Betty Marie Davis Stewart 52BSN

Named 2016 Judson C. Ward “Jake’s” Golden Heart Award Recipient

On May 8, 2016 at the Corpus Cordis Aureum induction ceremony during Emory Commencement Weekend, Betty Marie Davis Stewart 52BSN will be presented with the Judson C. Ward “Jake’s” Golden Heart Award by the Emory Alumni Association. Stewart will be the award’s eighth recipient.

A friend and colleague describes Stewart, this year’s “Jake’s” Golden Heart Award recipient, as “more active in supporting the Emory School of Nursing than any other graduate in the school’s history.” Another points out that she “has dedicated her entire life for the support of Emory and the betterment of its students.”

By all accounts, Stewart is committed to Emory, to serving its faculty, students, and alumni, and to raising funds to ensure that innovative education and research may continue well into the future. A trailblazer at Emory, she has served the Nurses’ Alumni Association Board for more than three decades, chaired and presided over the Emory Alumni Council (now the Emory Alumni Board), served on the Emory University Board of Visitors and the School of Nursing Council of Fifty. In addition, Stewart helped found the Emory Alumni Association President’s Club, a group of EAA and school/unit board leaders who serve as an advisory group to the university. Beyond Emory, Stewart is a deeply committed volunteer for both her church and community.

“Dr. Judson C. Ward, ‘Jake,’ was a role model for all of us at Emory, and a special friend and mentor to me when I served as president of the Alumni Association so many years ago,” says Stewart. “It is with deep humility that I am being remembered with the award that bears his name, honoring his loyalty and his service to our alma mater.”

The Jake’s Golden Heart award was established in May 2010 in honor of its namesake and first recipient. Dr. Judson “Jake” Ward 33C 36G demonstrated values of service, generosity of spirit, and loyalty to the university. Recipients of his namesake award must be eligible members of Corpus Cordis Aureum, comprising alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago from any of Emory’s schools.

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