

The Best In Upscale Senior Living

This Independent Apartment Community Offers Resort-Style Amenities & A Maintenance Free Lifestyle

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Jean and Ronald Silano have been a couple for more than half a century. They met while working near one another in Brooklyn, New York, where Jean was a teacher, and Ronald owned a marble business across the street from the school.

"Our anniversary is April 7," Jean says. "That's the day they put the stamp on the paper, and we became Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Silano. When I first met Ron, I thought, *I hope this will be wonderful*, and it is and always will be. Even after all these years, I still love him, and he still loves me."

Jean and Ronald were living in Iowa 10 years ago, when they accepted an invitation to tour Villa Grande on Saxon, an independent living community in Orange City.

The couple fell in love with the community during their tour, and three years later, they made it their new home.

"Villa Grande on Saxon is an independent apartment community for adults ages 62 and older," informs Barbara Hilton, Property Operations Manager "We're managed by Cambridge Management Services out of Altamonte Springs, and we offer one and two-



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Jean and Ronald have been living at Villa Grande on Saxon for seven years and continue to be thrilled with all that the active community has to offer.

bedroom apartments for upscale, maintenance-free living."

Barbara notes that all apartments in the community feature an open floor plan and include a full-size washer and dryer, a microwave, an ice maker, and a screened-in porch or patio. In addition, all apartments have walk-in closets and decorative crown molding. Villa Grande on Saxon is a gated community with elevators that also offers a heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi and fitness center.

"Residents cook their own meals in their apartments, which come with full-size kitchens," Barbara states. "But we provide a continental breakfast Monday through Saturday and brunch on Sunday.

"We offer a full complement of activities for the residents, including bingo, card games, learning seminars and monthly birthday parties. We also offer water aerobics, chair yoga and other fitness classes. Our lively, pet-friendly community combines resort-style amenities and all the essentials of a modern home for our residents."

Villa Grande on Saxon, which comprises 120 apartments, is conveniently located between Orange City and Orlando, so it is close to all kinds of shopping outlets, restaurants, medical services and community activities.

"We have a van that takes the residents to shopping centers and doctors' appointments, and we have a maintenance staff that lives on site that takes care of all the residents' maintenance needs," Barbara adds.

"We're more than a community, we're home, a forever home for many of our residents and they make great friendships here. We have very little turnover. People who move here tend to stay here. The Silanos have been here for seven years and love it."

Indeed, they do.

"We do love it here," Jean confirms. "The people who run the place are good people, but the best thing about this place



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Experience the best in upscale living and the comforting simplicity of maintenance-free living at Villa Grande on Saxon, an independent apartment community for people ages 62 and older. For more information or to schedule a tour, call, email or stop by the community.

» Where: 450 Alessandra Circle, Orange City, FL

» Phone: (386) 774-1234

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is the camaraderie. The staff is amazing, our neighbors are wonderful, and we have a very good relationship with them. We couldn't be happier.

"Barbara, the administrator, is a beautiful woman, inside and out. And the maintenance staff is amazing. Anytime we need something done, they're right there to help us.

"There are so many amenities that they offer that are really above and beyond. We're very happy here. Since we've been here, we've never thought about moving anywhere else." ■