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"I Tried It, And I Liked It Enough to Make It Home!"

Vonnie Brooks usually considers himself hard to please. Unsure about whether or not he'd be happy at Penn Place, he moved in under the "Try It" program, which gave him three months to decide without any long-term commitment.

"I owned my own home a few miles away, where I had lived since 1972," he said. "After my wife passed away in December of 2005, I knew I had to do something but I was dragging my feet, putting it off as long as I could." Vonnie received an invitation to an open house at Pennsylvania Place last February and came out with his family to take a look. "They gave us a tour, and I liked it but I still wasn't ready to commit," he said. So, over the next three months, Vonnie began the process of downsizing and gradually started moving his things in to his "Try It" apartment. "Once I had my stuff where I wanted it, that is when I pretty much made up my mind," he said. "This would be my new home." Vonnie sold his house and has been satisfied with his decision ever since.

"The people here made it easy," he said. "The staff is fun and friendly, and the residents are always happy and glad to see you." Vonnie enjoys the maintenance-free living. "It is good to know that the staff is here to take care of things...especially when we hear about the ice and snow coming," he said.



Vonnie Brooks has been a resident of Pennsylvania Place since March of 2007.

Vonnie enjoys visits from his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, some of whom joined him for Thanksgiving Dinner. "We ate in the dining room, and everyone enjoyed the meal," he said. "The food here is always really good. It is nice not to have to cook if you don't want to, which also means you don't have to do the dishes!"

Vonnie is retired from the United States Air Force and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Batavia, where he attends regularly.

"I am glad I am here and would encourage anyone to really consider Pennsylvania Place as their new home," Vonnie said. "It has been just fine for me!" □