

# E. James O'Connor Memorial Scholarship



**Amount:** \$500

**# Offered:** One per year

**Deadline:** Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

**Established:** 1997

**Special Criteria:** Nursing student.

E. James O'Connor graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce and the University of Oklahoma with a diploma in commercial lending. He was employed for 40 years at the Mercantile bank, formerly known as the Waterloo Savings Bank, and served as president from 1987 until he retired in 1990. Following his retirement, he became a realtor for "C" Charlie Cox Reality. At the time of his death, he was employed as a real estate agent for Cortright Realtors.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Jim also served in many community organizations. He was the past president of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Sertoma Club and the Black Hawk County Bankers Association, as well as past chairman of the board of the Black Hawk County Red Cross, and Crippled Children and Adults of Black Hawk County.

Jim was a strong advocate of Allen Memorial Hospital and served on the Memorial Foundation of Allen Hospital's Endowment Committee. He also served as treasurer of the Henry B. Allen Family Foundation.

Jim died of lung cancer at Allen Memorial Hospital on August 29, 1997, at the age of 70. He was survived by his wife, Joanne, a 1959 graduate of Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing; one son, Michael; two stepdaughters, Michelle and Lisa; two stepsons, Scott and Christopher; two grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas.