

# Volunteer



## Winifred (Peggy) Jenson

Peggy Jenson was born on June 22nd to Nick and Mabel Rohr in McHugh, Minn. (used to be a train stop between Detroit Lakes and Frazee). She was the 7th of eight children, with two brothers and five sisters. Peggy and her siblings attended District 22 McHugh Country School until the 8th grade and then High School in Detroit Lakes. Peggy graduated in 1938. When Peggy was in 8th grade she met a boy named Don Jenson, who told himself that "he was gonna marry that girl someday." The two courted for four years and were married in 1939. They were blessed with seven children; Marilyn, Roger, Richard, Linda, Larry, Steve, and Jim. They also have 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Don and Peggy farmed south of Audubon for two years after getting married, then they farmed near Perham for one year, and finally purchased Don's parent's farm in 1943 which is where Peggy still resides today. During the 1950's Peggy began cleaning homes and still has one of her original accounts! Over the years she has sold a variety of things such as: World Book Encyclopedias for 15 years; Electrolux Vacuum Cleaners for 10 years; and Avon for 15 years.

Peggy began her volunteering at St. Mary's in the 1990's. Over the years she has helped with many different duties, including watering plants, visiting with residents, playing cards with residents, and helping at the front admitting desk many years ago, helping people check in, giving directions, etc. Peggy has over 1,100 hours recorded, but didn't start keeping track until the late 1990's. She also joined St. Mary's Auxiliary in 2004 and is active with Circle and Christian Mother's at Holy Rosary.

What is her favorite vacation memory? Peggy and her daughter took a bus tour to Alaska that they both really enjoyed. When Don was still alive the couple were very avid "RV"ers and were always gone somewhere! They also wintered down south for 17 years.

*When asked why she enjoys volunteering, she replied, "The people are so friendly and fun to work with. I don't feel my day is complete without making at least one person smile from my visiting."*