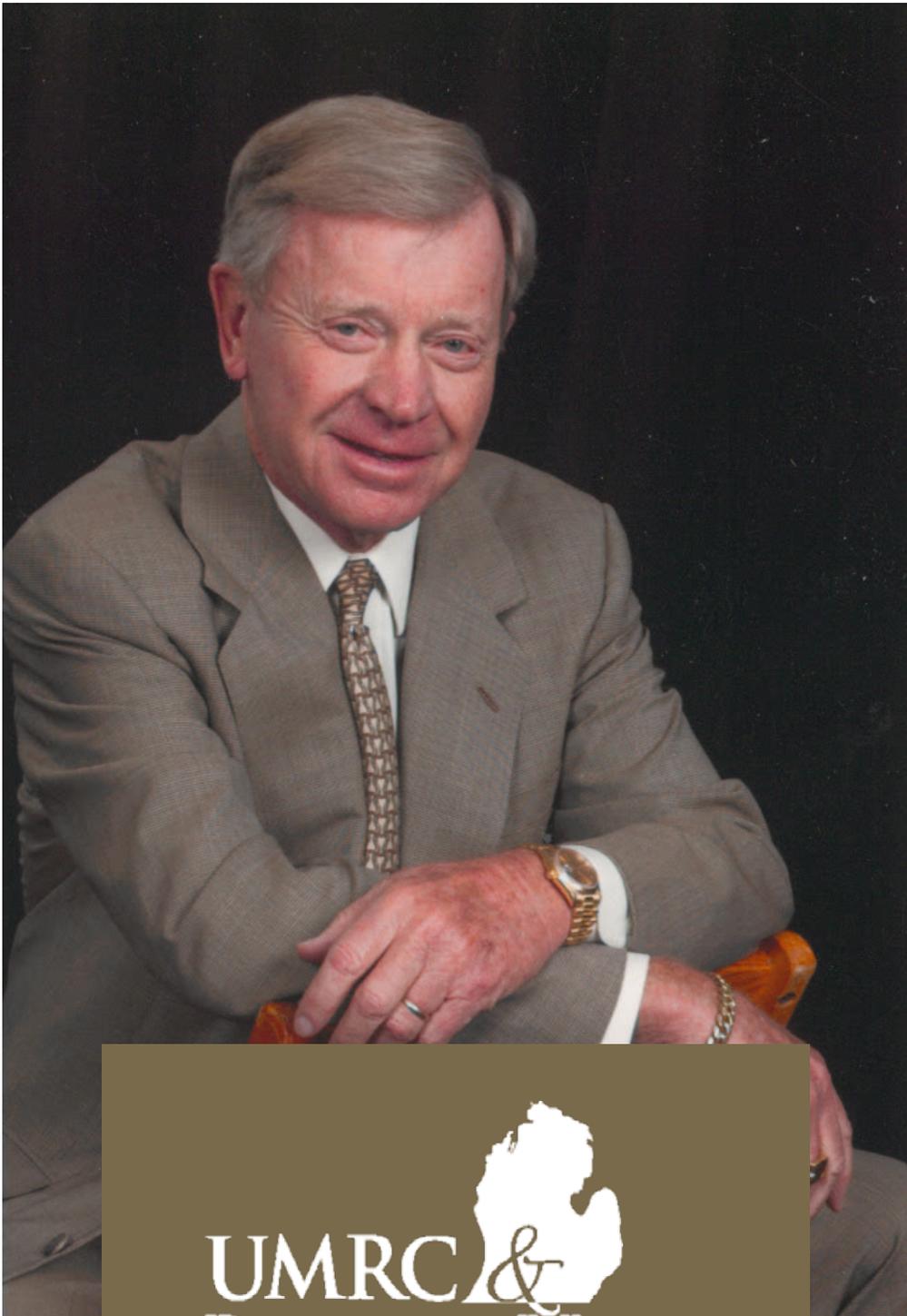


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Robert "Bob" Hooker

Lasting Legacy to Porter Hills Foundation



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When Bob Hooker's father passed away at age 65, Bob and his wife, Judy, wanted to find a retirement community for Bob's mother where she could be well cared for.

His father had been a Christian Reformed minister and the couple had lived in a parsonage. Bob says he and Judy toured more than a dozen retirement communities and they agreed – Porter Hills was the best. When an apartment became available, his mother moved in.

“Mom made great friends and was so happy at Porter Hills,” says Bob. “I am grateful for the great experience she had at Porter Hills Village.” Eventually, Judy’s parents also made Porter Hills their home.

In noticing that there was no covering at the main doors of Porter Hills Village to keep people dry in the rain, the Hookers made a gift to the Porter Hills Foundation to construct a portico at the entrance.

Bob and Judy both grew up in Grand Rapids and attended Calvin College. Bob went on to earn his MBA degree from University of Michigan. He was a business partner with Peter Cook at Mazda Great Lakes. Bob describes Cook as “an entrepreneur, mentor, and friend.” Cook donated the money to purchase the land for Cook Valley Estates.

Bob and Judy chose Cook Valley Estates for their retirement home. “We were able to put our plan in place to create a home at Cook Valley, while committing a portion of our life lease to the Porter Hills Foundation.”

Judy passed away in 2017, but Bob continues to live at Cook Valley. “My health has been a gift – I am blessed,” says Bob. “I enjoy the connections I have with Porter Hills’ team members and leaders. I am fortunate to be able to do what I want to do and to be independent here.”
