

## Wartburg Hosts Service of Prayer & Remembrance

A Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 20, 2018 paying tribute to loved ones including residents, registrants, loved ones and staff within the Wartburg community.

MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, USA, May 25, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Mount Vernon, NY, May 20, 2018 - Wartburg, an award-winning provider of comprehensive residential and healthcare services for seniors, hosted a Service of Prayer & Remembrance – A Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 20, 2018 paying tribute to loved ones including residents, registrants, loved ones and staff within the Wartburg community. The Celebration of Life is a



The Schaeffer Family in the Jean Schaeffer Garden

long standing Wartburg tradition, providing comfort and solace to all participants as they come together to reflect on the lives of their loved ones.

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Reverend Carol E. A. Fryer, Wartburg Director of Spiritual Care, presided over the celebration in Wartburg's historic chapel. The celebration was attended by over 70 individuals including Wartburg benefactors, staff, alumni, residents, family members and members of the local community.

"It was an honor to welcome those who participated in our 2018 spring ecumenical Service of Prayer and Remembrance, said Dr. David Gentner, Wartburg President and CEO. "While the type of services and population we serve has evolved, the deeply-rooted family values remain constant. We are grateful that so many families have allowed Wartburg to be part of their family, even if only for a brief time. It is my

hope that this dedication event helped families find some measure of peace and comfort."

The service also included the dedication of Wartburg legacy gifts—gardens, benches, nursing stations, trees and bricks—named in honor or memory of loved ones over the past year. Nestled among Wartburg's 34-acre exquisite campus, in sitting gardens and along walkways, these legacy gifts offer residents, families and staff outdoor sanctuaries to relax and reflect. These peaceful serenity gardens fulfill our mission bringing together nature and nurture, a vital part of the continuum of care that holds our Wartburg community together.

Following the blessing of each of these gifts, guests gathered in the garden named for Wartburg's assisted living resident Jean Schaeffer. Her family, came together to celebrate her life through sharing their favorite memories. Peter Schaeffer explained, "I felt that the best way to honor our mother's legacy was to name a garden for her at the Wartburg that we can come and visit, and remember all the times she spent enjoying the beauty of the garden."

"These legacy gifts not only allow us to celebrate memories, they also help beautify our campus." said Angela Ciminello, Wartburg Vice President of Development and Marketing, "We are incredibly thankful to our donors for their generous gifts that allow Wartburg to continue to provide compassionate, innovate care to our residents, rehabilitation patients and those aging at home."

## Wartburg

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior care services for all stages of life. Unlike conventional retirement communities, they provide a wide range of services to both residents living on campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted



Tree named in honor of the United Lutheran Church



Pastor Fryer blesses the new garden

living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, their continuing care approach has earned them a trusted reputation in Westchester. They also provide caregiver support every at every stage, with an array of options to find the level of care considers the whole family. Most recently, Wartburg received the 2016 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators and the 2015 Legacy Award from the Westchester County Chapter of the Links. In addition, Wartburg was named one of the "Best Nursing Homes in New York State", by U.S. News & World Report for the seventh consecutive year in 2017.

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