

Dona Buhr Memorial Scholarship



Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$1,300)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2006

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student enrolled full-time, minimum GPA of 3.0, preference may be given to a student with a rural background from Bremer County.

The Dona Buhr Memorial Scholarship is given by Daniel Buhr as a memorial for his wife. Dona passed away August 10, 2006.

Dona graduated from the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1957. All those years ago, nursing might not have been Dona's first career choice if it hadn't been for Dona's twin brother going to college that same year. There just wasn't enough money to send her to college, too. But Dona could afford to go to Allen. She was delighted with her career path, however it came to be.

Dona had a bachelor's degree and was an RN and a certified emergency room nurse. She worked as a nurse at Rath Packing Company as well as several area hospitals, including Allen, until her retirement in 2001. Daniel remembers that she particularly enjoyed her time in the emergency room, the utilization department and the ICU.

Dona was passionate about singing and gardening when she wasn't working. She sang with the Metropolitan Chorale for many years. And, she spent many hours tending to her flowers.

Daniel hopes that this scholarship will help another student like Dona complete a degree at Allen College.