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*Creating Employment Opportunities
for Pennsylvanians with Disabilities*

Cindy Mancini, Allied Services

Cindy Mancini walked into the Wilkes Barre site in 2000 and thought to herself “Boy, I’d like a job like that...” About one year later a member of Cindy’s church, April from Honesdale site 064, arranged an interview for her with Allied Services and here we are 16 years later at Dunmore site 035. Cindy was the second child of eight so being surrounded by people is not uncommon for her. The more, the better! I think that’s where she gets all of her patience from. Growing up she helped her mom with her brothers and sisters and had many babysitting jobs outside the family. Cindy loves children. She jokes that with all of the 50 years of childcare experience if she weren’t working here, she would be working in a daycare somewhere.



“I have been truly blessed with a job that I love”

Cindy had many jobs growing up besides babysitting. She did ironing for people, worked in a factory during the summer, waitressing, secretary and once she married “The Love of Her Life Leo”, she did some cleaning jobs which allowed her to work around her children’s schedule to have time to be with them. Oh, about Leo.... Cindy’s mom told her if she didn’t marry him, Cindy was “out” and he was “in”. He was loved by Cindy’s entire family. Cindy and Leo were both active members of the Church. He, a Pastor and Cindy had many duties from Deaconess, Sunday school teacher, Nursery worker, Junior Church worker and teacher. All of this with four boys!

In 1999 Cindy’s mom came to live with her due to her showing signs of dementia. It was Leo’s idea. Remember, Cindy’s mom was Leo’s cheerleader years ago? Well, now it was Leo’s turn. Without batting an eye they made it work and Cindy became her Mom’s caregiver that day. In the spring of 2000 as Cindy was dealing with her own health ailments Leo was asked to preach in Waymart temporarily. In August, the Church asked if Leo would be their Pastor. After 23 years in their own house they moved to Waymart permanently. Still dealing with health concerns and finally addressing them Cindy learned she needed open heart surgery on Dec 20th. She came home on Christmas day. There was months of recovery. Cindy was always busy with the new ministry. They had guests at their house every Sunday. There was a Tuesday evening Bible Study and a Thursday evening Awana Club ministry for Kids. Singing groups and missionaries from all over would come and stay in their home.

Cindy and Leo celebrated 36 years of marriage before Leo received his promotion in 2011. Cindy is very active and continues to volunteer with her church at least twice a week. Cindy keeps very busy with her children and grandchildren. I hear there may be more grandchildren on the way one day. That’s good. I think she can handle it.