

Bernard Family Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Ann M. Bernard

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (typically approximately \$500)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2016

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing student with a minimum GPA of 3.2

Anna Mae Bernard always wanted to be a nurse. In 1948, she graduated from the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing with her diploma. She worked at Schoitz Memorial Hospital (now Covenant Medical Center) in Waterloo, along with Ernest Bernard's mother. In 1955, Ernest's mother introduced him to Anna, and in 1956, Anna and Ernest were married.

Ernest was a dairy farmer outside of Wellsburg. The couple later moved to Ackley, and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary shortly before Anna passed away in March of 2016. They had three children: Beth, who now lives in Brandon; Paul, who lives in Waterloo; and Marjorie, who lives in Des Moines. Now retired, Ernest enjoys playing the organ at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wellsburg.

Ernest describes Anna as a person full of tender, loving care. Her passion for helping others extended beyond her nursing career to volunteer work for hospice. A sentimental record-keeper and photographer, Anna was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also practically famous for her red velvet cake.

Ernest established this endowed scholarship as a memorial to his wife, who was always proud of her connection to Allen College. He knows every little bit helps toward paying for a nursing education.