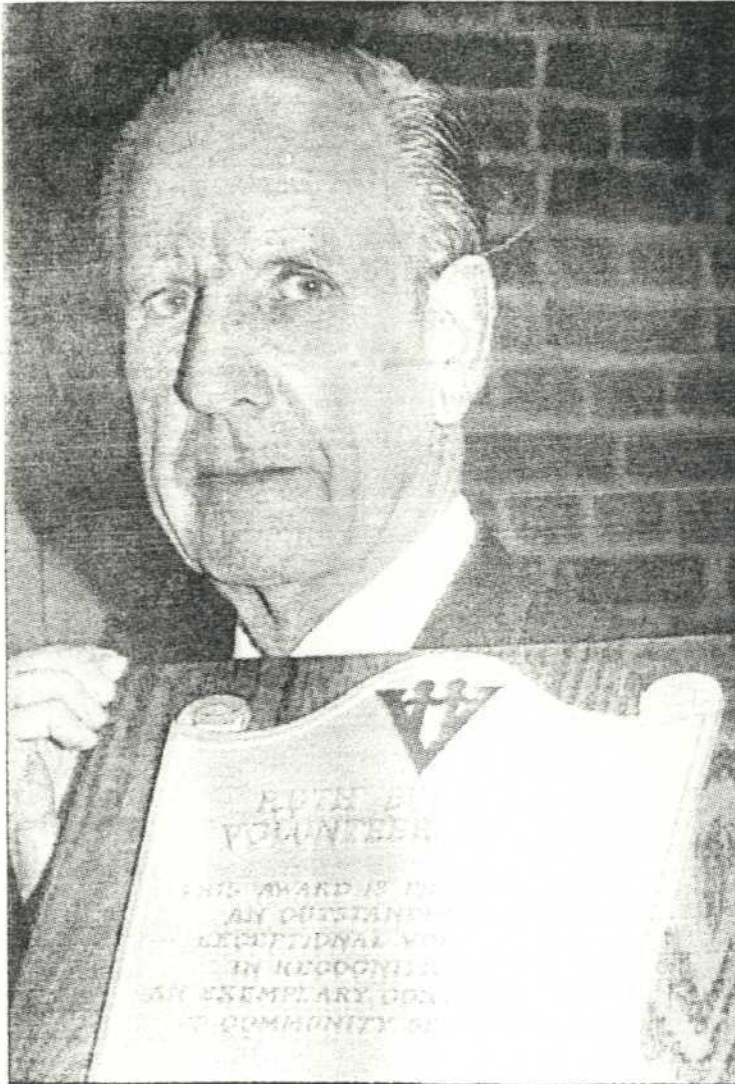


PATERSON; Christopher & Mary



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Christopher Paterson accepts award for his wife Mary.

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# Paterson honored

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The Ruth Burrows Volunteer award Monday posthumously honored Mary Paterson who died of cancer last November.

Paterson, who volunteered for two decades, was chosen from 10 nominees at the second annual ceremonies.

"Mary was a quiet and unassuming woman, and she would've wondered what all the fuss was all about," said her husband Christopher, 67, who accepted the award on his wife's behalf.

Mary battled cancer for almost a decade, yet she kept volunteering for the Quinte Ballet Guild, Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation and Hastings Manor.

"She was a real battler, and a true spirit," Christopher said. "She was a wonderful wife and a wonderful companion."

The award is given annually for outstanding and exceptional volunteer service. It was named after the Central Volunteer Bureau's first executive director.

The pair never met but Burrows called the late Paterson "a fine lady."

"It is really quite satisfying for me to see the centres recognize volunteers this way."

Mayor Shirley Langer was on hand to congratulate the volunteers.

"I want to thank you for being who you are and what you do," she said.