



The management team of James Kilmer Condominium Association is the 2020 recipient of the **Kathy Patton Award**. The James Kilmer team consists of Michael Vitek, Property Manager; Nichelle McFarlin, Assistant Property Manager; Janine Hodes, Bookkeeper; and Kathy Burgess, Administrative Assistant. *The Kathy Patton Award*, which has been presented for the past 11 years, is given to the professional or team of professionals that best represent the attributes of accuracy, being on-time, effective/proactive and persistent communication, anticipating needs and doing their best to meet those needs. These were the attributes embodied by the late Kathy Patton.



## Kathy Patton

Kathy Patton was Community Specialists' first controller and passed away in 2009.

Kathy was the guiding force in helping us develop an accounting system and department that held the highest standards of accuracy and support for the properties and managers.

Kathy moved Community Specialists from the old Skyline System into Jenark. She saw the company grow from a handful of properties into a mid-size corporation and accepted each new property with a smile.

You could find Kathy in the office when you arrived, and she was there when you said good night. Kathy helped all of us understand the financials and was willing to listen and work with the manager if something special was needed for the Board. Kathy would do whatever was needed to get the managers and supervisors the information and tools they needed to do the job. She helped the managers understand that accounting needed their support to do their jobs which involved all the properties, not just that individual property.

Her hand was in the financial statements, she would cut you a check if you needed, answer a payroll question and train you on how to use Jenark or the payroll system. Kathy always had the answer or would get it for you. She would listen, tell you what could or could not be done, teach you the difference between cash and accrual and take the time to meet with the Board Treasurer.

Everyone in the company knew that they could count on Kathy to provide them what they needed correctly and in a timely manner. Accuracy was a must and doing it on schedule was always a priority.

We lost Kathy in 2009 to cancer. She continued to come to the office and work, as she loved to do, until her last weeks. When Kathy passed, a light went out that we all miss. She is remembered and honored by all who knew her.

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