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## Monument Testimonial

### Meg Edmonds:

#### *Legacy Librarian and Assisted Living Founder's Club Member*

Margaret Edmonds continues to live an active life with a heart of service, something that has been a part of her lifestyle for decades. She's currently a resident of Bethesda Gardens Monument. She moved into the senior living community in 2017 as the third person to do so after deciding that she wanted a vibrant, cozy home where she didn't have to manage all the daily chores that go into keeping a home and garden.

Meg and her family have spent the bulk of their life in the Tri-Lakes area, which she says she considers

home. She and her husband originally moved to Palmer Lake in 1971, and have been here ever since.

Her service in education in District 38 began with a volunteer opportunity at Palmer Lake Elementary, where her children attended school. It wasn't long before Meg's service, talent and passion for library science made an impression, and she was called to begin a career as a librarian in the school district. Until her retirement in 1998, Meg made her mark on the district. Some of her accomplishments include:

- Starting four libraries in District 38 at Lewis-Palmer Elementary, Ray Kilmer Elementary, Grace Best Elementary, and Palmer Lake Elementary
- Working as the first librarian to automate the library systems, beginning in 1987
- Starting Battle of the Books for fifth-graders in 1986, during which children read from a selection of 50 books and then play a Jeopardy-style game, answering

questions from knowledge gained by reading the books. The Battle of the Books is still happening today, with participants in over 120 schools in the county.

- Winning the Lewis-Palmer School District Hall of Fame Award in 2015 for all of her efforts in District 38

But Meg has far more than just being a wife, mother and school librarian to claim. She was a valued member at Little Log Church in Palmer Lake and a member of Columbine Circle women's group.

Meg retired as a school librarian in 1998, but her service didn't end. She has been sewing comfort quilts for those in need through a group called Palmer Divide Blanket Brigade.

Meg took action when she heard about a new assisted living community being built in Monument. She put her name on the wait list in 2017, when Bethesda Gardens Monument was being built.

19 years into her retirement, and Meg knew that these years could be as fun and active as any other in the right environment. She was ready to give up the daily care of a home in exchange for vibrant social options and many other amenities. In fact, she became part of the Bethesda Gardens Monument Founder's Club as the third person to move into the brand-new community.

When asked about her life at Bethesda Gardens two years after moving in, Meg says, "I love it here. I like that it's a smaller community. I can go to church in my own home. And I don't have to cook or do laundry."

Meg said she's made plenty of friends and always has someone to eat with and something to do. There are always numerous activities going on. One of Meg's favorite is working on puzzles. Meg recalled a recent event and stated, "Wanda and I were working on a puzzle so late the other night that the lights were shut off!"

The light certainly hasn't been shut off on the life of Meg Edmonds, who continues to serve, laugh, love and live in her home at Bethesda Gardens.



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