

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Linda Pearson



**Linda Pearson enjoys helping others. She didn't hesitate to become a floor captain at Roseville Senior after moving into the building.**

Although Linda Pearson is a relative newcomer to Roseville Senior, she has made her presence known at the building, helping her neighbors whenever she can.

Pearson moved into her apartment at Roseville Senior, 1 South Eighth St., Newark, in August 2018 and got involved right away.

“When Ms. Pearson came in the building she was immediately on board with helping out. She wants to participate and help out in any way she can,” said Roseville Senior Resident Services Coordinator Gladys Artis. “And when I mentioned the floor captain, she jumped right on board.”

Pearson serves as a floor captain on the second floor. In that role, she checks on her neighbors and the condition

of the floor and alerts New Community employees when necessary. She also asks her neighbors if they need anything when she heads to the store.

Originally from Darlington, S.C., Pearson moved to Jersey City with her parents when she was 3 years old. She got married and raised her four children with her husband in Jersey City. After that, they moved to Newark.

Pearson worked as a nursing assistant before medical issues prevented her from continuing. She worked in a nursing home and physical therapist's office during her career.

“Since I was a little kid, I always liked helping people. When I got older, I always liked helping. I started being a home health aide,” she said. “I went from a home health aide to a nursing assistant. And that's where I stayed.”

After her husband passed away, Pearson moved in with her daughter in Newark and began submitting applications for apartments. A friend told her about Roseville Senior and encouraged her to fill out an application. She did and it was the first location to call her back with a vacancy.

She was in South Carolina at a family reunion when she got the call about her apartment. She cut her trip short so she could get back and provide the necessary documents to ensure she got the apartment.

Pearson is happy to call Roseville Senior home.

“I just love being here,” she said.

She participates in building activities such as Walmart trips and holiday celebrations.

“The social worker and the manager, they're excellent. You can go to them and talk to them. They'll tell you exactly which way to go and what you need to do,” Pearson said. “That's the best part about it.”

Pearson has three sons and a daughter and 14 grandchildren. One son lives in Arizona, but the other three live in Newark so she is often with family members.

The 55-year-old stays busy. She attends church and sings in the choir. She likes to read, watch TV, sing, go to the movies, go out to eat and spend time with her family and friends.

“She's a very good resident. She's very selfless,” Artis said. “She's always doing something. She's never sitting still. She's definitely a breath of fresh air for Roseville.”