

Elwood Care Center & Assisted Living
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July 2011

...Our Residents

Resident of the Month

Dorothy Reifschneider



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