

Erma Burk Memorial Scholarship

Type: Yearly gift

Amount: Determined yearly by donor (typically \$500-\$1,000)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 1994

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student, preference given to a student from Buchanan County

Wayne Burk established the scholarship in honor of his mother, Erma Burk. Erma passed away June 2, 1994, of natural causes.

Erma was born in Cedar Falls and married Harold L. Burk on June 19, 1931, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Harold and Erma farmed in Black Hawk County until 1951 when Harold passed away.

Following the death of her husband, Erma attended nursing school in Rapid City, South Dakota. She graduated with her nursing degree from the Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls.

She worked at Allen Memorial Hospital for 20 years as a registered nurse and later worked for Drs. Bailey, Morrison and Basu.

Erma's duties at Allen Memorial Hospital included supervising the emergency department and later operating the Allen Convalescent Home. She also worked as a nurse at the University of Northern Iowa.

Wayne was Erma and Harold's only child. According to Wayne, Erma loved being a nurse and helping others.

This scholarship will assist a few students strive for their dreams and, hopefully, acquire the same happiness Erma gained from her profession.