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- **Wish Helps Mel Michiels Soar On for this 90th Birthday!**

Lifesprk client, Mel Michiels, tenant at the Pines at Oak Meadows recently celebrated his 90th birthday. For the first wish with Oak Meadows, Naomi helped coordinate a day that brought many memories to Mel and his long-time friend, Matt Spranger, both veterans.

Soar On!



The Wish -

For 20 years, Mel and Matt were neighbors - saw each other every day and were very close friends. Mel was in the Air Force and Matt was in the Navy. Last week, Mel celebrated his 90th birthday where he lives in The Pines at Oak Meadows. Next door to him is Matt, still neighbors after all these years.

While in the Air Force, Mel worked in North Africa preparing Bombers. He was an airplane mechanic, flight instructor, pilot, painted planes and he did sheet metal work. His spark? He is very proud of the fact that he painted a plane for a famous racer named Steve Wittman. That plane is now hanging in the Smithsonian. Mel was honored as a Master Mechanic by the FAA and given the Charles Taylor Award after 50 years of service.

To celebrate Mel's spark and 90th birthday, Naomi Fluck decided it was time to bring Mel and his friend, Matt, to the Commemorative Air Force in St Paul, a place where Mel used to work 2-3 days a week working on the planes there.

These photos of Mel and Matt taken by Naomi reflect the wonderful day had by all. For his 90th, Mel is living a sparked life and Soaring On!



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