

Field Trip

We were off to a chilly start on the morning of the 10th day of November 2007. Anne Frazer, Mary Ann Wertz, Elizabeth Johnson, Sheila James and I all met at 10:30 a.m. in the old IGA parking lot in Purcellville. Everyone was right on time! We had decided in advance to take a packed lunch and all of the ladies came through with their luncheon favorites which included pimento sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, potato salad, ice tea, and a delicious coconut cake. We loaded up our goodies in the rental van and headed to the Amerisist Retirement Home in Front Royal, Virginia, to see our dear friend and sister member Miss Mary Ann Nichols.



We arrived at the Amerisist around 11:30 and were greeted by a most delightful staff. Our arrival was near lunch time and I noticed several folks eating in a warmly decorated dining hall. In a matter of minutes, one of the staff members

came to escort us to a private dining room and shortly there after Mary Ann appeared with the brightest smile upon her face. It was truly a blessing to see her in such great spirits! We unpacked our lunch, and sat around the table eating and visiting. After lunch we had a small tour of the facilities and were able to see Mary Ann's new apartment. Walking down the hallway you could see lots of activity photos on the bulletin board and several of the residents had personalized their doors in the spirit of

Thanksgiving. Mary Ann's room was filled with her personal belongings and photos from her old home place, thus radiating her room with quite the feeling of home.



The trip was delightful.

Mary Ann Nichols born June 8, 1908
Joined UDC in 1953