

# HONORING MARIBETH WILSON COLLINS

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Maribeth Collins' radiant smile was a hallmark of the gracious and open-hearted generosity she brought to her life. Her unwavering strength, her gentle way of being, her fierce integrity, and her deep and thoughtful caring — about her family, her community, and the important issues of our time — have left a remarkable legacy.

For 41 years, from 1964 to 2005, Maribeth served as President of The Collins Foundation, wisely shepherding its clear yet powerful mission to improve the quality of life in Oregon. Improving the quality of health care in our state has long been a part of the Foundation's focus.

A beloved benefactor and friend of the Center for Ethics in Health Care from its very beginning, Maribeth personified in so many ways all that the Center stands for. Compassion was a core value that she embodied in everything she did. And she was both quietly resolute and extraordinarily generous in her desire to support the Center's mission to ensure that compassion remains at the heart of all health care.

"Maribeth has been a shining light of inspiration for the Center for Ethics," said Susan Tolle, MD, Director of the Center. "Her legacy of caring will continue to shine brightly in the future — most especially in the Program for Compassionate Communication. In everything she did she showed us how to make the world a better place. We are profoundly grateful to her for partnering with us to transform health care, and for the grace she brought to her life and ours. We will miss her wise and gentle spirit greatly."