

# Shirley Strouse Memorial Endowed Scholarship



**Type:** Endowed

**Amount:** Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$2,900)

**# Offered:** One per year

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

**Established:** 2005

**Special Criteria:** Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) student who is enrolled full-time. Preference may be given to students from the 11 county service area in Northeast Iowa.

Bill Strouse (pictured above) of Waterloo established this scholarship in memory of his wife, Shirley Strouse. Shirley, who died on January 22, 1986, was a home economics graduate of Michigan State University, den mother, Girl Scout leader, PTA president and local American Association of University Women (AAUW) officer. Most of all she was a wife and mother of six children.

The close-knit Strouse family agreed that helping students advance in nursing studies would be very meaningful, and that Shirley would be very pleased knowing this scholarship will help pay for education costs. At one time, she edited the state AAUW newsletter, "The University Woman."

One of Bill and Shirley's children, Nancy Strouse, is an L.P.N. who worked at Allen Hospital many years. The family feels that nursing students are especially appreciative of scholarship assistance and very pleased to be able to help them.

Bill has given to Allen Foundation for more than a decade, both to honor Nancy's long service at the hospital and to say thanks for the care he has received as an Allen patient. In 2004, the Strouse family made a gift that named a labor/delivery/recovery/postpartum room in memory of Shirley. The very first baby born in the new Allen Birthing Center arrived in that room.

Bill passed away October 26, 2015.