

Best Friends

A Senior Companion Story

The term “Best Friends” ultimately sums up the close relationship that has been cultivated between Senior Companion Craig Myers and Eric Kiffer, a resident of the Spencer IRA in Rome. Eric’s late father served in the United States military and was stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base. While serving, Eric’s dad flew planes on a variety of missions. Myers also served in the Air Force and he too was stationed at the Griffiss base. Upon retiring, Myers made the decision to stay and settle here in Rome. Due to this common thread of interest the two share regarding the Air Force, Eric and Craig have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in conversations revolving around military aircraft. Together, they have poured over aircraft books that included photos of planes from other nations. As a result, Craig has assisted Eric in improving his reading and his social skills. Knowing that Eric collects airplane prints, Craig printed some new ones from his home computer and surprised Eric with them. Eric was thrilled and added them to his collection! The two made a trip to Griffiss Business and Technology Park to get a close up viewing of the B-52 Bomber on display there. One can only imagine their excitement in sharing this experience! Craig’s knowledge and patience has cemented the bond that he has developed with Eric. He continues to nurture this bond on a daily basis.

