

# The Van and Lou Ellis Prayer Garden



This spring, Dallas Baptist University was pleased to dedicate the Van and Lou Ellis Prayer Garden. Nestled between the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel and the John G. Mahler Student Center, the Ellis Prayer Garden overlooks Mountain Creek Lake and offers a place of quiet and solitude for students, faculty, and visitors alike.

A luncheon, followed by a special ceremony in the Prayer Garden, was held to honor Mrs. Lou Ellis and the late Mr. Van Ellis. It was attended by Mrs. Ellis, her daughter Meredith and son-in-law Jack Woodworth, grandson Jeffrey ('05 DBU alumnus), granddaughter Molly (current DBU student), and members of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis' Sunday School Class from Park Cities Baptist Church.

The Ellis family has been friends of Dallas Baptist University since the 1960s. Through their work with the Granville C. and Gladys H. Morton Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas, they have graciously supported numerous University projects over the years, including the Tom and Alicia Landry Welcome Center, the Vance Memorial Library, Spence Hall, the Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award Dinner, and the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel.



*Mrs. Lou Ellis (center) along with her daughter Meredith Woodworth (right) and son-in-law Jack (left) at the dedication luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth ensured that the Ellis's generous legacy of support would be remembered at DBU by helping to create the Ellis Prayer Garden.*