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Quinton rehab patient gets surprise anniversary celebration

DALTON, Ga. (March 15, 2026) – Until last fall, Mary Ann Cooper had never been in a car wreck or a rehabilitation facility.

When the Cohutta resident was admitted to Quinton Memorial Health and Rehabilitation to recover her mobility after a crash left her with a fracture near her ankle, she wasn't sure what to expect.

"After I settled in and got to know the staff and the rehab team, I became more confident and stronger — grateful for the care I was receiving," Cooper said.

Not only did the staff members treat her with kindness and professionalism, they also went above and beyond to recognize her wedding anniversary.

"The leadership team coordinated with my daughters to surprise my husband and me for our 58th wedding anniversary," she said. "They set up a table in my room with holiday-themed décor so we could have a nice, quiet dinner together."

Cooper received inpatient services for nearly a month, from just before Thanksgiving to a few days before Christmas. She then received services from Hamilton Home Health and outpatient care at Quinton.

"I felt like everyone cared about me and my having a successful experience," she said. "When you are at Quinton, they make you feel special as an individual."

Quinton staff said that when Cooper was admitted, she could not place weight on her right foot and was still recovering from bruising and abrasions sustained in the crash. After three and a half weeks of rehab and a follow-up appointment with her orthopedist, Cooper began walking again.

Christy Williamson, director of rehabilitation at Quinton, said Cooper understood what she needed to do to meet her goals and listened carefully, following through with guidance and recommendations.

“Because of her positive attitude and diligence with rehab, she achieved a successful outcome and was able to return home with her husband,” Williamson said.

Cooper says that she appreciated Quinton’s attentive and caring team across every department — including the nurse leadership team, nurses, certified nursing assistants, housekeeping, dietary, social services and rehab.

“From the moment I was admitted to the day I was discharged from Quinton, I was greeted with a smile and treated with respect and dignity,” Cooper said. “The communication was excellent. My husband, daughters and I always felt informed. I will highly recommend Quinton to my friends.”

Cooper was employed with North Georgia Electric for 23 years. She moved to Georgia in 1968 after her husband left the Army.

“He was an honor guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,” she said. “This is something I have always been proud of.”

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Photo: Mary Ann Cooper

About Hamilton Long Term Care

Hamilton Long Term Care, which includes Regency Park Health and Rehabilitation, Quinton Memorial Health and Rehabilitation, and Ridgewood Manor Health and Rehabilitation, offers many of the comforts of home and community, as well as daily activities designed to energize and entertain. The highly trained staff members work with each patient’s physician to create a comprehensive and individualized care plan.

Each facility provides short-term and long-term residential rehabilitative care through physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language therapy. The restorative program works on improving both physical ability (such as joint range of motion and general mobility) and mental function (such as memory improvement, comprehension, and problem-solving skills). Whether through group or individual sessions, each patient is encouraged to achieve and maintain his or her desired highest, individual level of functioning.

About Vitruvian Health

Vitruvian Health, formerly Hamilton Health Care System, is a not-for-profit, fully integrated health system serving the Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee regions. Vitruvian includes Hamilton

Medical Center in Dalton, Ga., and Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland, Tenn., affiliated physician practices, walk-in care centers, retirement and skilled nursing centers, a diagnostic center, a cancer institute, an institute for children with developmental delays, and more. Known for its advanced care and personalized service, Vitruvian Health offers innovative treatment options in state-of-the-art facilities while maintaining a compassionate, friendly and tranquil healing environment.

The Vitruvian name draws from the organization's recognizable da Vinci-inspired Vitruvian Man icon, which has been a prominent part of Hamilton's logo since 1976. Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man represents harmony, balance, and the interconnectedness of all aspects of health, perfectly aligning with Hamilton's integrated system of care.