

# Hot Sulphur couple still there for each other after 63 years of marriage

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Love, in the beginning, makes us do silly things.

Like sing karaoke in a bar, or write bad poetry. It even makes us say ridiculous sentences like, "Oh yes, I love ice-fishing," or, "You're right you can't even tell it's tofu."

But when you're older — much older — love becomes something more. It's companionship when you're resting your weary bones on the couch. It's your eyes when you can't see who's on the other side of the room. It's the outstretched hand that helps you stand up after you've been sitting for too long.

For Paul and Margaret Gilbert, of Hot Sulphur Springs, it's all these things, mixed in with a deep sense of understanding. Paul, 92, and Margaret, 87, have been married for 63 years, and both share a small room at Cliffview Assisted Living Center in Kremmling — their home for the past two years.

As Paul and Margaret share their stories from the past, they sit close together in their apartment, which is mostly made up of a bed, a couch, a couple of chairs and a TV set. They live in a place that pales in comparison to their house in Hot Sulphur Springs, where they lived for 57 years just outside Byers Canyon.

And yet, both look very content.



Margaret and Paul Gilbert relax in their apartment at Cliffview Assisted Living Center in Kremmling.

"They always have something for you to do here," Margaret said. "Tuesdays and Thursdays, there's bingo. There's (live) music. It's really nice."

On some days, school chil-

dren come into the center and read to the residents, Paul added, and smiled.

"They take care of us. (And) she doesn't have to cook, wash dishes, make beds or anything here," he

said, looking toward Margaret. "This is where we belong, because it's kinda hard to do anything when you're 92 years old."

Both Paul and Margaret are Colorado natives; Paul is

a mountain man — a forester's son — who grew up near Colorado Springs with seven siblings. Margaret is a farmer's daughter — one of two girls — from a town. See Couple, page 2.

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