

# Ralph C. and Marie E. George



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*Alaska pioneers Ralph and Marie George understood the impact higher education has on the lives of young people.*

*In the late 1980s, the Georges decided to make a significant contribution toward their state university, one that would reach far into the future. They found their answer in estate planning. With the help of UAA officials, the Georges crafted their wills to stipulate that a portion of their estate would be given to the university after their deaths. The couple also agreed to donate their archives—a half-century of papers and other items relating to civil service in Alaska—to the new UAA/APU Consortium Library.*

*Both made substantial contributions to the development of the state of Alaska over their lifetimes and, thanks to their foresight, will continue to do so.*

*The \$600,000 the Georges bequeathed to UAA will fund the Ralph and Marie George Professorship and create and endow a scholarship supporting nursing and engineering students and faculty. Archivists are processing the George's historical papers, which will be made available to scholars.*

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## Ralph C. George

Ralph Clinton George served in the U.S. Army, during World War II, from 1941 to 1945. He was an engineer with the federal government. Mr. George passed away in 1997.

## Marie E. George

Marie "Betty" Elizabeth George was born September 26, 1917, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. In 1935, she graduated from LaTrobe Hospital School of Nursing.

In 1954, Mrs. George moved to Alaska as a nurse. She later served as a state magistrate.

Mrs. George enjoyed needle work and was a member of Arctic Needle Workers and Embroiderers Guild of America. She was also a member of Court Watch and Providence Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. George died December 20, 2004, of natural causes, in Anchorage, Alaska.