

Patricia Boeck Memorial Scholarship



Amount: \$500

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2006

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student, preference may be given to a graduate from Janesville High School and if none to a graduate from a high school in Bremer County.

Patricia Boeck wanted to be a nurse since she was a little girl. And her dream came true. Patricia graduated from the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1969 and committed her entire career to the nursing and healthcare profession.

After graduation from Allen, Patricia worked with student nurses for a year before pursuing her bachelor's degree at the University of Iowa. She then returned to Allen to teach for five years before a 15-year career as Director of Nursing at the Waverly Hospital. Patricia then returned to academia to complete her master's degree in counseling at UNI. Although she worked with people with various needs, Patricia particularly enjoyed counseling people with gambling addictions.

Patricia was an avid trout fisherman and shared a great sense of humor with those around her. Her mother, Beverly, laughs that "We always treated her as our own family doctor for questions about this or that."

When faced with the challenges of illness and the need for constant oxygen, Patricia purchased a Segway to help her get around. Figuring out how to balance the oxygen tank between her feet on the Segway is another example of how she wouldn't let obstacles slow her down. Patricia passed away at 57 years of age.

Patricia's parents, Lewis and Beverly Boeck, want to provide this scholarship as a way "to commemorate her life and the profession she loved."