

Guest Story

Faith for the Journey

Bob Pardue is an Indianapolis native. He and Debby, his wife of 36 years, have 3 married children and two grandchildren. A third grandchild, a girl, is expected in June.

Bob served in the Army in 1968-69 and did a tour of duty in Vietnam. He took electronics training and worked at Indiana Bell as a Switching Technician for 28 years. Bob took early retirement in 1994 and went into business for himself as an all-around handyman, doing home repairs; plumbing, drywall, electrical, carpentry, whatever the client needed. He was such a perfectionist and friendly guy, that his business took off. According to Debby, after the first year, he never had to advertise. Bob also spent many years, starting in 1986 working at their church, Tabernacle Presbyterian, taping and editing sermons to be played on “Good News from Tab” outreach radio program. Bob still goes to the media room every Sunday morning to watch the sermon on TV and “help” with the taping.



After several accidents with tools, Bob was diagnosed in 2003 with Parkinson’s disease. Forced to give up power tools, Bob built a workshop in his back yard and busied himself building model airplanes and flying them. He had built and flown airplanes since he was a teenager, but now could do it in earnest.

As Bob’s disease progressed and he needed more care, Debby, who still works fulltime, started looking for a safe place for him to spend his days with other people. She gladly found Still Waters in 2014. Bob has been attending there ever since. He particularly enjoys music and dance activities. During chapel services, Bob plays along with the hymns on his harmonica. Over the years he has developed special relationships with the caregivers and some of the other guests. As Debby says, “We are so thankful for Still Waters and for all the good friends Bob has made over the years. Through faith and prayer, we have been on a journey together to make the changes necessary to deal with Parkinson’s.