

Faye Nye Ostrom

Giving out of Gratitude

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. has received a generous gift of \$10,000 from the estate of former Glenaire resident, Faye Nye Ostrom, who was a faithful contributor to the Foundation and member of the Glenaire Society. During her lifetime, she was an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of Glenaire. Her generosity included a variety of memorial and honor gifts for fellow Glenaire residents, gifts for the Micou Browne Endowment and the Annual Appeal, both supporting resident financial assistance, and gifts that supported staff through various employee scholarships and the employee assistance fund. Her final gift has been placed in Glenaire's Micou Browne Endowment, which provides resident financial assistance.



Faye was born on February 3, 1924, was the oldest of five siblings, and was raised on a farm in Robeson County, North Carolina. In 1941, she graduated with honors from Red Springs High School and graduated from secretarial school in Lumberton in 1942. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in both English and Spanish, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Pembroke Academy (now the University of North Carolina at Pembroke), and did graduate work at East Carolina University and at North Carolina State University. She had a wide and varied professional career, including working as a bank clerk, bookkeeper, and medical secretary. She also taught English and Spanish at Carolina Military Academy and was a counselor and later a field representative with the Employment Security Commission.

With her long life, good health, and optimistic outlook, Faye outlived two husbands. The first was Charles Lambert Lewis, a farmer; the couple was married 32 years. The second was Colonel Herbert Nelson Ostrom, a retired military officer. He and Faye were married in 1985, moved to Florida in 1986, and enjoyed fourteen years together before his passing.

Faye moved back to North Carolina in 2000 and very quickly made Glenaire her home for the next 21 years of her life. Suzette Roach, Director of Resident Life at Glenaire shares, “Faye attended everything at Glenaire, and was an active member of the Finance Committee of the Resident Association. I remember her most for her unofficial role as leader of the Glenaire thank you team. She was always writing notes to staff members, and others, to thank them for any kindness. I am the lucky recipient of some of those notes. She was also the unofficial leader of the Glenaire welcome team. She always made a point to reach out to new residents, as well as prospects she ran into in the rotunda, to tell them how happy she was that they were here.”

It was no secret that Faye was truly happy at Glenaire and her generosity was one way she made that evident. Faye wrote the following so that others would know exactly why she was so generous: “I become more and more overwhelmed with gratitude for past benefactors whose generosity, vision, and courage to follow through, made the establishment of Glenaire possible, and now my compatriots and I have the opportunity and good fortune to continue the legacy. My sincere thanks to everyone who has ever played a part in affording me such a wonderful life as I have enjoyed during many years at Glenaire. From my humble beginnings to the beloved present, I have been blessed far beyond imagination. How could I not give back?”

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