

Kristine Martinson & Family Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$2,000)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2018

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student. Preference may be given first to a graduate of Cedar Falls High School and if none to a graduate from a high school in Black Hawk County. Demonstration of community involvement in Cedar Falls area a plus.

The Kristine Martinson & Family Endowed Scholarship was established by David Martinson in loving memory of his wife, Kristine, who passed away on June 19, 2018. High school sweethearts, Kristine and David were married in 1990 and built a life centered around family, faith and service.

Kristine was born and raised in Black Hawk County and graduated from the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1989 with a diploma in nursing. She later earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa and worked in nursing until her retirement in 1995. Kristine was known for her joyful spirit, warm hospitality and deep love for her family—including their four children and family pets. Kristine took most pride and pleasure in being a wife to David and mother to their four children. She loved to care for her husband, children and family pets and she made their home a place where everyone wanted to be and everyone felt welcomed.

Kristine loved life and had a constant smile and contagious laughter. She enjoyed baking, gardening, working on home improvement projects, reading, going on long walks and bike rides, dancing, exercising (CrossFit), doing yoga and traveling with family and friends.

Her legacy continues through her family's connection to Allen College. Most recently, Kristine and David's daughter graduated from Allen College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, further reflecting Kristine's passion for the profession.

David created this scholarship to honor Kristine's memory and to support students who share her compassion and calling to care for others. Through this gift, Kristine's love for nursing lives on in the lives of future caregivers.

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