

Lewis L. Zager, M.D., Memorial Scholarship



Amount: \$500

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 1993

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing student

Lewis L. Zager, M.D., was born and raised in Iowa City, Iowa. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa. He also attended the University of Tennessee for one year and worked construction at the Norris Dam. After he graduated from the University of Iowa School of Medicine in 1940, he practiced in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and at the Burlington, Iowa, Ordinance Plant.

He served in the Army's European theater during World War II. Following World War II, he returned to the University of Iowa where he completed a five-year residency in general surgery. He then joined the practice of Clark N. Cooper, M.D. and C. J. Mikelson, M.D., which eventually became Surgical and Orthopedic Associates, and is now part of Cedar Valley Medical Specialists.

Dr. Zager practiced 28 years before his July 1978 retirement. During his practice, he had made strong associations with many of the doctors in the surrounding area. Although he was on the staff at many hospitals, Allen Memorial Hospital was his preferred choice. He always appreciated the quality nursing care his patients received at Allen Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Zager was a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and was certified by the American Board of Surgery. He served as president of the Allen Memorial Hospital Medical Staff from 1976 to 1977, as well as the Black Hawk County Medical Society.

His retirement winters were spent in Arizona. His hobbies included golf and bridge. He was active at Central Christian Church of Waterloo where he served as an elder.

Dr. Zager passed away in January 1989. He had a very special quality of meeting people. He respected them and related to them with honesty, warmth and compassion. He had three sons, one of whom is a nurse anesthetist.

His wife, Phyllis, is aware of how much a doctor values the qualities of a well-trained nursing staff. She feels these qualities are found in the nurses at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital. Also, her husband felt that a hospital with a strong educational facility provided the best patient care. For these reasons, she felt it was appropriate to establish this scholarship as a memorial to him and to enhance the continuing excellence of the nursing profession.