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My husband was a resident at Arbor Place for 1.5 years...he recently died and I just wrote a note to the caregivers at Arbor that I'm about to put in the mail. I thought the best way to express my thoughts about this wonderful place would be to share what I've just written in this note:

To the wonderful people at Arbor Place... When a family makes a decision to move their loved one into dementia care, it is a gut-wrenching process. The thing that keeps us going during that period is the hope that our family member will feel safe, cared for AND cared about. As many of you know, because Aaron had been hospitalized at a Baltimore hospital, they had recommended that I move him to a Baltimore-area facility when he was discharged from the hospital. He was there for 2 years and then, I decided to move him because of problems at that facility. That's when I found Arbor Place and everything changed. It changed for Aaron and changed for me. Suddenly, the worry and anxiety that I had carried for 2 years went away. Aaron settled in and became part of Arbor's 'family' because that's what you have created there. A family takes care of one another - shares stories - shares laughs - and shares tears. And you -- the caring, loving people who work at Arbor, have created a culture that doesn't feel like a workplace; but like a family. You give a gift to those of us who entrust our family members to your care. The gift is of incalculable value. It is peace, trust and love. I have enormous gratitude to all you did for Aaron during his time at Arbor. Love, Ellen