

# Arthur & Ruth Pries Scholarship



**Type:** Quasi Endowed

**Amount:** Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$1,250)

**# Offered:** One per year

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

**Established:** 2003

**Special Criteria:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Associate of Science in Radiography (ASR) student who is enrolled full-time.

The Arthur and Ruth Pries Scholarship was established in 2004 through a gift to Allen College for scholarships for students enrolled at Allen College.

Art Pries grew up in the little community of Bremer, Iowa. Ruth grew up nearby, in the little community of Fredericksburg, Iowa. They met in the big city, at a dance in Waterloo's Electric Park Ball room in 1956. In 1957 they married.

Art attended business trade school for tool and die engineering. He went to work at Titus Manufacturing in Waterloo. After several years at Titus, he left to start his own business. He founded Pries Enterprises in Waterloo. It was a successful venture and he eventually sold the business to his partner. Profits from the sale financed the start of his second business, Iowa Custom Machines, which he ran until he retired in 1997.

Ruth attended Gates Business college and then worked for ALD Inc. in Chicago for eight years and then worked for John Deere for 29 years, retiring in 1985. She worked for many years as secretary for the controller and was head cashier when she retired.

Art was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed deer hunting. He belonged to Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and the National Rifle Association. He used the lathes and drilling machines in his shop at home to work on guns and gunstocks.

Ruth played the piano and organ and liked to read and garden. She was active in Women's groups at Nazareth Lutheran Church. In past years she did volunteer work at the Lutheran Home.

Art and Ruth enjoyed traveling. Together they visited all 50 states. After they retired, they spent the winter months in Pharr, Texas.

Art passed away in July of 2004. He had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, COPD, and required oxygen to assist his breathing. "He always thought the gals (nurses) at Allen were so nice, and he wanted to do something nice for them," Ruth says. The Art and Ruth Pries Scholarship was established to say thanks. Ruth passed away November 2010.