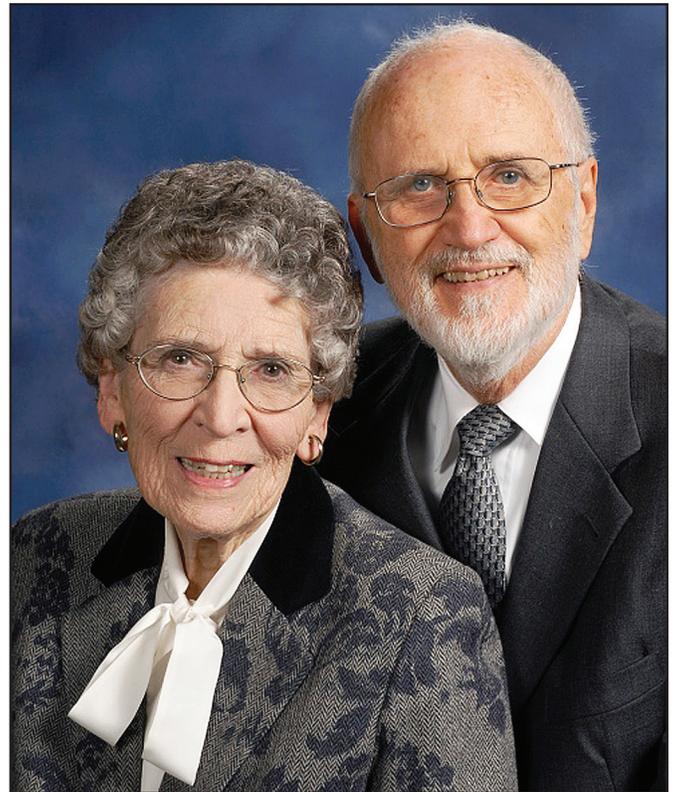


# Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Brooks, Jr. benefit River Landing at Sandy Ridge with Estate Gift

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. has received a generous estate gift from Ralph and Jane Brooks, longtime residents of High Point and members of The River Landing at Sandy Ridge Society. Their gift of \$10,000 will help to provide for residents who, due to no fault of their own, have exhausted their resources and are in need of resident financial assistance.

Ralph and Jane were high school sweethearts and were married for over 60 years. Ralph was born on December 30, 1928 and was reared in Burlington. He was a graduate of Davidson College and completed medical school at The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He followed in his father’s footsteps in the field of urology. He interned at Cooper Hospital in Camden, N.J., was a surgical resident at the University of Alabama – Birmingham, a urology resident at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, and served as a captain in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. Ralph established his private practice in High Point at what is now Piedmont Urological Associates and remained there until his retirement in 1991. He was practicing physician and served as chief of surgery and later chief of staff at High Point Regional Hospital. He also served as practicing physician at Community General Hospital in Thomasville. He was a member of numerous professional societies and associations and a 50-year Legion of Honor Member of the Kiwanis Club. Ralph also served on the board of the House of Prayer for a number of years.



Jane, born in High Point on August 14, 1930, led an equally fascinating life. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and a Bachelor of Music with a major in voice from Meredith College where she was voted “Most Versatile” by her classmates. She and Ralph married on August 15, 1953. During the time he completed his medical studies, she taught music education in the public schools in Wilson, N.C. and Birmingham, Ala. and also did secretarial work. Once the couple settled in High Point, Jane became very active in the community, serving as children’s music director at First Presbyterian Church of High Point, was a member of the Junior League and the Medial Auxiliary, and served on the board of the YWCA and was active in two music clubs. Jane was instrumental in the formation of Westchester Academy (now Westchester Country Day School). This inseparable couple enjoyed traveling, outdoor recreation, and hosting international Christian teachers in their home.

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Ralph and Jane are survived by their children, Frank Slate Brooks and Lucy (Brooks) Perdue, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. They will be remembered for instilling important values in the lives of their children and grandchildren including the idea that privilege and responsibility go hand in hand.

“Dr. and Mrs. Brooks moved to River Landing in 2003,” remembers Tom Smith, Executive Director. “They modeled generosity and hospitality in their interactions with friends and residents and will be remembered for their kindness and strong faith. Their generous bequest will help to provide resources for residents at River Landing who are no longer in a position to pay for their full cost of care. We miss Dr. and Mrs. Brooks and deeply appreciate their desire to support the ministry of River Landing.”

## Would you like to know more about The River Landing at Sandy Ridge Society?

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. partners with residents, board members, and other donors who wish to benefit River Landing at Sandy Ridge with a future gift.

There are many ways to structure a gift that may benefit you personally and provide a charitable gift for River Landing. Donors who plan to benefit The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. in their

estate plans are invited to join The River Landing at Sandy Ridge Society. Members can choose to be included by name or as anonymous members. Estate gifts of any size are appreciated. Please contact: Marisa Ray, Director of Development and Public Relations at (336) 886.6553 ext. 5118, or [mray@presbyhomesinc.org](mailto:mray@presbyhomesinc.org) for additional information, or visit [www.presbyhomesinc.org](http://www.presbyhomesinc.org) under “Ways to Give.”