

James (Jim) Clarkson Newlin

A Life of Service and Generosity



Friends Homes is honored to announce a meaningful estate gift of \$10,000 from former Friends Homes board member James (Jim) Clarkson Newlin. Per Jim's instructions, this gift will be directed toward the Resident Financial Assistance Endowment as part of the Bridges to the Future Capital Campaign. As of 2021, Jim was a member of the Friends of Friends Homes Legacy Circle. In addition to his estate gift, Jim gave generously throughout his lifetime, often giving to the Resident Financial Assistance Campaign.

Jim was born in 1938 to Guilford College Professor of History Algie I. Newlin and Guilford College German Professor Eva. M. Newlin. Jim spent several years of his childhood in Switzerland, where his parents were Co-Directors of the Friends International Center. Jim attended Guilford College and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. After graduating, he worked as a chemist at Filter Light Company before returning to Guilford College as the Business Manager. He later rose to Vice President of Business Affairs and then Chief Financial Officer for Guilford College, where he worked from 1966-1993. In the 1980s, Jim spearheaded an upgrade of the College buildings and grounds, including the Hege Library, Dana Auditorium, and Founders Hall.

In 1954, Jim's father, Algie, was presiding clerk of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting and a professor at Guilford College when he was appointed to the committee which explored the possibility of establishing Friends Homes. Under the committee's directions, the Friends Homes articles of incorporation were signed in 1958. Jim followed in his father's footsteps by serving on the Friends Homes Board over twenty years later. While working at Guilford College, Jim served on the Friends Homes Board of Directors from 1976 to 1982 and as the Chair from 1977-1979. Jim had a history of experienced leadership at Guilford College that allowed him to provide a unique, forward-thinking viewpoint for the Board. By 1978, Friends Homes had grown to have 84 employees and 265 residents, 49 of whom were in the nursing care unit. More of Jim's contributions to Friends Homes can be found in David O. Stanfield's 2005 book, *At Home with Friends*.

Jim was a co-founder of West Friendly Ave/Guilford College Alliance, which advocated for the preservation of the Guilford College Community. Jim worked tirelessly to prevent the placement of a road through the Guilford College campus, leading the North Carolina State Department of Transportation to reconsider and select a different location. As a result of his effort, Guilford College attained the honor of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

In 2014, Jim was honored by his alma mater Guilford College with the Charles C. Hendricks Distinguished Service Award for his leadership, service, and loyalty to the College. After Jim retired from Guilford College in 1993, he assumed a role as Executive Director of the Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro and then as Executive Director of the African American Dance Ensemble in Durham, NC.

Jim co-founded New Garden Friends School, where he served on the School's Board of Directors for 19 years and served on the board of Delancey Street (a residential alternative to prison). He also served on various corporate boards, including the Centura Bank Board of Directors, the Beeson Hardware and Lumber Company Board, the Corporate Board of Ragan-Thornton Mills, the Inglewood Development Corporation Board, and others.

Jim passed on May 10, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his sister and Friends Homes resident, Jo Poole.

"Jim was a special member of our Friends Homes family," shares Arnie Thompson, Executive Director of Friends Homes. "We are honored that he included us in his estate plans. He cared deeply for Friends Homes and spent his life working for the benefit of others. He will be deeply missed here at Friends Homes and many other organizations."

Have you thought about investing in the future of Friends Homes?

Current and future gifts to Friends Homes can be directed in a way that reflects your philanthropic goals and priorities. Please contact Carson Spering, Associate Director of Development, at 336.458.0354 or cspering@friendshomes.org for more information. Those who have made provisions to include Friends Homes in their estate plans are invited to join the Friends of Friends Homes Legacy Circle.

Friends Homes is a 501(c)(3) organization and our federal tax ID number is 56-0754599.