

# Retiring

By BB&T, MBA of Tallahassee, TBR

**A**fter a distinguished forty-nine year mortgage banking career, we are honored to announce the retirement of Margie Fletcher effective September 30, 2012. In 1963, Margie began her mortgage banking career with Commonwealth Corporation and later worked for Stockton Whatley & Davin, Colonial Bank, and First South Bank, which later merged with BB&T.

Through the span of Margie's residential lending career interest rates have fluctuated from 2.5% to 20%. The documentation requirements have gone from everything to nothing and back to everything again. It is interesting to note that Freddie Mac, which was established in 1970, did not exist when she started her lending

career. She has worked through the regulation or non-regulation of 10 U.S. presidents and six chairmen of the Federal Reserve System.

Margie is a native of Marianna, Florida and a graduate of Chipola College. She is a mother of two daughters, Jessica and Emily. For 35 years, she was the wife to the late George W. Fletcher, Jr.

Margie has served on a number of boards, including the Florida Mortgage Bankers Association, Mortgage Bankers Association of Tallahassee, Tallahassee Board of REALTORS®, and the Young Actors Theatre. She serves every year helping raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Cattle Barons Ball. She was the TBR Affiliate of the Year, multiple years, including 1980, '81, and '83. We know because these are the plaques on her wall. Margie has been involved in the Tallahassee Mortgage Bankers Association since . . . , well, for as long as anyone can remember. During her career, there were times when she has almost single-handedly kept this association intact. The Mortgage Bankers Association of Tallahassee now boasts of growth in membership and is a healthy, vibrant resource for lenders in the area. Margie was the 2005 recipient of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida Brown L Whatley Award.

Margie has a reputation for a strong work ethic and displays servant leadership. It is not uncommon for her to be in the office and at her desk working until 7 p.m. or later. She has always said, "You answer the phones during the day and put the applications together at night, there is no other way." Some of the people



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who have worked with Margie have said the following: "Margie is always business, but has a very caring soul just when we need it most." "No matter the situation Margie is always fair, always compassionate, and always a lady." "The ultimate role model for work ethic, persistence, and dedication to her job." "It's like working for the best of the best." "She is an Icon – Fearless – Dedicated – Compassionate. She has molded my career." "Margie is the most caring, knowledgeable, and hard working person I have ever worked with and she has made an invaluable contribution to the mortgage industry in Tallahassee and throughout the State of Florida."

Margie Fletcher has contributed so much to our Tallahassee real estate market. There isn't enough space on the page to detail her commitment and influence. While she will be deeply missed, we celebrate all that she has contributed to our industry.

—Margie's friends at BB&T, the Mortgage Bankers Association of Tallahassee, and the Tallahassee Board of REALTORS®.

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