed, written document, such as a deed to transfer real estate or a title endorsement to sell your car. Once you're gone, getting your signature to transfer title is impossible, and the PR, even though named in the will, doesn't have the legal authority to transfer title until the court gives them that power. The probate court is the only place where we can obtain the legal authority the PR

needs to take care of your estate business, such as selling the house or car, or getting control of the bank accounts.



DISADVANTAGES OF PROBATE

So, how bad is probate, really? Is it worth avoiding? The probate process can be complex, so most PR's will need to hire an attorney to assist them in completing all of the requirements. This can be expensive. On a national average, the cost of probate is between 2% to 5% of the estate. So for a modest \$500,000 estate, you may be looking at \$10,000 to \$25,000 in

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probate costs. Probate costs in Idaho generally fall below the national average, but a standard probate will still likely run from \$6,000 to \$10,000, and many probate proceedings cost significantly more. In addition to the cost, it usually takes between 30 to 60 days to secure the PR's legal authorization from the court, which means no one can access bank accounts to pay for funeral expenses, ongoing bills such as mortgages and utilities, medical expenses, legal fees, and other costs. This causes huge problems, especially when family members don't have the resources to advance these costs. Once the probate is going, it takes on average 9 to 24 months to complete the process, leaving your beneficiaries frustrated and upset because they won't see their inheritance for at least that long. Lastly, probate is a matter of public record so there is absolutely no confidentiality regarding your estate, finances, and other personal family matters.

THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST (RLT)

The safest, most effective method of avoiding probate is to use a revocable living trust (RLT) as a substitute for your last will and testament. The RLT does everything your will can do and more, and if properly drafted and funded, it will entirely avoid the court-supervised probate proceeding. The RLT eliminates the initial delays in getting access to bank accounts, dramatically reduces the time necessary to administer the estate and distribute the assets to your beneficiaries, preserves confidentiality, and saves your estate thousands in legal fees and costs. The RLT also gives you additional tools to provide beneficial planning in the areas of asset protection, retirement accounts, special needs, and estate and income tax avoidance.

TAKE ACTION NOW

At the Crandall Law Group, we offer our prospective clients complimentary, one-on-one consultations with an experienced attorney to help design a plan that fits your needs and desires. Contact us today at 208.772.7111 or visit our website: crandalllawgroup.com to find out more about probate and how revocable living trusts (RLT's) can save your family valuable time and money.





the forgotten kettle

a sign your aging parent needs help

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visit HomeInstead.com/764**

WHEN

MET

Lucy Desi

For most of us, Lucy was born on October 15, 1951, when *I Love Lucy* premiered. But by that time, Lucille Ball, already 40 years old, had appeared in some 60 Movies. Born in 1911 in Jamestown, New York, she quit high school at age 15 and headed for New York City. there she found work as an Earl Carroll showgirl and a Hattie Carnegie fashion model. A stint as the Chesterfield Cigarette Girl of 1933 led to her first Hollywood role as a window dressing in Eddie Cantor's *Roman Scandals*. Lucy evolved into a reliable second banana actress, but despite nearly 20 years in movies, and dyeing her hair red in the early '40s, she never found the solid Hollywood image that ensured stardom.



Lucy in Love

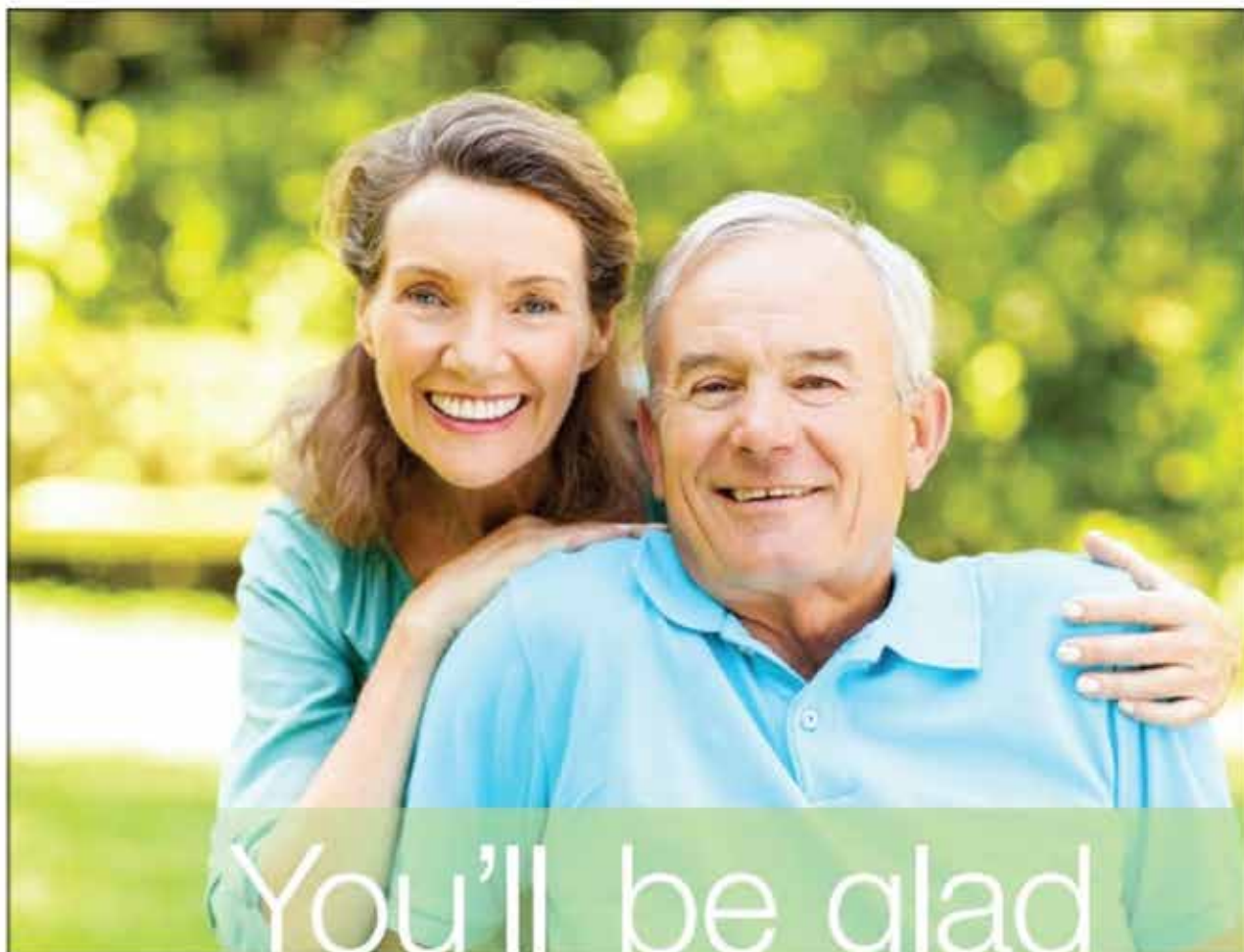
Personal battles took a back seat to WWII. Desi joined up in 1943, and Lucy couldn't resist her man in uniform.

In 1940, appearing with Ann Miller in a musical, Lucy went gaga for Ann's onscreen dance partner, a handsome Cuban name Desi Arnaz. "It was love at first sight," Miller recalls. "Lucy swooned when she met him. She kept saying, 'Oh, Annie isn't he cute?' He was more cool than toward her-he had girls by the pound-but she was just enthralled."

Even after the two had become a Tinseltown item, Desi called Ester Williams for a date. "Lucy was ready to kill me," Williams recalls. "I told her, 'He's too short for me!' and she said, 'Well he's not too short for me!' I said, 'Then honey, marry him!'"

She did, within a year. But Lucy was stuck in Hollywood; Desi was a traveling nightclub star. They nearly divorced in 1944, and the rare times they were together they fought bitterly. Finally they found a way to combine their careers, and in front of millions of viewers, and they achieved what Lucy had sought her

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entire life: stardom in her own spotlight. In the course of the series they had two children: Lucie, born in 1951, shortly after the pilot episode was shot, and Desi, Jr., born to unprecedented publicity in 1953, for the rest of us, they created the most popular TV series of all time.

Nothing in her Hollywood career could have prepared us for the wild and crazy Lucy of television. Being a clown with impeccable timing and beauty legs was a contradiction movies weren't equipped to handle.

Beauties aren't suppose to slouch or mug—it contorts their cover features, ruins their posture, carves permanent lines in their faces. Ball will let the model's carriage go to slack, sag—and in the Vitameatavegamin episode, wither like a deflated balloon, her Donald Duck eyelids at half mast, as she begins to feel the alcoholic effects of the “health” drink.

The characters she did, the ruses she played, had an ulterior purpose—or rather a purpose that was both subversive and the subtext of the show: Lucy wanted to get out of the house and into show business. And Ricky, the bandleader, the “star”, would do anything—and did—to prevent that from happening. With their downstairs neighbors, Ethel and Fred Mertz (Vivian Vance and William Frawley), they uncannily intuit today's celebrity madness; not only did Lucy go gaga over every boldface name that came within her ken, both the Ricardos and the Mertzes were shameless, jumping at every opportunity to get their names in lights .



She began her career as a high fashion model who became in movie roles, a burlesque queen (Dance, Girl, Dance), a noir femme fatale, or a struggling actress (Stage Door). She was memorable in all.

Combining the physical resources and gestural and facial mobility of a silent comic with a voice that could scrape paint off a wall (or modulate, when necessary, into sly sugary sweetness) she did a takeoff on Harpo Marz based on resemblance: the halo of curls, the wide innocent eyes.

Have the Talk of a Lifetime Campaign

**HAVE THE TALK OF A LIFETIME CAMPAIGN HELPS
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An individual's story – memories made, principles and lessons learned – is a gift that should be shared with family and friends. English Funeral Chapels, in conjunction with the Funeral and Memorial Information Council (FAMIC) has launched *Have the Talk of a Lifetime*, an awareness and education initiative to help families have important conversations during which they can discuss the things that matter most and how a person's life story can be remembered and honored in a meaningful way.

We hear firsthand about the struggles families have; funeral professionals are dedicated to helping families discover how they can honor and celebrate a life in a meaningful way. Memorialization is so much more than it used to be. Today it can reflect a person's life story, values, interests and experiences. Meaningful memorialization can be transformative, healing and comforting. *Have the Talk of a Lifetime* offers families practical advice and tools to help them have conversations about the things that matter most and how they hope to be remembered when they die and for generations to come.

Families often want to learn more about the rich lives their loved ones have led; however, they may be unsure about how to begin a conversation.

On the *Have the Talk of a Lifetime* website, www.talkofalifetime.org, families will find a wide range of free tools and information. The site features a downloadable workbook filled with advice on how to start a conversation and discussion questions to help families get to know their loved ones in new and surprising ways.

In addition, the site has videos, a blog where people can share their experiences "having the talk" – what worked for them and how it made an impact – and much more.

Throughout 2016 and beyond, English Funeral Chapels will raise awareness of *Have the Talk of a Lifetime*, sharing information with the community and offering advice and guidance to support families.

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