

Determination and courage pay off twofold for Subacute patient

Emma Roseberry relies on her strong faith to carry her through many of life's obstacles. An active church member and grandmother, her latest challenge involved her health. In mid-September 2007, Emma, 70, was admitted to Bryan LGH Medical Center with pneumonia. A diabetic, Emma suffered complications that led to having her right foot amputated.

In October, Emma transitioned to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital where she was fitted for a prosthesis. "I set a goal in the beginning to walk out of here," Emma said emphatically. Her husband, John and her family offered their support, which bolstered her spirits greatly.

Her therapy team also served an important support role on a daily basis. "I appreciated the honesty of the Madonna therapists; they didn't sugar coat anything," Emma shared. She said the therapists, including the husband and wife team of Jennifer and Tim Bausch, were very direct. "They laid out exactly what their expectations were and the effort I needed to put forth," Emma stated.

Emma appreciated being able to practice daily activities in Independence Square including getting in and out of the car and using adaptive devices to simplify her life. "These are all skills that I use at home," Emma said.

The determination and courage Emma exhibited throughout her rehabilitation paid off twofold. First, she was presented with a Spirit Award from her team of nurses and therapists. The award is decorated with individual comments from the staff. Secondly, she reached her goal of using a walker and will soon progress to a cane. Despite her other medical challenges, including twice a week dialysis, Emma continued to push herself by walking further distances. "She made tremendous progress in therapy and kept a positive attitude," commented Tim Bausch, Madonna physical therapist.

On Jan. 10, Emma discharged and was anxious to get back home to her family and friends. And, the Angelic Temple Church of God in Christ will be happy to see her smiling face back in their congregation on Sundays.



Emma Roseberry overcame numerous obstacles to achieve her goal to walk with her prosthesis.