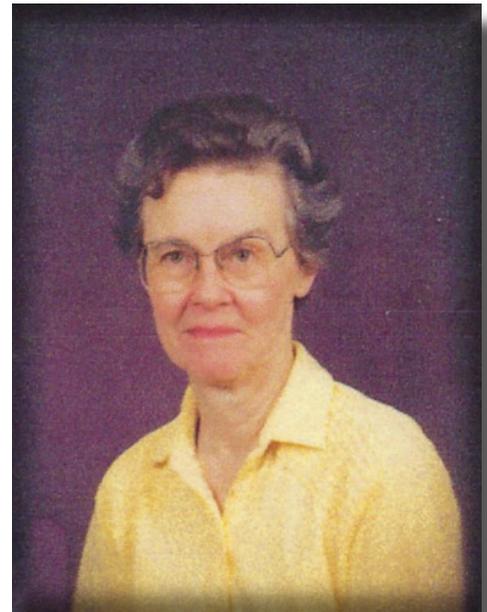


Margaret Ann “Pinny” Geffert

Lover of Scottish Heritage Leaves Gift to Benefit Others

The Presbyterian Homes Foundation is pleased to announce that former Scotia Village resident, Margaret Ann “Pinny” Geffert, has provided a tremendous gift through her estate of over \$132,000. This unrestricted estate gift has been directed by The Presbyterian Homes Foundation Board of Directors to support the endowment that provides resident financial assistance at Scotia Village. We are deeply grateful for this gift which will provide security to residents of Scotia Village for many years to come.

Born in Flossmoor, Illinois, Pinny grew up on Argyle Avenue. Maybe the street where she lived as a child was her inspiration, as later in life she would find great joy in studying Scottish heritage. After high school, she attended Indiana University where she received a B.S. in Medical Technology. For over 15 years, she put her field of study to work in clinics, hospitals and research labs.



Pinny married Carl Geffert, a Professor of German Language; his career led the couple to California, Virginia, Iowa, and Germany. They eventually moved to Laurinburg, North Carolina and Carl joined the faculty at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, now known as St. Andrews University.

For 20 years, Pinny was also employed by St. Andrews. She began as an assistant with the rehabilitation program for disabled students and eventually became a reference assistant at DeTramble Library. There she assisted researchers in finding information regarding the history of the college as well as the history of Flora MacDonald, a famed Scottish heroine who emigrated to North Carolina briefly in the 1770's. Surrounded by the Scottish and Rare Book Collection and all the information she had uncovered, her passion for the Scottish heritage of the region grew.

Pinny's deep interest in Scottish heritage, led her to help create the first Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University. She also served as a member of the steering committee for the "Our Scottish Heritage Symposium," and was a founder of the Laurinburg-Oban (Scotland) Sister City Committee.

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In 2003, Pinny moved to Scotia Village, and in her 16 years there, was an active resident. Over the years, she enjoyed helping to set up and tend to the curio cabinet that is located outside the dining room, offering ideas for themes and collecting items from residents to share in the monthly feature. Books and reading continued to bring her great delight and she spent time volunteering in the Scotia Village library.

A dear friend, Henrietta Carmichael, shared that Pinny was known to love “critters” - animals and insects of any kind - though hedgehogs and cats were favorites. She had a tremendous collection of most every kind of stuffed “critter.” They were gifts from those who knew her well and she was proud of each one. “As much as she loved critters, she loved people more. She genuinely cared about people and wanted her gifts to be such that they would continue over the years...she wanted to help others down the road,” shared Henrietta.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CREATING YOUR PERSONAL LEGACY AT SCOTIA VILLAGE?

Current and future gifts to The Presbyterian Homes Foundation, Inc. can be earmarked to support Scotia Village 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 Scotia Village 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 www.presbyhomesinc.org and “Ways to Give” 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 Scotia Village in their estate plans qualify for membership to Scotia's Hix Society.