

A LEGACY OF LOVE

“Not only is the College of Our Lady of the Elms a truly special institution of higher education, it is without any doubt a school where every graduate and student is a polished lady or gentleman, in every sense of the word.”

—Roy Jarrett

Although he is not an Elms College alumnus, Leroy F. Jarrett of Chatham, MA, has included the college as a beneficiary in his estate plans. He did so to honor the memory of his wife of more than 50 years, the late Ann McNamee Jarrett '50.

Roy wanted to honor his wife's memory, her deep love for her alma mater, and her passion for helping children.

“Ann was truly grateful for her Elms education, and I continue to be proud and thankful for the experience she had here,” Roy said. “So much so that I couldn't think of a better way to honor both her accomplishments in educating and advocating for children, and the fact that Elms continues to empower students to effect positive changes in the community and the world.”

Ann was a member of the Springfield School Department for 36 years, teaching for 17 before becoming a certified Massachusetts school psychological adjustment counselor, a position she held for 19 years. Through her teaching, her social-psych work, her service as a court investigator of care and protection, and her countless volunteer efforts, Ann intervened on behalf of children for nearly 50 years.

Roy, a civic and business leader who retired as president of New England Church Interiors, was born in Ludlow and lived in Springfield for most of his life. He graduated from Cathedral High School and College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

Roy has been active in the Catholic Church for many decades. He is currently a communicant and extraordinary Eucharistic minister of the Holy Redeemer Church in Chatham, a Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a Knight in Obedience of the American Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and is a former district governor and international trustee of Serra International. He is a member of the board of directors of the Society of St. James the Apostle of the Archdiocese of Boston and is also one of the founders of Foundation of Advanced Catholic Education in the Diocese of Fall River.

He is also a civic leader, having served as chairman of the City of Springfield Police Commission, on the board of trustees of the Memorial Small Business Assistance Corp., as a candidate for mayor of Springfield in 1968, and as treasurer of the Chatham Historical Commission. He became a Paul Harris Fellow at the Rotary Club of Springfield and is the former president of the Colony Club of Springfield and a member of the Longmeadow Country Club.



Leroy and Ann Jarrett



Ann McNamee Jarrett '50