

Marie Holton McClanahan

Leaves \$10,000 for outdoor beautification of River Landing at Sandy Ridge

Marie was born in Guilford County on May 7, 1936. She was married to the late Al McClanahan, who was an executive with Kroger grocery chain. Al's position moved the couple to numerous cities throughout the company's footprint. Marie made deep friendships everywhere they lived. She so cherished her friends that miles and moves never changed her lasting connection with those she'd befriended. After losing her husband to a long-battled illness, Marie returned to Greensboro, to her family, her church and her earliest of friends.

Among the things she enjoyed in life, Marie loved flowers. She could easily identify each and every flower, whether they were greenhouse grown or simply growing in nature. She lived in the Forest Oaks community of Greensboro and was said to have had the "prettiest blooming flowers in Forest Oaks." Marie also adored her baby grand piano. She was known to call those she loved on their birthday each year, cheerfully playing the tune "Happy Birthday" as the other party answered. She read music, but also played beautifully by ear.

Marie moved to River Landing at Sandy Ridge in September of 2010. She lived happily in her cottage in Williams Village and especially appreciated all the flowers and the waterfall at the entrance to the community. Her many neighbors, turned dear friends, and her Shih Tzu, Abby, gave her great joy. She was a proud member of The Presbyterian Home Band at River Landing, beginning as a tambourine player and graduating to the bottles; and she played as she lived, with a lovely smile on her face.

Marie so loved her home and the people of River Landing that she left a generous gift of \$10,000 in order to enhance the beauty of the landscape for the continued enjoyment of her fellow residents. "Mrs. McClanahan's gift creates visual joy for the benefit of others," said Executive Director Tom Smith. "She was the kind of person who wanted to share something with everyone, and through her gift she is able to do that for the residents of River Landing at Sandy Ridge."

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As relayed by her dear friend, Janet Coggins, when asked what was most important to her, Marie responded, "My friends, my faith, my family, and most important is to have laughter."

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