



*The Mississippi Health Care Association (MHCA) is pleased to present a series of profiles of residents across Mississippi titled, "An Enriched Life" to highlight the impact of their lives.*

**Velma Lusk – age 85, Briar Hill Nursing & Rehabilitation in Florence**

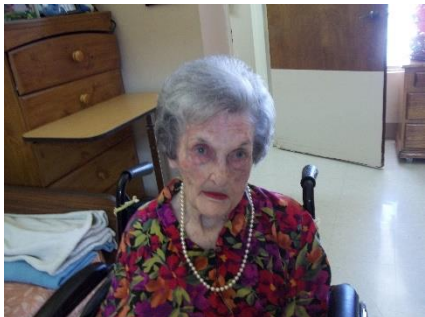
Velma Lusk, a resident of Briar Hill Nursing & Rehabilitation in Florence, exemplifies "An Enriched Life" for many reasons.

Mrs. Lusk served as an Alderwoman with five different Mayors of Florence, and she's also served as the Mayor of Florence twice.

She started her political career in 1981, elected for the first time as Alderwomen then, at a time when there were very few female officeholders in the area or the entire state.

Before running for office, she worked in the florist business. As an elected official, she had a unique ability to communicate with her constituents and she continues to maintain many of these relationships over the years.

Mrs. Lusk was inducted into the Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame. She's been quoted as saying her key to success was viewing herself as working for the people of the city and focusing on serving others. That's a big reason why people trusted her to serve as a leader of Florence for 22 years.



Velma Lusk has lived a lifetime of building relationships and friendships in her community, by serving others and making Florence a better place.

She exhibits the qualities that demonstrate the spirit of living "An Enriched Life" and thousands of people have been impacted by her service to others.

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