

ROBERT AND JUDY SILLS

LATE RESIDENTS' GENEROUS \$1.5 MILLION ESTATE GIFT CREATES FIRST ENDOWMENT
AT THE VILLAGE AT BROOKWOOD



A couple who lived their final years at The Village at Brookwood (TVAB) included the community in their estate planning, leaving a bequest of more than \$1.5 million that will create the life plan community's first endowed fund.

The late Robert and Judy Sills' generous gift will establish the Judy Jeffries Sills Nursing and Scholarship Assistance Fund to support team members at The Village at Brookwood.

"The Village at Brookwood is profoundly honored and grateful for not only this generosity by the Sills but also the longtime support and faith in our community that they demonstrated in so many ways," said April Mayberry, Executive Director of TVAB. "The Sills fund will benefit many members of our terrific team, providing them enhanced professional and educational opportunities to hone their skills in caring for those we serve."

It is anticipated that support from the Sills fund will provide such opportunities as helping nursing students with tuition, per the trust agreement, Mayberry pointed out. An example of this would be a Certified Nursing Assistant becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, who, in turn, could become a Registered Nurse.

The Sills were from modest means and prioritized supporting people and causes that needed help.

A native of Cleveland County, N.C., with a BS degree in Textile Technologies from N.C. State University, Robert Sills spent his career in textiles, including as the owner and chairman of Burlington Technologies, which became Decorative Fabrics, where he served as Vice President.

He also served on the Board of Directors of The Village at Brookwood.

"Born in Raleigh and an only child, Judy Sills had an associate's degree in Dental Hygiene and was also a homemaker. She enjoyed going out to eat and loved to go shopping, and both Sills had a well-known and long-time love of Coca-Cola.

"Yes, they loved Coca-Cola," recalled close friend Jeff Armentrout, with a smile. "I truly miss them. They were the kindest people, always attuned to anyone who could somehow benefit from whatever difference they could make in their lives. Their gift to The Village at Brookwood is very much a legacy of their lifelong commitment to helping make others' lives better."

The Sills were married for 56 years. He died in 2020; Judy Sills passed away in September 2024. The couple had a son, Jeffrey Robert Sills, who died in 2003.

In addition to the life plan community, the couple also supported other organizations and causes close to their hearts, such as N.C. State University, the former Hospice of Alamance (now AuthoraCare Collective), the N.C. Zoological Park and the Duke University Brain Center.

"They were very generous people who loved the community and made it a priority to help people," said Marisa Ray, Executive Vice President of Philanthropy at Kintura, the parent entity of The Village Brookwood. "We are thankful for their kindness and inspired by the lasting impact their legacy will have in the lives of both residents and team members at The Village at Brookwood for years to come."



Have you thought about investing in the future of The Village at Brookwood?

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