

Mrs. Margaret Keller

Margaret Keller was born in Columbia, South Carolina, and lived there until age 13, when her family moved to Greenwood. After graduating high school, she attended Mary Baldwin College and later came to Duke University for graduate school. During that year, she first attended First Presbyterian Church, beginning a relationship with the congregation that has now spanned 65 years. After marrying, she moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, while her husband Tom completed his graduate studies, and in 1959, they returned to Durham when he joined Duke's faculty.

Inspired by her exposure to the League of Women Voters in Ann Arbor, Margaret joined the Durham chapter as a way to learn more about her community. That decision led to years of dedicated civic engagement, including observing and reporting on local government meetings to support informed League positions.

She spent countless hours attending meetings of the County Commissioners and a special committee addressing the future of a new hospital and the property where Lincoln Hospital once stood. While many involved in those efforts are no longer with us, Margaret accepts this recognition in honor of all the citizens who understood the importance of those decisions and worked to ensure the Durham community was informed and engaged.