NORFOLK PRESBYTERY

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1965

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH HISTORY



Mrs. R. H. Boyce

Presented Lifetime Honorary Membership

in The Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church, U. S.

November 16, 1965

In 1959, the Boyces, Harry, Martha, Patsy and Johnnie, joined the Bayside Presbyterian Church. It was a joyous day for the saints at Bayside to receive this fine, dedicated family into our fellowship. They had been active members of Glenwood Park Presbyterian Church. Martha had been active in the women's work, and Harry was a deacon. Both have continued to be faithful and useful servants to their Lord. Their lives have been shining lights of their faith.

Martha taught in the Church School and in the Vacation Church School, and assisted with the youth groups. She was a Junior Camp Counsellor at Camp Hanover for two summers. She has held various offices in the Women of the Church: Spiritual Growth Chairman, General Fund Agencies Chairman, Key Woman of the Friends of the Seminary, Massanetta Delegate. She has attended Massanetta each summer and carried the Women of Bayside successfully through the transition to the new program of the Women of the Church.

Martha opened her home for "Cancer-Dressing Day" each month during the cold winter months. The Intensive Bible Study and Prayer Group also met with her. Her heart and her home had a warm welcome for all of these groups and for other meetings at any time.

In October 1963, she was elected President of the Women of the Church.

Martha did not spare herself or her time. She worked faithfully and diligently in this very important office in the life of the Women of the Church and in the work of the Church as a whole.

She was an outstanding President, spiritually inspiring, and always encouraging the women to attend the meetings in the Presbytery for training and information; also the community and interdenominational meetings which stirred us "to go that we may know" how to help meet the needs of the community and of the world as we were able.

Under her leadership the kitchen was furnished and the Fellowship Hall was tiled in the new church.

Martha will always be remembered for her work, friendly manner, her beautiful prayers, and her dedication.

Martha, in behalf of the Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church, it is a privilege and an honor to present this pin and Honorary Life Membership Certificate to you in the Women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Lila T. Johnson, Historian, 1965