

## Ellen Kottwitz Memorial Scholarship for Nursing & Health Related Professions



Ellen Kottwitz lived in Centralia from June, 1976 to June 1983. She came to Centralia because her husband, Cleo, was appointed pastor of the Centralia United Methodist Church. Their three children are all graduates of Centralia High School: John, 1979; Ann, 1981; and, Mark, 1983.

Ellen was a Registered Nurse, a 1960 graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. During her years in Centralia, she worked on the Obstetrics division of Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Missouri, the last four years as Head Nurse. Later, she began working in Public Health Nursing, especially with prenatal care. She was instrumental in organizing the Phelps County Prenatal Clinic in Rolla.

In 1992, Ellen was diagnosed with a degenerative liver disease, and she died August 13, 1999, following liver transplant surgery. She loved nursing, caring for people, listening to their stories, and encouraging and aiding them in their journey. Cleo often teased her that she would work without pay because she often forgot to pick up her check!

The ELLEN KOTTWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING & HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS was established to encourage and support Centralia High School graduates to prepare for a career in nursing (first preference) or other health related professions. It is available both to graduating seniors and to graduates from previous years who are enrolled in health care studies.

Preference will be given to students financial need, who might not be able to attend without assistance, and for those who have a strong aptitude for nursing/health care. Hopefully, the student's grades will be above average, but an exception might be made, if the school counselors and church committee believe the student has the ability to do the work and has a strong commitment to nursing/health care.

Application for the scholarship shall be made through the Counselor's Office of Centralia High School. A committee designated by the Administrative Council of the Centralia United Methodist Church shall choose the recipient.

This is an endowed scholarship with funds invested/managed by the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. The annual income from the endowment, estimated at \$1,000, will be available for one or more scholarships as determined by the church committee. When the student is enrolled in college or other training institution, the Foundation will send a check directly to the appropriate office.



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