



JOHN RICHMOND

John Richmond was a “charter member” of AdamsPlace, moving in the month after it opened (November 1998) with his wife Mary Alice. The two of them had the opportunity to customize their living space before construction began, which was an added bonus, particularly for Mary Alice, who had always taken great delight in interior design projects in their previous homes.

“Both of us had grown tired of years of homeowner hassles – the yard and routine repairs and maintenance, mostly – and were ready to give it up so we could pursue our interests in travel, volunteer work, bridge and exercise without worrying about the house. “ Mary Alice died suddenly after the couple had been at AdamsPlace for nearly six years; they had been married for 57 years. The community of residents responded in support and friendship, and the fact that there were folks with whom to go to dinner and play bridge, helped in part to fill the void.

Now John enjoys the monthly Mens’ Coffee, a regular Friday night social gathering in the card room, walking and working out in the exercise room, playing with jigsaw puzzles and bridge, bridge, bridge. “After ten years here it’s just home – I couldn’t imagine myself anywhere else!” The fact that his daughter works as the Director of Independent Living is a bonus for both of them, since they see each other nearly every day and get together for lunch frequently. John enjoys inviting his three children and five grandchildren (along with three great-grandchildren) for meals in the AdamsPlace dining room – and now prepares Christmas dinner in his own apartment for the family every year. He is also involved in planning regular outings for breakfast or lunch with some of his AdamsPlace friends – going for a “Buster Burger” or traditional Southern country ham and egg breakfast at Joe’s Place in Woodbury, for example.

“The great people – the food – the amenities – AdamsPlace is the ideal lifestyle for people who want to remain active and enjoy life!” notes Richmond.