



Margaret Ferree

June 8, 1921 - June 21, 2011

Humanitarian, volunteer and philanthropist Margaret B. Ferree passed away June 21, 2011 at William Hill Manor in Easton.

She was the daughter of the late, Lola and Carl Brinker in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell J. Ferree and her brother, Robert H. Brinker.

Having spent much of her early life in Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Ferree retired to Easton with her late husband in 1967 and began a legacy of service to Talbot County that spans more than 40 years. Known as "Maggie" to those who are closest to her, she was the embodiment of stewardship and generosity in our community. She served on the Boards and helped to found many of the significant organizations for the betterment of Talbot County, Easton and the people of the region, including especially The Memorial Hospital and Shore Health System, Memorial Hospital Foundation, Talbot Hospice Foundation, The Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Macqueen Gibbs Willis/Chesapeake College School of Nursing, Historical Society of Talbot County and Easton Day Care. Her generosity, time and talents also supported the Women's and Girls Fund, the Talbot Garden Club, Talbot Country Club, CASA, the YMCA and the Benedictine School.

Her relationship with the Memorial Hospital has been perhaps her longest

standing and most passionate involvement. Beginning as a volunteer with the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in 1967, Maggie quickly rose to leadership and was the only Auxiliary President in history to serve two two-year terms. During her time as an active Auxiliary member, she logged more than 15,000 hours of volunteer service to the hospital. She served four three year terms on the Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and was then elected to the Shore Health System Board in 1996. Called a “guardian angel” of the hospital, Maggie was named Honorary Director of the Shore Health System Board in 2005. During her Board and Auxiliary tenures, she actively served on or chaired more than 26 committees. She was a passionate advocate for nursing and nursing excellence through advanced education.

In 1996, Maggie was honored with the Memorial Hospital Foundation Humanitarian Award, the highest recognition of community service, leadership and philanthropy for the hospital. She was a steady and avid supporter of scholarship and education programs to encourage healthcare careers and advancement. Maggie’s “giving heart” led her to support Memorial Hospital’s annual appeals, galas, special giving and capital improvement campaigns. In 1980, she supported the expansion of the radiology suites and named them in memory of her late husband. In 2007, Maggie’s support of the new Emergency Department led the Foundation to name the waiting and reception pavilion in her honor.

Equally important, Maggie Ferree was integral to the start of hospice services in Talbot County and was an early member of the Talbot Hospice Foundation in 1981 and served on its Board for repeated terms more than two decades. As the hospice concept took hold and flourished in Talbot County, Maggie was an advocate and generous sponsor for the development of Talbot Hospice House, which opened in 1998. Until her death, Maggie was an advisor, friend and benefactor to the Talbot Hospice Foundation, its Board and its executive team.

In 2000, Maggie Ferree was named Maryland's Most Beautiful Volunteer for Talbot County and in 2004, the Mid-Shore Community Foundation honored her with its J. McKenny Willis, Jr. Community Service Award. Ferree was a founding member of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Ferree*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Margaret Ferree*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM