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**Hometown:** Little Rock. Moved to Memphis in 1984

**Education:** Graduated from Little Rock Central High School. PCT certification (patient care technician)

**Work History:** I was a computer teacher with grades K-6 for 11 years in the Memphis public school system. Then I was activity director for the past 17 years, most recently at Germantown Plantation Senior Living Community before joining Silvercreek Senior Living.

**What you most like about your job:** I look forward to going to work every day because every day is different working with seniors. I enjoy talking with the residents and getting to know them.

**Short-term professional goal:** My goal is to continue working to make Silvercreek a place where seniors find comfort and a caring environment that offers fun activities, delicious meals and friendship.

**Personal:** Married for 38 years to my high school sweetheart, Bob Sawyer. Three children: Christy, Jennifer and David. Five beautiful grandchildren: Robbie, Jacob, Logan, Cadie and Aria. Dog named Molly; cat named Jazzy.

**Something about you that would surprise people:** I am "Nana" to those five wonderful grandchildren.

**Books read recently:** When I began working in the senior living industry, I traded in books for enjoying the life stories of the various residents: war veterans, business owners, diverse careers and interesting families. Each one is a page-turner!

**Favorite quote:** "Love the life you live, and live the life you love." — Bob Marley

**Something in your refrigerator right now:** Ingredients for my husband's homemade Lasagna and eggplant Parmesan. He's a great cook.

**Most important characteristic of a leader:** Honesty

**Your impressions of Memphis:** I enjoy Memphis and the Mid-South. The people are kind and caring. I see acts of generosity and self-sacrifice frequently.

**Favorite pastime or hobby:** I love going to listen to my husband's band play (Cowboy Bob and the Bounty Hunters).

**If you won the lottery, you would...:** Share with friends and family. I would continue to work.