

Greensboro Selectboard
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GREENSBORO AWARD - HELEN DIMICK

While still in high school, she worked as a telephone operator and volunteered as a "Girl Guard". Their duty was to keep watch from the Look Out Tower on Cannon Mountain and if a plane was spotted, they were to radio the "Boy Guards" whose job it was to tell the soldiers.

As a young adult, she worked at the Hardwick Hospital, and then at the East Hardwick Nursing Home as a Nurses Aid. Her next employment was at the Greensboro Nursing Home where she worked for over 36 years, retiring twice, but never really leaving. To this day, she still puts in a number of hours as a volunteer. She has expanded her love for gardening by spending time cleaning out and creating new flower gardens. She has a gift for nurturing, sitting with and engaging the patients in conversation, as well as sitting with those who are dying. She also started the Grandparent's program, having schoolchildren visit the Nursing Home to spend time with the patients, benefiting young and old alike.

Over the years, she and her husband have spent time during the winter months in Florida, visiting friends and relatives and enjoying themselves at many of the State's attractions and parks.

This year's recipient is a great lover of animals. She has always had pets in her home. Her children talk of her raising a deer named "Tammy" who was orphaned and came to live with them as any other pet. She would come in the house and be treated like the family dog or cat. She also nursed injured birds, skunks and raccoons back to health. When their mother pig was having her babies, she was there helping to make sure they all survived. Just a couple years ago, she fell in love with a small white goat and named her Katie. She got to ride in the car and be in the house, despite her habit of bunting everyone when they bent over. Of course, you can't mention pets without talking about her dog "Torre". She was a part of the family for many years.

This year's Greensboro Award recipient was born in Hardwick, Vermont on March 10, 1930. She grew up on Spring Street with her brother Richard and parents, John and Hazel Jones.

She met her husband at a local dance in Hardwick, where, after an evening of dancing, he walked her home to make sure she got there safely.

After a short courtship, they were married on October 4, 1949. Over the years, they have lived in Hardwick, East Hardwick, Walden, Greensboro and Greensboro Bend. They have three children, Sharon, Gary and Kelly, 11 Grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren.

She loves her home, her flower gardens and her husband Pete. They enjoy spending time in Florida in the winter, visiting family and friends. She loves exploring new places, eating out and shopping. But probably one of her biggest enjoyments is visiting residents at the Greensboro Nursing Home. In her spare time, she likes doing crafts, making hand-made cards, taking oil painting classes, babysitting for grand-children, working on her computer, gardening, baking pies and donuts, and volunteering.

Helen, the Town owes you a wealth of gratitude for your constant time and energy for all you touch.