

Betty Upchurch and John C. “Pete” Hasty

A Lasting Legacy of Generosity



It is with gratitude that Brightspire Foundation announces an estate gift of \$10,000 from Betty Upchurch and John C. “Pete” Hasty. Betty was a Scotia Village resident, a founding member of the Scotia Village Board of Trustees, and a former member of the Brightspire Board of Governors. She also had four family members who lived at Scotia Village, including her sister, Eloise Carter, her sister-in-law, Grace “Dodie” Currie, and her two aunts, Laura Thomas and Elizabeth Hoyl. She passed in 2022, twenty-two years after her husband, Pete. Betty and Pete have bequeathed a generous estate gift to the Foundation, designated to the Caring and Sharing Endowment. This endowment provides financial assistance for residents at Scotia Village who have exhausted their financial resources due to no fault of their own. Betty displayed a deep affection for Scotia Village, shared a vision for its future, and gave generously to the Foundation during her lifetime. Her thoughtful foresight led her to become a member of Scotia’s Hix Society, ensuring that her love for the Scotia community would continue.

Betty was born in Raeford, NC, and attended Raeford High School before enrolling at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, where she received an A.B. in Christian Education. Pete was born in Maxton, NC, and attended Maxton High School. He studied at Presbyterian Junior College before graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Business Administration. He also served as

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a member of the 101st Airborne Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Betty and Pete were married in 1955 and moved to Maxton, NC, where they started their life together. Betty and Pete had three children: John, Flora, and Elizabeth.

Betty was an engaged member of the Maxton community and served on various boards and committees. Betty started Hasty Realty in 1972 and served as director for TB Upchurch Inc., as director for Upchurch Milling and Storage Company, and as president of Preservation Maxton, Inc. In addition, she was among the first women to serve on the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Betty served on the Scotland Memorial Foundation Board, the Scotland Health Care Systems Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees for Methodist University. She was engaged with the Maxton Student Club and focused on community efforts related to economic development and historic preservation.

Pete worked in the insurance and real estate industries in Maxton and Laurinburg for over 35 years while serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives of the General Assembly. He dedicated himself to public service, serving multiple terms as a representative and holding positions on several boards and committees within the community. Pete was a former mayor of Maxton and served on the Maxton Town Board of Commissioners. He was also on the executive committee of Scotland Memorial Hospital for over twenty years and was chairman of the Laurinburg Maxton Airport Commission. He was director of the Laurinburg Scotland Area Chamber of Commerce, helped organize civic clubs within Maxton, and was a member of the Maxton American Legion Post 117.

Betty and Pete were active in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and in 2015, Betty headed the Save Our Windows Campaign, successfully raising \$365,000 to restore the historic church windows. Pete taught Sunday School and helped lead Vacation Bible School. "Their legacy of compassion and generosity will continue to foster an environment where all Scotia residents can thrive, regardless of financial circumstances," shares Allen Johnson, Executive Director of Scotia Village. "They cared deeply for others and made great efforts to improve their community. We are thankful for their gift and the lasting impact they leave behind."

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 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 Scotia Village in their estate plans are encouraged to join Scotia's Hix Society.

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