



A Brick of Thanks

My uncle, Thomas Fitzgerald bought a brick for the Path Paver Program in December in honor of the drivers at Colonie Senior Services. I received a note telling me of the dedication and I want to share a story and my uncle.

Back in December I took my Uncle Tom to see his brother, Robert, who lives in Albany County Nursing Home. When we got there I had a hard time getting Tom out of the car. With a little help from the therapists at the nursing home we were able to get him inside to visit with his brother. They had a wonderful time, but in the back of my mind I was wondering how I was going to get Tom home. He suggested that I call Jim at transportation services (he knew the number off the top of his head) and see if there was a van available to pick him up. After a little while Jim called me back and they had a cancellation and a driver could pick him up and bring him back to his home in Latham.

After a nice visit the van came and brought him safely home. I was relieved (as was my uncle) and we were both thankful that Colonie Senior Services was able to help us on such short notice.

Sadly, my uncle passed away in April 2008 and was not able to be at the dedication ceremony. When I heard of the ceremony I felt I should come and thank these drivers myself because I knew that this trip to see his brother meant a lot to him even though he didn't know it would be the last time he would see him. Uncle Tom was very fond of all the drivers that took him to doctor appointments and to other things he had to do. He was so thankful for this service.

On a personal note I want to thank you all for all you did for my uncle, you are very special people and what you do is a very special and appreciated.

- Tom Fitzgerald's Niece, Janet