

Health, Helping & Healing Endowed Scholarship (given by Marietta & Wayne Sargeant)

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$900)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2013

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student who is enrolled full-time, has a 3.0 minimum GPA and is involved in the community.

Wayne A. Sargeant and Marietta Rieken Sargeant were married on November 12, 1988.

Wayne was born in Chickasaw County, Iowa. He attended country schools and graduated from Ionia High School in 1955, where he participated in one-act and class plays. Baseball was his favorite sport. After graduation, Wayne began farming. In August 1961, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and completed 16 weeks of basic and engineering training at Fort Leonard Wood. He was then stationed in Hanau, Germany, serving in the 37th Engineer Group near the Russian border. During his service, the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred, and his unit was on high alert. Wayne returned to the United States in 1963 and continued his service through monthly National Guard meetings in Mason City. In 1964, he spent two weeks at Camp McCoy in Wisconsin and remained on call until his honorable discharge on July 31, 1967.

Following his military service, Wayne resumed farming, focusing on dairy cattle and crop production. He retired in 2002 and later worked in maintenance at the Waverly Public Library in the mornings and Waverly Senior Housing in the afternoons.

Marietta was born near Allison in Butler County, Iowa. She attended country schools and graduated from Allison-Bristow High School in 1958, where she also participated in one-act and class plays. After graduation, she began her career at Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company (now TruStage), where she held various positions over 45 years. After 20 years of full-time work, she transitioned to part-time while earning her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa. She spent the final 20 years of her career as the Corporate Librarian.

During her career, Marietta mentored a mentally challenged young woman in the library and held officer positions in the Waverly Chapter of the National Secretaries Association and the Iowa Library Association. After retiring in 2003, she volunteered at the Waverly Health Center and served as Vice President and President of the Waverly Health Center Auxiliary.

Marietta has been deeply involved in her church, serving as Sunday School Secretary/Treasurer, Superintendent, and teacher for many years. She also served on the Church Council and Board of Education and taught confirmation to two mentally challenged individuals—a spiritually enriching experience she cherishes. She will tell you it was a very rewarding experience to witness and feel the

presence of the Holy Spirit not only in their lives but hers as well. She saw “This Little Light Shine” more than once! She currently participates in the Visitation Ministry at Peace United Church of Christ in Waverly.

Her additional activities include planning the Lutheran Mutual Life Centennial Celebration, serving on the Pounds for Purpose Committee, participating in the Company’s Suggestion Steering Committee, and assisting with a seminar and office product show at UNI.

Together, Wayne and Marietta have enjoyed flower gardening, watching basketball, playing 500, reading and traveling. They have taken 18 bus tours across various regions of the United States.

The **Health, Helping, Healing Scholarship** was established to support students pursuing careers in healthcare. The scholarship reflects the belief that once a student completes their education and enters the health field, they will be actively helping patients in their healing journey—ultimately restoring health. With the growing shortage of medical services in rural Iowa, this scholarship is a meaningful way to extend care and support to many.