

EDWARD KRAUSE

Many Sterling residents may not realize that there are not just men and women living at this facility, but also there are quite a few cats and a number of dogs, as well. Of course, the owners of these pets reside here, too. One of these residents, Edward Krause, is the subject of our biographical story this month, as is his cat, Casper Katz, who lives with him in his apartment. Ed was born in Greenbay, Wisconsin and, unlike many other Sterling residents who grew up in the Northeast, Ed came to Florida with his parents when he was nine years old. He attended Morning Side Elementary School, Horace Mann Junior High, and North Miami High School, called the Edward L. Consance High School in honor of the dairy farmer who in 1952 gave the land on which cows had previously grazed.

Ed explained that Miami was a very different place at that time, just after World War II. Many soldiers had come back from the war and were looking for a place to settle and build a home. They especially were interested in finding land on high ground, and farmers with such land were willing to sell.

Ed added that Miami had very few people in the spring after tourists went home, and young people would sit on a curb of Biscayne and watch the few cars go by until more people returned after Labor Day. What is now South Beach was inhabited mostly by poor people. The University of Miami School of Oceanography, a dog track built by Al Capone in 1929, and Joe's Stone Crab Restaurant which opened in the 1930's were also there.

Then, in the 1940's, a number of hotels were built as people from the North took trains such as the Silver Meteor to Florida in the winter to enjoy the warm weather and drinks, such as papaya juice from stands on Biscayne. Ed noted, too, that Arthur Godfrey had a radio program broadcast from Miami at this time.

To go on chronologically with our story, we shall now address the period when Ed was an adult and had a cat. Ed worked at a variety of jobs including in sales, management, and federal and city government. One

of these was jobs for a company called Mozik Tool and Dye of which he was vice president.

The company made dyes for aluminum extrusion and had plants in France, Canada, Michigan and in Hialeah.

Ed owned a house in which a former mayor of North Miami, a veterinarian, rented an apartment. The vet knew that Ed wanted a cat, and about eighteen years ago, he asked if Ed would be interested in an all white cat that was born in a Catholic church. Ed replied that he would, and a girl in Ed's office suggested the name Casper, since the white cat reminded her of white Casper the Friendly Ghost. Casper's second name, Katz, was proposed by a former Sterling resident.

In conjunction with his jobs, Ed had the opportunity to travel to a lot of places, such as the Far East and New York City where he mentioned being in the Plaza Hotel in a room across the hall from Bette Davis. Ed always enjoyed movies and history and his expertise in these areas makes him a frequent winner of trivia games. When Ed moved to the Sterling four years ago, Caspar moved here with him.

Ed obviously loves his pet companion about whom he speaks frequently and proudly. He relates tales about Casper's behavior which indicate that the cat is very smart. Examples of this are Caspar watching TV and seemingly understanding if an animal appears, and knowing approximately what time Ed starts to watch TV when he can sit on Ed's lap with him and see movies and football games, too. In addition, when Casper is hungry, he sits by his dish and stares into it until Ed fills it, knows that if he is thirsty, he should jump into the sink where Ed keeps his water bowl, and bumps Ed's newspaper or book if he wants Ed to stop reading and pay attention to him.

Ed takes good care of his own health by going swimming at the Y three times a week to exercise his legs, and surely cares for all of Caspar's needs and desires. We wish Ed and Caspar many more years of happiness at the Sterling.

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A LITTLE HISTORY ON MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.) Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.



UPGRADE BRIEFING

At the request of The Residents Council

Dementia Unit

The third floor activities room painting was completed on April 18th. The next step will be replacing the carpeting in the activities room and hallways on the 3rd floor. This should take place the second week in May. The next step will be to repaint the doors and door casing beginning on April 21st. The dementia floor is scheduled to open June 1st. The activities room will remain available for use by all residents until the floor opens, with the exception of the day the new flooring is installed.

The Care Floor

The lobby and south side of the third floor will become our care floor. The floor will be designed to care for residents that require extra assistance. A dining room will be set up in the lobby area. Work on this will begin sometime in June.

Office Complex

We will be building an office complex in the area where the Maintenance office was located. The Business office and Executive Director's office as well as a conference room and photocopy area will be located there. Construction will begin sometime in late summer.

Lobby Remodel

The plan for the Sterling lobby is still in the design stage.. There are also plans for an indoor/outdoor café. We will also be purchasing new tables and chairs for the main dining room.

Patio

Work on the flowers in the patio will continue. In conjunction with the café project mentioned above, we will be purchasing new tables chairs and decorations for the Patio.

Mother's Day

A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive.

This heart, my own dear mother, bends,
With love's true instinct, back to thee!

A mother understands what a child does not say.

A Mother's Love

Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.

Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.

All I am or can be I owe to my angel Mother.



And Grandma's too...

While we honor all our mothers with words of love and praise. While we tell about their goodness and their kind and loving ways. We should also think of Grandma, she's a mother too, you see.... For she mothered my dear mother as my mother mothers me.