

Lawrence and Lucille Betts Harris

Generosity That Transcends Time



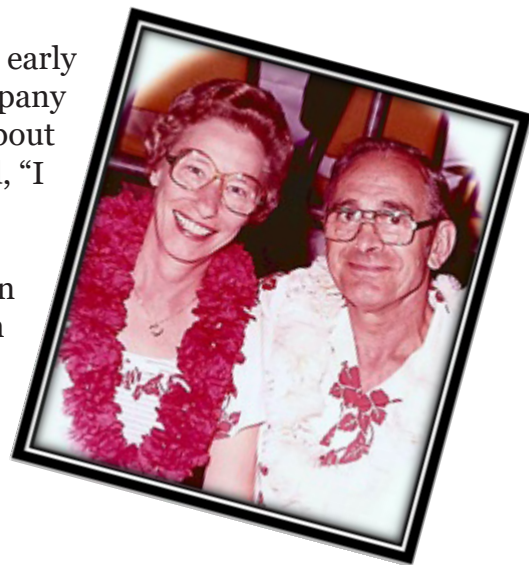
The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. has received a generous gift of over \$145,000 from the estate of former Glenaire residents, Lawrence and Lucille Betts Harris, who notified the Foundation in 1998 of their plans to leave a future gift of appreciated securities and were members of the Glenaire Society. As loyal supporters of Glenaire, during their lifetimes, they made over 360 charitable gifts to bolster Glenaire's mission; many were gifts made in memorial of fellow Glenaire residents. Their exceptional gift has been placed in Glenaire's Micou Browne Endowment, which provides resident financial assistance.

Both natives of North Carolina, the Harrises were married in 1953 and were married 56 years. Lucille was from Pender County and attended UNC Women's College in Greensboro. During her career, she worked in the administrative offices of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, first in Wilmington and later in Raleigh. Lawrence was from Wake County and was a veteran of WWII, serving as a Radio Operator with the 313th Infantry of the 79th Division, entering combat shortly after "D-Day" and remaining mostly in combat until "V.E. Day." He was awarded with five medals, including the Bronze Star. Following his time in the military, Lawrence was Superintendent of the Raleigh News and Observer's Engraving Department for 36 years prior to his retirement in 1981. For his many years of service, and as a tribute to Lawrence, the paper printed and framed a special "front page" just for him, with the lead story "Lawrence W. Harris retires as engraver," which hung proudly in the Harrises' apartment at Glenaire.

Lucille was a longtime member of Millbrook United Methodist Church and upon the couple's move to Glenaire they joined the United Methodist Church of Cary. Lawrence passed in 2009

and Lucille was at Glenaire many years beyond that, until early 2020. Lucille's friends share that she was good natured company and always brought a smile to everyone's face. When asked about the secret to living a long and healthy life, Lucille once stated, "I walk a mile in the morning and a mile in the evening."

In her time at Glenaire, Lucille was an active participant in several programs there. She also served on The Presbyterian Homes Board of Governors and on the 2002 Strategic Planning Committee, as the resident representative for Glenaire. Many of the items that the 2002 Strategic Plan addressed are still a focus today, such as increased resident satisfaction, enhanced wellness programming and improved dining.



"I got to know Mrs. Harris well in 2001 in preparation for the 2002 Strategic Plan as I would pick her up and drive her to Fayetteville for the meetings. During our road trips her passion for senior living and her Glenaire family became evident," shared Tim Webster, President of The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. "It is amazing to me that she had a part in a strategic plan nearly 20 years ago and many of the tactics of that plan have paved the way for the successes that we enjoy today. She was an amazing lady that found something positive in all circumstances. What a wonderful legacy!"

"While I did not have the pleasure of knowing the Harrises, I am struck by the tremendous generosity they have given both during and after their lives," shares Ben Stevens, Executive Director of Glenaire. "They leave an incredible legacy that will benefit residents for the future of Glenaire for generations to come; we are immensely grateful for their philanthropy."

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Current and future gifts to The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. can be earmarked to support Glenaire in a way that reflects your personal philanthropic goals and priorities. If you would like to discuss the possibility of including The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. and Glenaire in your planning, please contact Marisa Ray, Director of Development at (336) 886.6553 ext. 5118 or mray@presbyhomesinc.org. You may also wish to visit presbyhomesinc.mylegacygift.org for additional information and to view stories that highlight recent estate gifts received by the Foundation. Those who have made provisions to include the Foundation and Glenaire in their estate plans qualify for membership to the Glenaire Society.