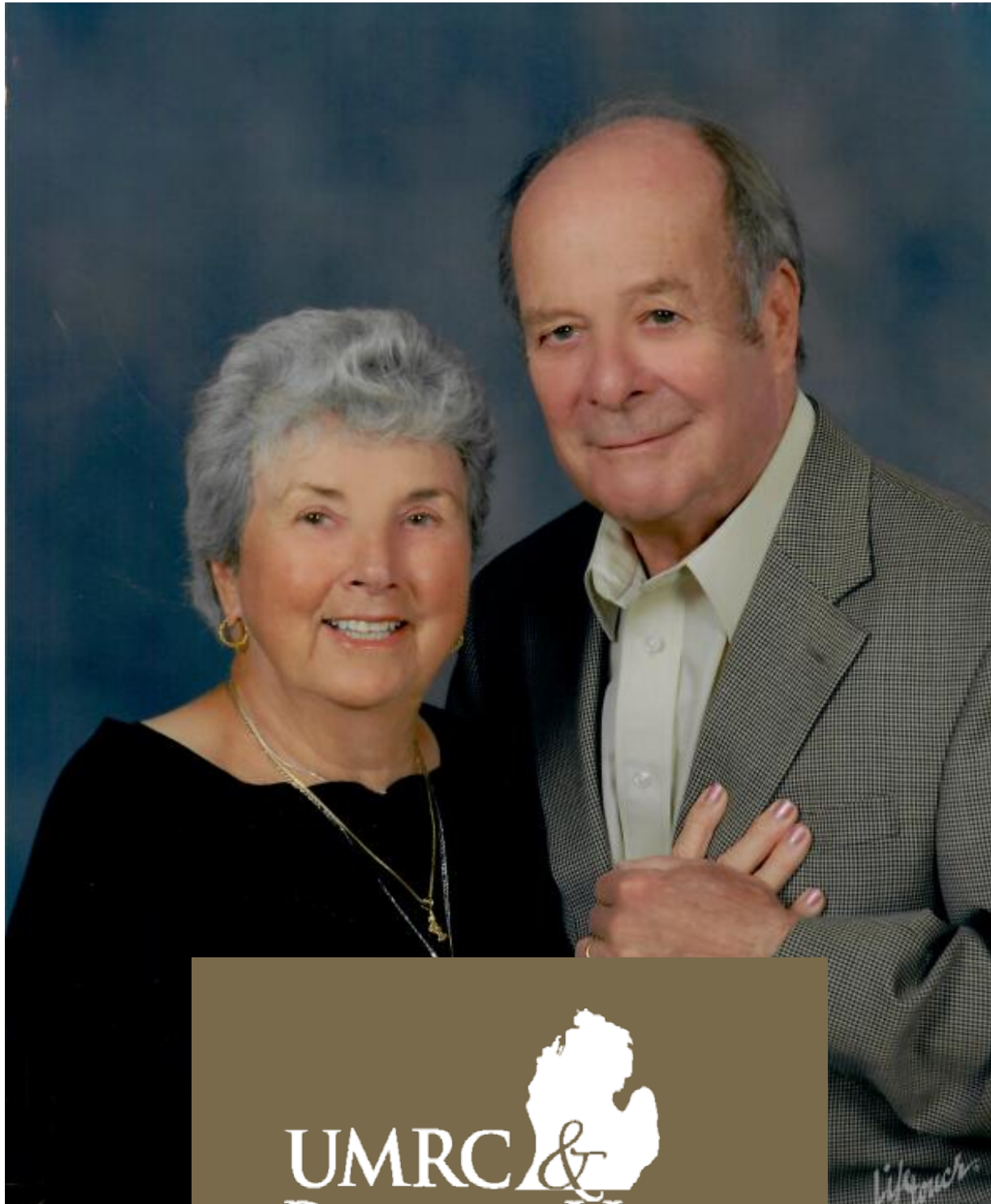


PROFILES IN SERVICE

Jan and Jack Bowie

Dedication, Volunteering, Mission



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"Our family has been involved with Porter Hills since the early discussions of it- nearly 60 years," says Jan Bowie.

She and her late husband, Jack, were members at Westminster Presbyterian Church when Mrs. Paul F. (Marion Pampel) Steketee, Sr. organized a group to develop senior living in Grand Rapids. This group was comprised of businessman, financial analysts, and attorneys, like Jack. "We were part of the process from the first spadeful to the dedication of Porter Hills," says Jan. "Our children were young then. After construction began on Porter Hills, Jack and I would check on the progress nearly every evening, and our kids would play in the sand in the construction area."

Jack went on to serve on the Porter Hills Board for 31 years, dedicating his life as a volunteer at Porter Hills. Jan also volunteered as a member and president of the Porter Hills Women's Board. "We did everything!" she says, including decorating the halls at Christmas, throwing monthly birthday parties for residents, organizing craft shows, and raising funds for Porter Hills. Their son also served on the Porter Hills Board prior to the affiliation with UMRC.

Jack's mother was among the first residents at Porter Hills. In 2000, Jack and Jan were some of the first to move into Cook Valley Estates. Today, she enjoys living in the Garden Apartments at Porter Hills Village.

Jan says she appreciates the mission of Porter Hills, especially the importance of Benevolent Care. The Porter Hills Foundation is included in the Bowies' estate plan as Porter Hills Legacy Society members. "Porter Hills has been our lives' work."
