

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

There were eleven people present at the first service Mrs. N. F. Krippendorf attended in the little Bayside Presbyterian Chapel at Robbins Corner one Sunday in the early nineteen fifties. The future of this congregation was quite uncertain. But things began to move. The life of the church was in the hands of a very small group of dedicated Christians. Prominent among these was Elvira Krippendorf, who gave herself generously to all of the activities of the church.

She was a charter member. Elvira taught in the Church School and in the Vacation Church School. She served in Various offices of the Women of the Church, including that of President in 1958-1959. As hospitality chairman, and even when she was not the chairman, she was among the leaders who prepared and directed the church suppers. She served dinner to the organization of the Men of the Church. She gave special attention to the flowers in the sanctuary for the hour of worship. She was in the first group in the church to prepare cancer dressings for the Virginia Beach Unit of the American Cancer Society.

In 1959 the Krippendorfs moved to Salem, Virginia, to be near their son and his family. Some years later they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. In December, 1977, Elvira returned to Virginia Beach, and in January, 1978, had her membership transferred to Bayside.

Elvira says that the happiest years of her life in the church were those when she and her husband were members of the Bayside Presbyterian Church at Robbins Corner. The reason -- everybody worked hard. When she recalls the small beginning, she views the present Bayside Church as an unbelievable miracle of grace and growth, and she is thankful.

We are indeed thankful for Elvira Krippendorf, that she was present at the birth of our congregation and carefully nurtured its early growth with her knowledgeable service and love. We rejoice that she is back at Bayside so once again we can profit from her guidance and Christian example.

Elvira, in behalf of the Women of Bayside Presbyterian Church, it is my privilege and honor to present to you this pin and Honorary Life Membership Certificate in the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Presented by,

Mary Jane Borchers  
Historian, 1977 - 1979

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