

DR. DOUGLAS W. HIX

PILLAR OF THE LAURINBURG COMMUNITY CONTINUES LEGACY OF
SERVICE THROUGH GIFT TO SCOTIA VILLAGE



Scotia Village is honored to announce a meaningful estate gift of more than \$15,000 from the late Douglas W. Hix — a respected leader, pastor and educator whose life was defined by service to God, devotion to family and a deep commitment to the Laurinburg community.

Doug’s generous gift will support the Caring and Sharing Endowment, which provides resident financial assistance to help ensure that residents can remain in the community they call home, even during times of financial need. Doug’s impact on the community is both lasting and profound.

“Doug was very active in his community and well liked by everyone,” says Bill Pleasants, former President of The Presbyterian Homes. “He served as President of St. Andrews College and his leadership and influence in Laurinburg touched countless lives.”

Born on April 1, 1928, in St. Augustine, Florida, Doug spent much of his childhood moving throughout the South as his father worked as a road contractor. As a teenager in Atlanta, he met Patricia Ann DeFord, in the youth fellowship group at Peachtree Road Presbyterian Church. Their love story began there and continued for nearly 75 years of marriage, marked by unwavering partnership and shared purpose. Pat was by his side when he passed, just days shy of their milestone anniversary.

Doug earned his Bachelor of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1953 and was ordained that same year. His lifelong dedication to faith and education led him to serve as professor, Dean of Students and later President within academic institutions, including his influential tenure at the former St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. He also pastored congregations, mentored students, organized retreats for pastors and helped establish educational programs for lay leaders. His pastor’s heart was evident in every role he held.

A prodigious reader, avid hiker and world traveler, Doug approached life with curiosity and enthusiasm. He was a loyal fan of the Duke Blue Devils, Davidson Wildcats and Atlanta Braves, and he found great joy in meaningful conversation. Above all, he delighted in helping those around him achieve success, fulfillment and purpose.



In recognition of Doug and Pat's enduring generosity and commitment to Scotia Village, The Douglas W. and Patricia D. Hix Society bears their name. The Society honors individuals who have made their commitment known to support Scotia Village through their estate plans — a reflection of Doug and Pat's belief in investing in the future and strengthening the community for generations to come.

Doug Hix lived a life guided by faith, leadership and service. Through this meaningful estate gift, his legacy will continue to provide comfort, security and peace of mind to residents of Scotia Village.

Scotia Village is deeply grateful for Doug's generosity and the lasting impact of his gift. His life and leadership helped shape the Laurinburg community, and through this act of giving, his legacy will continue to uplift and support those who call Scotia Village home.



Have you thought about investing in the future of Scotia Village?

Current and future gifts to Brightspire Foundation can be earmarked to support Scotia Village to reflect your philanthropic priorities. If you would like to learn about the various ways you can make a gift that fits your specific goals, please visit kintura.mylegacygift.org for more information. On our planned giving website, you can also read more stories, like this one, of individuals whose legacies of generosity greatly impacted their community. To discuss planned giving opportunities or to share your intentions of including the Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Philanthropy Director, Carson Spering, at cspering@kintura.org or Executive Vice President of Philanthropy, Marisa E. Ray, at mray@kintura.org or by calling 336.886.6553.

Those who have made provisions to include Scotia Village and the Foundation in their estate plans are invited to join the Douglas W. and Patricia D. Hix Society.

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