

## Member of longtime OhioHealth Grant Medical Center philanthropic family passes



Robert Stewart Wood, a major supporter of OhioHealth Grant Medical Center, passed away August 4, 2017 in Canal Winchester. Mr. Wood was 89 years old.

Along with other members of the Wood Family, including his former and deceased wife, Peggy L. Wood, Mr. Wood had a passion for "giving back" to help others and made Grant one of the family's philanthropic priorities. More than two decades after succumbing to breast and lung cancers, the family was inspired to honor the memory of Peggy by establishing the Peggy L. Wood Cancer Information Library. Later, it became the Peggy L. Wood Cancer Services Endowment Fund.

Their dedication to support cancer programs and services at Grant was evident when the fund reached its \$1 million fundraising goal last year. Today, the fund continues to grow and serves cancer patients and their families through oncology information programs. Additionally, it also provides partial support for an oncology patient navigator service that Peggy personally benefited from during her own cancer journey.

Son Bob Wood recently recalled his parent's lifelong desire to help others. "I grew up ringside with two people who worked hard and gave back to their community. They are a testament to the greatest generation."

Mr. Wood is survived by his wife of 20 years, Carol Wood, children Kitty (Victor) Argobright, Cheryl Wood Mathias, Vicki Wood and Robert S. Wood II (Raegene), as well as 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

We are greatly saddened by the news of Mr. Wood's passing and offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Mr. Wood and his family's dedication to join our mission to improve the health of those we serve is a testament to the power of philanthropy to help others.