

December 4, 2009
“Follow the Star”
Contest Winner
Congratulations, David B.!

“David B. has faithfully, lovingly, and cheerfully taken care of his beloved wife, Mary for the past 40 years or so. Inflicted with MS as a young woman, Mary has become more and more disabled. David used to lift and carry her as needed until he had a few health problems of his own.

He makes her laugh and has a great sense of humor. I've never heard him complain. David has to dress Mary completely every day, but he looks at it as an opportunity for some fun. He asks her for advice on cooking or household chores, even though she hasn't done any of that since she was 35 or so. David wants Mary to feel an important part of whatever they do.

They have no real grandchildren, but they consider their great nieces and nephews their grandchildren. They also have many "little friends" at their church.

Every Christmas season, I look forward to receiving their Christmas card, and reading about all the road trips they have taken cross country to visit friends and family. David's great compassion, humor, joy and love for Mary make him a one-of-a-kind hero at Christmas, and every day of the year!”