

**TRIBUTE
TO**

MARIE C. MABRY

Written by Barbara Allen, former Director, Goochland Social Services

I first met Marie in 1970 when I joined the staff of Goochland Social Services. She seemed to be quiet and reserved, and very experienced at her job. She was responsible for determining eligibility for assistance programs, and as I got to know her, I saw how seriously Marie took those responsibilities. She showed respect and empathy for those we served, and was skilled at applying rules and regulations equitably and accurately. She treated both clients and co-workers with respect and kindness and rarely lost her cool.

As I came to know Marie over the next 20+ years, I saw her as a quietly strong woman. She worked hard at her job. She was dedicated to her family, her church and community. I recall her talking about her children, and later her grandchildren, and I could tell how proud she was of each of them.

After 25 years of service to the county, Marie retired, but we occasionally ran into each other. She seemed to enjoy retirement and liked having more time to be involved in community activities as well as having more time for her family. She seemed especially to enjoy her work with the Goochland Christmas Mother Program.

I will remember Marie as a person of quiet strength and an example of devotion to family and service to others. Her life made a difference and she will be missed.

Read by Jackie J. Turner during the reflections portion of

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