

Thanksgiving 2014

Soon after our golf course opened 15 years ago, our group started to take shape, and Bill Cheney was a part of the group from the beginning. Bill kept Glenn, Hurt, and me from being the oldest members.

Bill gradually played less and less as he and Eleanor started spending more and more time in Highlands. Bill lost Eleanor last month after 62 years of marriage.

The Cheney's are private people, and some of you "newcomers" - those with less than ten years in the group - probably didn't get to know them well. Eleanor was the daughter of John and Margaret McCarty, and grew up in Dalton. John McCarty was the money partner with Clarence Shaw in the formation of Shaw Industries. Page 257 of Carpet Capital: The Rise of a New South Industry, by Randall Patton states: "Shaw and John McCarty formed the Star Dye Company in 1944."

Several Churches and Colleges (including Emory) have benefited greatly from the Cheney's generosity.

Eleanor loved God, and in every way personified the "southern lady." There are dozens of Bible verses that describe her, and I chose this one:

11 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Happy Thanksgiving,

Gene