

# BILL LEMIEUX

RESIDENT'S LOVE FOR COMMUNITY REFLECTED THROUGH LEGACY GIFT



River Landing at Sandy Ridge is deeply honored to announce an estate gift of more than \$22,000 from the late William Edward “Bill” Lemieux, whose life reflected hard work, family values and a deep appreciation for community. His generosity will bolster the place he called home – ensuring that future residents continue to enjoy the exceptional quality of life that defines River Landing.

Born February 11, 1938, in Detroit, Michigan, Bill was the son of Leon and Louise Gelpke Lemieux. After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army, Bill built a successful career as the owner and

operator of Carolina City Smoked Seafood in Morehead City, N.C., where he worked alongside his beloved wife, Barbara Teer Lemieux. Together they poured their energy into their business, sharing their love of good food and hospitality with the coastal community they adored.

After retiring, Bill and Barbara made their home at River Landing, where they enjoyed the friendships, sense of belonging and peace of mind that come with living at a life plan community. During their time at River Landing, the two were active and involved residents who especially enjoyed going on the River Landing resident trips. Bill participated in creative writing competitions at River Landing and was particularly thrilled that some of his submissions proved to be award-winning contenders. Both Bill and Barbara were generous supporters of Brightspire Foundation throughout their lifetimes.

Bill passed away on July 22, 2023, at the age of 85. He is survived by his children – Peter Lemieux and wife Carol of Maryland; Nicole Lemieux of Wake Forest; and Julie Gallagher and husband Shawn of Raleigh – as well as his stepchildren, Dale Moser of Haw River and Danny Teer and wife Debra of Graham. He was also a proud grandfather and great-grandfather who cherished time spent with loved ones. In his obituary, the family encouraged memorial contributions to the River Landing Employee Scholarship Fund, a reflection of Bill’s compassion and his belief in giving back to those who care for others.

“Bill was an amazing resident who will be remembered for his sense of humor and care for the community. We are so grateful for his thoughtful gift, which will touch lives and strengthen the sense of care and connection that Bill wanted for his community, friends and neighbors,” says Tom Smith, Executive Director at River Landing.

River Landing is grateful for Bill's estate gift, which makes the community an even stronger place to live as it seeks to provide for residents who have run short on retirement savings. Bill's story is a reminder that one person's thoughtfulness can have a lasting impact. His life and legacy gift will be remembered with deep appreciation by the entire River Landing family, whose mission is reinforced by his enduring generosity.



### **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 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](http://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 Director, Philanthropy, Terrill Sandiford, at [tsandiford@kintura.org](mailto:tsandiford@kintura.org) or Executive Vice President, Philanthropy, Marisa E. Ray at [mray@kintura.org](mailto:mray@kintura.org) or by calling 336.886.6553.

Those who have made provisions to include River Landing at Sandy Ridge and the Foundation in their estate plans are invited to join the River Landing at Sandy Ridge Society.

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