



# Mary Alice Reinhardt

The life of this extraordinary person is perhaps best remembered in these words from her daughter, Ruth Reinhardt Watkins: “Her gardening is a perfect metaphor for who she was. For in every friend and stranger, in every family member, she Created, she Touched, she Grew so much in so many. Mother was always looking forward. She practiced the term ‘Generativity,’ thinking of the next generation and what we are leaving them. Think about all the trees around town, think about the medical and educational foundations on which she served, working to secure a solid future. She challenged all of us, you and me, to do our best to organize, improve, and serve.”



**The stained glass window details pictured above are from the Centralia United Methodist Church, in Centralia, MO. The windows illustrate a number of the parables of Jesus. The creation and installation of these windows was one of the many projects to which Mary Alice dedicated her time, energy and gifts.**

**“Generativity” can be defined as providing for future generations.  
Term attributed to George Vaillant of Harvard University.**