

# Sandra Thurm Memorial Scholarship

<b>Type:</b>	Memorial gift
<b>Amount:</b>	\$500 yearly until funds are exhausted
<b># Offered:</b>	One per year
<b>Deadline:</b>	Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application
<b>Established:</b>	2017
<b>Special Criteria:</b>	Bachelor of Science in Nursing student enrolled full-time.

Sandra Thurm had a calling to live a life of service and to help make the world a better place. This is probably the greatest lesson she taught her family; how to be caring, affectionate, and empathetic towards others, especially those in need.

She exemplified service excellence and continuous improvement, be it to the patients she cared for, or for the students she taught throughout her 45 years in nursing. Sandra was part of a system-wide collaboration to identify best practice for managing diabetic care with patients. For its time, such a collaboration was very much charting new waters. The way she valued and treasured relationships, and also the way she valued clinical excellence made her a significant player in Iowa Health System being able to work as a team & win the nationally recognized Codman Award for standardizing practice across the system.

Sandra was an outstanding nurse whose courage, competence, and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stands out above others, she was honored in 2010 as one of the State's 100 Great Nurses. Even in her final days from as she was undergoing induction chemotherapy, she was committed to excellence and was willing to share her valuable knowledge, field expertise and observations.

Sandra was married for 49 years to her husband Dale. She raised three daughters who would all graduate from college and work in service-related fields. Throughout her life, she juggled her roles balancing the needs of her family and friends along with her career and patients.

She worked for Allen Memorial Hospital for over 40 years serving many patients and students.

Sandra enjoyed traveling, gardening and planning activities with her friends and family.

Sandra's family established this scholarship in the hope that Sandra Thurm's legacy will live on through the accomplishments of nurses who she has taught, patients she has served and now through this scholarship to honor her memory.