



The Woodlands at Furman Celebrates Resident's Historic 75-Year DAR Milestone

Nancy Lane Diver marks more than nine decades of connection to America's heritage

Greenville, SC - May 7, 2026 – The Woodlands at Furman is honored to announce that resident Nancy Lane Diver, aged 97, has been recognized with a rare and distinguished honor, marking 75 years of membership in the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Bestowed by the Walhalla Chapter of DAR, she is believed to be the longest-serving DAR member in South Carolina, a milestone that reflects a lifetime of dedication to her family's heritage.

Nancy has been a resident of the Woodlands since 2012, and she joined the Walhalla Chapter when she and her husband moved to Keowee Key, Salem, South Carolina, in 1996. She continued her membership in the Walhalla Chapter after moving to Woodlands. Her leadership there proved transformative. She served as Chapter Regent for eight years and helped grow membership from 10 to 40. She also contributed at the state level as Chair of the Education Committee, advancing the organization's mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Born April 22, 1929, in Ossining, New York, Nancy's connection to the organization began in childhood. Her parents were deeply engaged in genealogy, and her mother, Mable Lane, became a member of DAR and founded a local chapter of Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Nancy joined CAR at a young age and later transitioned to DAR at 18, continuing a family legacy rooted in a deep appreciation for American history. Her father, Lionel Lane, was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and their shared commitment has extended through generations, including her daughter Beth, who is active in DAR, Colonial Dames, and Daughters of 1812.

During the recent presentation, Nancy reflected on traveling with her parents as a child while they were engaged in DAR work, recalling experiences that shaped her lifelong commitment. Nancy's recognition not only celebrates an extraordinary personal milestone but also highlights the enduring importance of preserving history and inspiring future generations.

“Nancy’s commitment to DAR has remained constant and is a rare honor, as membership starts at 18 years of age,” said Carol Pollock of DAR Walhalla Chapter. “Eligibility in DAR requires strict proof of direct lineage to a Revolutionary War Patriot. Nancy’s dedication reflects nine decades of service to God, home, and country.”

The National Society began in 1890 in Washington, D.C. and is dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism through a range of programs and initiatives.

“Nancy shared incredibly moving memories of her parents’ work with DAR in her childhood, recalling experiences from as young as seven years old,” said Rick Brackett, President and CEO of The Woodlands at Furman. “Her story reflects the values we see every day in our community, where residents continue to lead lives of purpose, curiosity, and impact.”

The Woodlands at Furman, a 350-plus-resident senior living community in partnership with Furman University, is known for fostering lifelong learning and meaningful engagement, qualities exemplified by residents like Nancy.

About The Woodlands at Furman

The Woodlands at Furman is a premier Life Plan Community in Greenville, South Carolina, offering a full continuum of care. Voted Best of the Upstate eight years running, The Woodlands is the path of choice for active, lifelong learners with upscale amenities in a serene, natural setting. As the only locally owned and operated nonprofit Life Plan Community in the area, it offers tiered lifestyle and healthcare options all on one campus, including independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing, providing residents with peace of mind for the future. For more information, visit <https://thewoodlandsatfurman.org>.

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CAPTION: Woodlands at Furman resident Nancy Lane Diver, aged 97, is honored as the longest-serving National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution member in South Carolina, with 75 years of membership. She has documented three distinct ancestors who

provided service to the American cause during the Revolutionary War, which is a rare distinction and honor.