

Robert Bailey, MD and Robert Morrison, MD Scholarship



Dr. Robert & Solveig Bailey



Dr. Robert & Maxine Morrison

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$500)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 1999

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student, preference may be given to a student expressing an interest in medical/surgical or cardiac nursing

The Bailey and Morrison Scholarship is an outgrowth of a long-lasting friendship between two colleagues whose patients over the years have experienced firsthand the superiority of care Allen nurses provide.

Dr. Robert Morrison was born on March 11, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota. After he graduated with a B.E. degree from the Illinois State Teachers College in 1942, he entered the Northwestern Medical School in Chicago. It was here he met Robert Bailey, a Parkersburg native who attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. The two became friends ever since.

Time at first separated the pair. After interning at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Dr. Bailey spent two years in the U.S. Army, and then resumed his medical training at Passavant and Northwestern. He became board certified in internal medicine in 1954, and set up his first practice in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dr. Morrison graduated from medical school in 1944 and interned at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. He, too, served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1945 to 1947. He completed a year of internal medicine at the University of Southern California, followed by one year of cardiology and a final year of research fellowship in cardiology.

In the meantime, Dr. Bailey had introduced his sister, Maxine, to Dr. Morrison back in medical school, and they were later married. Dr. Morrison started his practice in Waterloo in 1950 and was joined by Dr. Bailey in 1953. Their practice was centered at Allen Memorial Hospital, together until 1986, when Dr. Morrison retired and continued to offer his expertise as a volunteer at Allen Memorial Hospital. Dr. Morrison passed away in 2009.

Dr. Bailey continued the practice until 1991 and proceeded to practice medicine on a half-time basis at People's Clinic. Dr. Bailey and his wife, Solveig, moved to Northfield, Minnesota following his retirement in 1996. Dr. Bailey passed away in 2001 and Solveig Bailey passed away in 2019.

Drs. Bailey and Morrison felt that through their years of practicing medicine at Allen Hospital, the school of nursing remained excellent and the nurses at Allen outstanding.