



# An Encore Performance!

A REHABILITATION STORY...

**M**aristhill loves its' repeat customers, especially ones as vibrant as Catherine Walsh.

Catherine, who looks and acts much younger than her stated age, is on her second "go-round" at Maristhill.

Her first stay was in 2015 after a fall left her with a fractured Leg. She came to us directly from the hospital emergency room wearing an immobilizer and only able to bear minimal weight.

Our rehab department worked on her upper and lower body strength and she was able to go home safely in less than three weeks.



Born in Cambridge, MA Catherine met her husband Bill when they were both working at Woolworth's. As newlyweds they lived in a two-family house with her parents, moving to Auburndale 46 years ago. Married for 54 years, they have two sons, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Jokingly Catherine said when her son called to say she had a granddaughter she didn't believe him. She proudly boasts about all the grandkids, but talking about finally being able to buy dresses brought a big smile to her face.

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Enjoying a healthy retirement with her husband and family, Catherine is one of the lucky few whom have reached "The Golden Years" without need for prescription meds. She resides in a three-story Victorian and vows to stay there as long as she can. Hiking up those stairs must help keep her fit.

**always smiling!"**

Catherine had once visited a friend at Maristhill, so when the skilled nursing facility closer to her home was unable to offer her a bed she decided to come to us.

After the success of her first stay, when she fell and needed rehab again she was happy to return.

"Every staff member is so friendly" was her first reply when asked why Maristhill.

"The Nurses are very knowledgeable and the Nurses' aides have a hard job but are always smiling."

On her first admission she worked with a physical therapist that has since relocated. Catherine was very surprised when he came in to visit his former co-workers and went out of his way to see her.

"I love the rehab department...", she said.

"And the place is immaculate!"

Acknowledging how this is not an easy task in a medical facility, Catherine also commented on how helpful and upbeat the housekeeping staff is.

The Catholic aspect of Maristhill is also a nice benefit to her stay. Growing up Catholic and doing a stint as the secretary for St. Bernard's Parish "it is wonderful to be able to receive Communion every day and have the ability to attend Mass."

Catherine's current stay is more complex, but she knows that working with our TOP NOTCH rehab department, they will have her climbing those stairs in her beloved home as soon as possible.

As I walked away I thanked Catherine for her time and told her after this article comes out she will be famous.

In her charming style she replied, "More infamous, like Billy the Kid!"

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Welcoming people of all denominations, we are dedicated to compassionately and respectfully helping those requiring our care. Whether you need short-term rehabilitation or nursing care following a hospital stay, or are seeking a long-term care community that will respect and promote your quality of life, our professional team will enthusiastically collaborate with you, your physician and family to develop an individualized healthcare program that best suits your personal situation.

Maristhill is an equal housing / handicap accessible facility.

We are a member of Covenant Health, a Catholic not-for-profit organization, and we are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Our beautifully maintained center and grounds, wide range of amenities and activities, and our award-winning rehabilitation and nursing services make Maristhill a preferred choice for:

- Rehabilitation
- Short-term care
- Nursing / skilled care
- Respite stays