

Gloria Houser

Giving Through the Decades



Brightspire Foundation is honored to announce that former Glenaire resident Gloria Houser has left a generous estate gift of nearly \$90,000 for the Micou Browne Endowment for resident financial assistance. Gloria and her husband, Tony, generously contributed to the Foundation for over 30 years through gifts to support resident financial assistance through the Annual Appeal and Micou Browne Endowment. They regularly gave to the Library Fund at Glenaire as well. Gloria was a member of the Glenaire Society, and Tony also left an estate gift in 2020, bringing the collective total of their estate gifts to over \$180,000.

Gloria was born on March 31, 1927, in Palm Harbor, Florida, shortly before her family moved to Durham, North Carolina, in 1931, where she would eventually meet her husband, John Anthony “Tony” Houser. Gloria earned her undergraduate degree in English from Duke University before pursuing further studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. She then attended The University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, achieving a master’s degree in library science. Her career as a professional librarian spanned an impressive 46 years at the esteemed D.H. Hill Library at North Carolina State University in Raleigh before ultimately retiring as Director of Periodicals.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Gloria was a longstanding member of the American Library Association and the Friends of the Library at North Carolina State University. She established the Gloria Houser Endowment Fund at North Carolina State University to support literary collections in any subject and all formats, underscoring her commitment to nurturing future generations of scholars and readers. Gloria was also an active member of Fairmont United Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Gloria and Tony moved to Glenaire in May of 2000 as original occupants of the 3000 building. They enjoyed a long life together, with their union lasting an impressive 58 years until Tony passed away in 2020.

Gloria is survived by her two nieces, Susan Larmore from Greensboro, North Carolina, and Ruth Schallert from Durham, North Carolina, along with her nephew, Paul Whetstone from Walla Walla, Washington.

“We are grateful to Gloria for the many years of support,” shares Ben Stevens, Executive Director, Glenaire. “Her long-term support of the Foundation and the residents of Glenaire, culminating in this final gift through her estate, is a testament to the consistent generosity and compassion she has shown through the decades.”

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF GLENAIRE?

Current and future gifts to Brightspire Foundation can be earmarked to support Glenaire in a way that reflects your philanthropic goals and priorities. Please contact Marisa Ray, Director of Development at 336.886.6553 ext. 5118 or mray@brightspire.org. You may also wish to visit brightspire.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 are invited to join the Glenaire Society.

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