

Media Release

Village Honors Longtime Community Volunteer Elizabeth “Betty” Freeman

Cary, (May 29, 2007): Today, the Village of Cary honored longtime resident and community volunteer Elizabeth “Betty” Freeman with an honor bestowed on very few individuals. The Village named the path that travels through the Cary Cemetery after Mrs. Freeman. The sign that marks the naming reads “Freeman Lane.”

“Betty Freeman is a community treasure,” stated Mayor Steve Lamal. “She has been a dedicated Cary Cemetery volunteer and manager for over a quarter of a century,” stated the Mayor. In fact, Mrs. Freeman was the volunteer Chairperson of the Cary Cemetery Board for several decades, facilitating burials, upkeep, improvements and everything related to management of the historic area.

“Betty Freeman’s volunteer spirit has been a blessing to this community”, stated Cameron Davis, Village Administrator. “The care and love she directed to managing the Cary Cemetery has now been passed on to Village staff and we are going to work hard to live up to the standards set by Mrs. Freeman,” Davis continued.

Elizabeth “Betty” Freeman grew up Elizabeth “Betty” Harper in the Village of Cary. Born in Chicago, Mrs. Freeman’s parents purchased property in the Cary area back in 1923. Mr. Freeman is a longtime resident and Community volunteer.

In the past, Betty Freeman has been honored by both the Village and by the State of Illinois. In 2000, Betty Freeman received the Illinois Humanities Council Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award for her community volunteerism. In that same year, then Cary Mayor Donald Huffer awarded Betty Freeman with a coveted key to the village, also for her community spirited volunteerism.



The new sign post designating the Cemetery path for Betty Freeman.



Mayor Steve Lamal, Betty Freeman And Hank Harper (Mrs. Freeman's Brother) enjoyed the dedication Ceremony.

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