

LOUISE MATTHEWS NEESE

A LEGACY OF LEARNING, LEADERSHIP AND LOVE



River Landing at Sandy Ridge is honored to announce a meaningful estate gift from Louise Matthews Neese — a beloved resident whose life was defined by education, service and a deep devotion to family and community.

Louise’s estate gift will be applied to the 2026 Annual Appeal at River Landing as specified in her plans. This contribution will support resident financial assistance and help ensure peace of mind, dignity and security for current residents. Her generosity reflects a lifelong commitment to investing in others and strengthening the communities she touched.

“Louise’s estate gift reflects the extraordinary generosity of our residents and their commitment to caring for one another, especially in times of need,” said Tom Smith, Executive Director of River Landing at Sandy Ridge. “That spirit of compassion is what truly makes this community so special.”

Louise’s passion for learning began early. She attended Greensboro Senior High School, where she played the violin in the orchestra, and went on to earn both her Bachelor of Arts and Master’s degrees in Education from the Women’s College of the University of North Carolina, now University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She dedicated her career to shaping young minds, teaching third through fifth grades at Central Elementary School in Greensboro. During her time as an educator, she was recognized as Greensboro’s “Outstanding Young Educator,” an honor presented by the Superintendent of Greensboro schools — a testament to the care, excellence and leadership she brought into her classroom each day.

Faith and service were also central to Louise’s life. She was an active member of First Congregational Church and later Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Her commitment to the broader community extended through her work with Urban Ministries and her service on the Board of Directors for Greensboro Ballet. Alongside her husband, she supported the work of Wire Products Corporation and continued her involvement in the business following his passing.

Above all, Louise cherished her family. She found her greatest joy in her children and grandchildren, and she filled her days with the simple pleasures she loved most — traveling, reading, writing and painting. Her creativity, intellect and steady presence left a lasting impression on those who knew her.

Louise’s estate gift is a beautiful reflection of the life she lived — generous, thoughtful and rooted in a desire to uplift others. Through her support of the 2026 Annual Appeal, her legacy will continue to make a meaningful difference at River Landing, ensuring that residents experience the comfort and security of a caring community.

River Landing is appreciative of Louise Matthews Neese’s generosity and the enduring impact of her gift. Her life of service and love will continue to inspire, and through this meaningful act of giving, her legacy will live on — strengthening the community she was proud to call home.



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 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, Terrill Sandiford, at tsandiford@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 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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