



Shining Stars for November 2017
Sara and Jim Pleso

Moving to Uplands in 2016 was a perfect solution for Jim and Sara Pleso after Jim's brain surgery turned their world upside down. They only moved seven miles up the road from Sparta, so they were able to stay in the area they loved on the Cumberland Plateau with the added benefits of a caring community.

Prior to their move to Sparta, TN in 2008, they grew up in the Tampa Bay area of Florida where Jim retired after thirty-one years from a county job as a public works engineer. He has always had an interest in the great outdoors, enjoying things like camping and boating. Jim continues to be involved in hiking, billiards, ping pong, and wood shop projects such as trail improvement here at Uplands.

In Florida, Sara worked in a number of different professions from the hospitality area to executive clerical positions. She ran her own entertainment business for twelve years singing professionally and playing a number of instruments until an elevator accident ended that. After retirement, she switched her creative interests to writing. Under the pen name of Koko Nervelli, her books continue to sell around the world. While Jim enjoys involvement in various activities, Sara enjoys the solitary energy that their new home provides, proving that there is something for everyone here at Uplands.

They have a son and granddaughter who live in Virginia. They enjoy the numerous amenities that Uplands has to offer when they have time for visits. Unfortunately, busy schedules keep those visits few and far between.

Brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews are spread around the southeast. With family living so far away, Jim and Sara appreciate the feeling of community that Uplands has to offer.

"If we had to pick one thing that we love about Uplands (which is difficult to do), it is that neighbor watches after neighbor while respecting your privacy. Friends become family before you can blink."