



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

## Statement from Senator Patty Ritchie

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A pillar of the Watertown community for many years, Mabel Walker will be sorely missed by the many people who knew and loved her.

The list of ways that Mabel Walker has positively impacted our region is seemingly without end. As the cofounder of Hospice of Jefferson County, she gave the gift of compassion to countless people in need of peace and comfort. Alongside her husband, former Mayor T. Urling Walker, she made it a priority to see that local people had expanded access to cancer treatment; a cause that was extremely personal, and close to her heart.

To say Mabel Walker's philanthropy and volunteerism have changed the North Country for the better would be an understatement. The impact of her generosity was transformative and will be felt for many generations to come. I join people across the North Country in mourning her loss and extend my most sincere condolences to her family and friends.