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# THE SUNSET OBSERVER



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## Purses and positivity



Juanita is named after her father, Juan, and has lived in Concordia all of her life. Her middle name, Agatha, was from a saint. "She was pure. A nobleman wanted her and she wanted to be true to God," says Juanita. Saint Agatha is also the patron saint for breast cancer.

Juanita has three sisters and a half-brother. She wishes she could have

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met her half-brother more often. She fought a lot with her sisters.

Juanita did enjoy the holidays with her family and all the food.

"I had an aunt who came back from California with my uncle. And while she was here, she bought a purse. And I sat with her when she came home, and she emptied her old purse into her new purse. And she gave me her old purse. And I was hooked."

"I put all my toys that I could find in that purse," adds Juanita. She remembers that when she went to the stores with her family she always wanted to go and look at the purses.

One of Juanita's favorite summer activities as a child was going to the pool. "I just watched those kids at the pool swimming and playing and having fun and I always had a big grin on my face because I wished I could be in that water, but I didn't know how to swim."

As an adult, Juanita finally learned how to swim by taking lessons from a girl at the convent. She swam once a week after that, often for fun with her friends. "I haven't swum for a long time. I miss it" she says.

Juanita met her future husband when she was about 18. They were married in a very small ceremony at the Catholic church. Her husband taught her to drive. "He was a very kind and patient man. I loved him to pieces," she says.

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*Juanita dances it out with staff in the hallway.*



Juanita and her spouse had a girl and then a boy. “My daughter was jealous of her brother. She was. She was the oldest and he was the youngest. He did get a lot of attention because he was the baby.”

Juanita knows the hardest part of raising her kids was letting go, but she is proud that they are independent.

When she considers getting older, Juanita says, “I never gave it any thought,” She’s always felt much younger than her age. One of the best things about getting older, she says is, “If you pay attention to life, you’re wise—you’re wiser.”

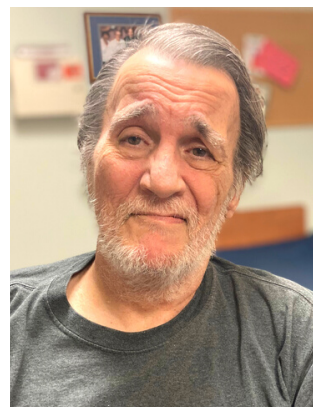


## Hello, New Residents



**Kenneth Garst**  
Mankato, KS

Kenneth worked in the Glen Elder area for the Bureau of Reclamation for 27 years. He likes to ice fish and ride his motorcycle.



**Bernie Beiker**  
Concordia, KS

Bernie served in the Air Force and has two kids. He was born in Cheyenne Wells, CO.

# Share your greatest love...



*Check it out here and see more on Facebook as we discover great loves from residents and staff.*



*My grandkids ~ Lorraine*



*Family ~ Marilyn*



*Jesus ~ Pat*



*Pickles ~ Keeley (l)  
My fiancée ~ Kambree (r)*



*My child ~ Lana*



*Books ~ Andy*



*Coming to Sunset and  
making friends ~ Shirley*



*My wife ~ Gene*



*Food ~ LaRue*



# Spotlight on Leann Fowles

*Certified Medical Assistant at Sunset Home*



Leann (middle) with Kambree (Activities) and Tara (LPN).

**What is one of your favorite places and why?** Arkansas - it's a very beautiful state.

**If you could master one skill you don't have right now, what would it be?** To whistle better.

**What is your favorite quote?**  
Once I learn to soak up every moment, I'll realize my life's already good.

**Do you have a secret talent?**  
I like to sing.

**What is the most memorable concert you ever went to?**  
Metallica



## Happening in February...

**Every Monday - 10:00 am**  
Veterans Meeting

**February 14 - 10:00 am**  
Sweetheart Waffles

**February 17 - 10:00 am**  
Manicures

**February 22 - 2:30 pm**  
Celebrate 2.22.22 with Margaritas!

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