

# Phyllis A. "Pavlicek" McClenathan Memorial Scholarship

**Type:** Annual

**Amount:** Determined yearly by donor (estimate=\$1,000)

**# Offered:** One yearly

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

**Established:** 2022

**Special Criteria:** Nursing student for their senior year with desire and/or ability to apply excellent clinical nursing skills and dedicated to providing compassionate care for their patients. A new recipient is selected each year.

This scholarship was established by Dean McClenathan and his children to honor the life and legacy of Phyllis McClenathan, a dedicated and compassionate nurse who made a lasting impact on her patients.

Phyllis began her nursing career after graduating from the Allen Hospital School of Nursing in 1974. She worked as a registered nurse in the nursery at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids from 1974 to 1984, and later at Winona Health's Family Birth Center from 1985 until 2005. Phyllis was known for her exceptional clinical skills and her unwavering commitment to providing gentle, patient-centered care. She passed away in 2006 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Dean McClenathan worked as a mechanical designer and industrial engineer at Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids from 1973 to 1984, and later as an electro-mechanical engineer at Lake Center Industries (later TRW Automotive) in Winona, Minnesota, from 1984 to 2008. Now mostly retired, Dean owns and is the only employee of the Owl's Nest Woodcrafts.

Dean and Phyllis were married in 1974 and raised two children, Denise and Mark. Dean grew up in Independence, and Phyllis was raised on a farm near Clutier.

This scholarship is a tribute to Phyllis's lifelong dedication to nursing and her deep compassion for others. It supports future nurses who share her passion for caring and excellence in the field of healthcare.

Updated in 2022.