

# THE ST. ANDREWS JOURNEY

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## The Star-Spangled Banner.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.

*Maestoso.*

JOHN STAFFORD SMITH.

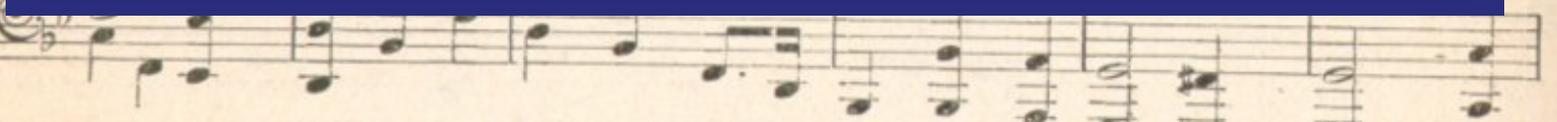
Har. by ARTHUR EDWARD JOHNSTONE.



1. O say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly light, What so proud - ly we
2. On the shore, dim-ly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haugh-ty
3. O thus be it ev - er when free-men shall stand Be - tween their lov'd



On the porch of the Herndon House at Richmond Battlefield Park. Much appreciation goes to Battle of Richmond Visitors' Center Curator Phil Seyfrit for his assistance in making the photo possible!



# The many faces of St. Andrews

## Bill and Iris Siler By Betty Herald

The Bible tells a husband to love his wife like Christ loves the church. It also tells the wife to honor her husband. Bill and Iris have been obedient to these instructions. That is why they have had a very successful marriage of 68 years.

Bill was born to Roscoe and Gladys Lay Siler on Dec. 22, 1933, while Iris was welcomed into the home of Matt and Samantha Payne on Jan. 19, 1934. Bill and Iris were both born at home in Corbin, Ky. Bill was born close to downtown, and Iris lived near the outskirts of town. Bill had one brother, Arnold, and two sisters, Norma Bolton and Elizabeth Farris. Iris had three siblings, James Matthew, Jackie Lee Payne and Doris Wisman. Bill's two sisters are still living but his brother is deceased, and all Iris' siblings are deceased.

Bill attended Corbin High School and graduated in 1951. He took some classes at Sinclair Community College. Iris attended Park Hill Elementary for the first six years. It was a two-room school. She then went to Lynn Camp and graduated in 1952. After staying out of school for a while, she attended Sinclair Community College and got a nursing degree in 1984.

In the 1950s, the young people did not have too many sources of entertainment. One of the things they did was cruising through town. Most of the time the girls would park their cars, and the boys would pull up and they would talk, often exchanging telephone information. That was how Bill and Iris met. A short time later, Bill found out that his sister was working with Iris at the drugstore's fountain. They started dating, and the rest is history. Bill married his soulmate and valentine on Valentine's Day in 1954.

Bill served his country in the Navy. He served from 1951 until 1954, during the Korean War. He was stationed on the USS Worchester in Boston. The ship had just come back from Korea. He was sent out to sea and was in the Mediterranean twice, once for six months and then again for three or four months. He was still in the navy when they married, and the young couple was separated for about eight months.

Bill and Iris moved to Vicksburg, Miss. after he got out of the navy. He began his career in the newspaper business. They did not like living in Mississippi and, after a short time, moved to Manchester, Ky., and again worked at a newspaper. The equipment was so bad they decided to move to Dayton, Ohio. In 1965, he got a job at the Dayton Daily News and worked there for the next 30 years.



He worked in several different departments and ended up as advertising billing director. Iris worked at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio.

Iris and Bill did not know anyone in Dayton when they first moved, so they began to go out and just drive around visiting many different cities and places. They especially liked to visit the Amish country and enjoy the delicious food. Often on Sundays, the Silers and about six church friends would go to a cafeteria in Piqua for lunch.

Iris and Bill liked to sight see. They went to Australia for a week and to Alaska for a month. They rented a camper and toured all over.

Bill and Iris grew up in church and Sunday school. After moving to Berea, they joined the Berea Baptist Church. Iris attended Sunday school with fellow McCready residents Naomi Brandenburg and Fanny Harrison for about 25 years.

About five years before they retired, they came to Berea and bought land on which to build a home. They had a contractor build it before they retired on Nov. 30, 1995. They retired on a Friday and came to Berea that night and spent their first night in the new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Siler are very happy to be living at McCready Manor. They love the facility, the people, and the many activities. They like traveling with Kelly. McCready is very fortunate to have this very nice, friendly couple. They are an asset to the community!

# You're Invited to Celebrate!



Questions? Email  
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**JULY 27TH**  
**COME-AND-GO 11-3PM**  
**McCready Manor Courtyard**  
**(300 Stocker Dr.)**

Enjoy music, sweet treats, and guest speakers at the top of each hour as they reminisce about St. Andrews Retirement Community!

## In the beginning...

Hello, I am Dr. Marshall J. Ney DMD, FAAOP, just call me Jim. I want to tell you a few stories that have blessed St. Andrews Retirement community. Ken Clawson and I have served on the St. Andrews Board from the beginning. We met in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church with Bill Young (pastor of FPC), Russell Major, and Ron Coffman. After one of our meetings, Bill and I were walking to our car and recalled a story about how I borrowed money from my father. I asked Bill, "Who is our Father at St. Andrews?" Let me explain how He has watched over us as we grew.

Originally, we were desperately searching for financing. We came upon a group of financiers who would find us the money. One was an architect; the other owned a chain of restaurants in Indiana and Lexington. After doing background checks, we gave them \$40,000 to help secure a sizeable loan. Guess what, they were con men. Russell Major had a nephew in the FBI, so he contacted him and told him of our plight. Two years later, the FBI confirmed that the two men had duped multiple non-profit organizations, and they had been arrested, and our money was to be returned. Thank you, Father.

We had the original bequest from Stephen McCready, but we knew we needed to show the bank we had property and a plan. We looked at land off Barnes Mill Rd., but neither plot was large enough to meet our needs. They were asking \$13,000 per acre. During one of our meetings, Judge James Chenault joined our group, and Bill Stocker's name was mentioned. A call was made to Bill Stocker, and he liked the idea. We were to get Russell Major to appraise the land at agriculture price. The Stocker family sold us 20 acres for \$61,000. Later they sold us additional land at the same price. This gave us a convenient place to build the condos that were in demand. Thank you, Father.

After two phases of condos, it was time to start McCready Manor. Bill Young asked the Session of First Presbyterian Church to use the Telford Foundation gift to secure and pay off a \$850,000 loan. Next we borrowed another \$4.2 million dollars, at a 9% rate.

Next we tried to see if the bank would refinance at a lower rate since the local bank had been acquired by National City Bank. While we were waiting on an answer from the loan office, we heard his boss say, "Why would we want to lower their rate? We know those three guys are not going to let that place fail." This was Friday afternoon. Monday morning, Barry Powell with Bank One called and asked if we wanted to refinance for a 4 year period. Father was watching over us as they gave us a 6% loan. Due to a bank error that 4 year loan turned into an additional 4 year loan.

I could go on and on about how Father has watched over this community. Please, Father, we ask for your continued blessing in our mission at St. Andrews.

## Thank you, Father

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*Deepest Sympathies*

to the families of

CAROLYN CURTIS,  
JERRY GINNAN,  
DR. KENNETH TUNNELL



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Celebrating The USA!!

Monday July 4th

6:30 p.m.

McCready Manor Courtyard

Patriotic Tunes with Madison Brass  
and Soloist Jim Whitaker

The Reading of the Declaration of Independence  
and Homemade Apple Pie for everyone!!

**A special invitation to ALL  
the St. Andrew's Condo residents and  
McCready Manor Residents**

## BEAUTY SHOP OPEN!

McCready Beauty Shop  
is open to all St.  
Andrews residents.  
Please call 625-1443  
to schedule an  
appointment.



## Summer concerts in the courtyard

**at McCready Manor  
for ALL McCready  
and Condo residents**

**Saturday, July 23** - Tunes around the  
campfire with guitarist Skip Benton.  
S'mores for everyone! - 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, July 30** - country music star  
Ralph Wayne Curtis - 7:00 p.m.

Condo residents are invited  
to bring their own lawn chair

## Thank you to the May Foundation Donors

- Betty Bush
- Gerald and Jeannette  
Crockett
- Sybil and Paul Fagan in  
honor of Elizabeth Hendrix
- Sandra Ganter
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- William and Iris Siler in  
honor of Carmyn Kelly
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Elizabeth Hendrix



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### McCready Residents

BONNIE STONE- 13  
SAL FELICICCHIA- 21  
BOB HUGHES- 21

### McCready Staff

GRACIE NASH- 3  
SUE MALICOTE- 8  
KRISTYN KELLY- 24

### Telford Staff

JOANNE FOLEY-9  
KAYLA SMALLWOOD- 15  
DEANIA WEDDINGTON- 16  
IDA HARDIN-24  
KATELYNN SWEAT- 29  
ANITA JACKSON- 31

### Telford Residents

BOBBIE ADAMS- 2  
ANN RAY- 8  
RUBY COLLINS- 12

### Condo Residents

PAT BICKNELL- 9  
TOM HAGLAGE- 12  
NEIL PARKE- 13  
DON HALE- 15  
NANCY THAMES- 15  
CARRIE MAGGARD- 16  
ROSETTE SALINS- 18  
JO ANNE FOLEY- 19  
MARTHA DAVIDSON- 21  
DONALD RAY- 30



**Grace Bowles turned 103 with a great celebration at McCready!**



**Country/  
Gospel group  
Magnolia  
Vale for  
their first  
McCready  
concert**



**Parker Hastings stopped by for a much anticipated concert!**



**Newby Country Store**



**Buc-ee's!**

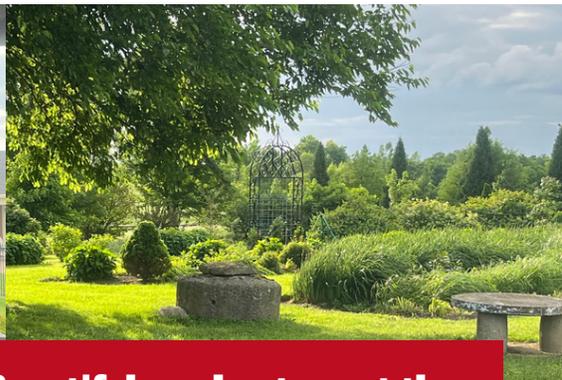




Kentucky  
Est. 1792



**Shopping at Joseph-Beth Bookstore after lunch at their cafe**



**Beautiful garden tour at the home of Dr. Jim and Ruth Coy**

