

Jack and Mavin Steele

Leaving a Legacy of Generosity



Brightspire Foundation is honored to share an announcement regarding the legacy of Jack and Mavin Steele, beloved former members of the River Landing at Sandy Ridge (RLSR) family. In a gesture of profound kindness, Jack and Mavin have designated over \$28,000 of their estate to support causes close to their hearts - resident financial assistance, employee scholarships, and employee assistance. Their commitment to generosity and the well-being of residents and staff is exemplified through the gift they left behind. This extraordinary couple has chosen to leave a legacy that will resonate for years to come.

Jack was born on September 25, 1927, in Coeburn, Virginia, to Harry Preston and Margaret Hanson Steele. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the Army Air Force and attended the Virginia Military Institute before joining the Navy. After serving in the Navy, he enrolled in the Commercial Science program at National Business College in Roanoke, Virginia. Mavin was born on August 25, 1928, to Roy and Dollie Martin of Floyd, Virginia. After graduating as Valedictorian of her high school class in 1945, she enrolled in the Secretarial course at National Business College, where she met Jack. They were married on March 7, 1953. Mavin spent 26 years working for Wysong and Miles Company, while Jack worked for New Home Building Supply for 52 years.

Jack and Mavin lived active lifestyles, and they enjoyed square dancing, playing bridge, gardening and planting flowers, and traveling. They loved to entertain large groups from their church, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, where they were members since 1963. Jack designed their home in Greensboro and converted their unfinished basement into a popular gathering place where they often hosted groups from their church.

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Their generosity will make an impact through the Resident Subsidy Endowment, the RLSR Employee Scholarship Fund, and the RLSR Employee Assistance Fund. Jack and Mavin have left a legacy that echoes their deep-seated commitment to caring for members of our RLSR community, and we are grateful for their foresight, compassion, and dedication to enhancing the lives of their neighbors and the staff who cared for them. “I believe my parents would be pleased that this donation will support both residents and employees at River Landing, both now and well into the future,” shares Marty Steele, Jack and Mavin’s son.

As we celebrate the memory of Jack and Mavin, let us also reflect on the enduring impact of their generosity. Their legacy gift serves as an example of generosity while reminding us of all the profound differences made through thoughtful and compassionate philanthropy.

“Jack and Mavin were special members of our River Landing community,” shares Tom Smith, Executive Director of River Landing at Sandy Ridge. “We are so grateful for their generosity and thoughtfulness in leaving this gift to help residents and team members here. Their gift will have a big impact on how we can serve our residents and staff, and is a wonderful continuation of the generosity they lived out throughout their lives.”

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF RIVER LANDING AT SANDY RIDGE?

Current and future gifts to Brightspire Foundation can be earmarked to support River Landing at Sandy Ridge 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 River Landing at Sandy Ridge in their estate plans are encouraged to join the River Landing at Sandy Ridge Society.

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