

Member Tributes

Elaine Pomeroy – Elaine Pomeroy, for the 42 years she lived in Springfield, was a major presence in the life and history of the Springfield Garden Club. After retiring from the Air Force, she and her husband, Gary (to whom she was married for 45 years until he passed away) moved to Springfield. In 1976 she joined the Garden Club. She was elected club president from 1983 to 1984 and again from 1988 to 1993. Her love of gardening and knowledge of plants was evident for many years in her own flower and vegetable gardens – that were featured on many garden tours at her beautiful home. She had a positive outlook on life, was cheerful and always willing to participate when and where needed. She was one of the founders of the club's annual Festival of Trees and took pride in beautification projects around town...receiving a Golden Trowel Award in 2018.

Elaine had many other talents. She was a gifted painter, featured in many exhibitions, and she loved to dance, teaching line dancing in her garage. In 2013 she met Reggie...they were married in 2015, splitting their life between their homes in Springfield, Michigan and Florida. She passed away after a year-long struggle with ALS, progressive bulbar palsy. Her ready smile, willingness to help, and her sharing of knowledge has been missed by us all.

~Contributed by Carolyn Lane

Kathleen Marshall – Kathleen became involved in the Springfield Garden Club as soon as she and her husband Wes first came to Springfield. In addition to being a warm and caring individual, she was a woman of many talents. Dedicated to her church, the First Congregational Church of Springfield, Kathleen participated in many committees and activities including the ladies quilting group, that produced many babies quilts for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Kathleen and Wes quickly became part of the fabric of the community they chose to live in, and their spirit of volunteerism was an inspiration to their many friends and acquaintances. They could be seen enjoying the summer days in their vintage automobile (a passion of Wes).

When more pressing needs became a priority, Kathleen and Wes put family first and for the last several years cared for Kathleen's great grandchildren. Even while occupied with the little ones, Kathleen was still a willing and tireless participant in the Garden Club. She was particularly involved in the maintenance of the Blue Star Memorial, planting in the spring, watering and weeding all summer and cleaning up in the fall. She was also the SGC Historian until the time of her death. The annual Festival of Trees would not have been the same without Kathleen and Wes taking pictures and lending assistance.

We will miss Kathleen's quiet but inspiring presence, in our many activities, but she will not be forgotten by her friends in the Springfield Garden Club.

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