



Mary Alice Reinhardt

Mary Alice Reinhardt (1924-2002) was a graduate of Iowa State University, wife of William H. Reinhardt, and mother of four. She was a leader in numerous community organizations in Centralia, Missouri, including service as a City Alderman, president of the Historical Society, and president of the Centralia Tree Board. She received the “Citizen of the Year” Award in 1999 in Centralia. She served on the Audrain Medical Center Foundation, the Memorial Union Board of Iowa State University, and on numerous boards of the United Methodist Church, including the board of the Missouri UM Foundation.

The life of this extraordinary person is perhaps best remembered in these words from her daughter, Ruth Reinhardt Watkins: “Her gardening is a perfect metaphor for who she was. For in every friend and stranger, in every family member, she Created, she Touched, she Grew so much in so many. Mother was always looking forward. She practiced the term ‘Generativity,’ thinking of the next generation and what we are leaving them. Think about all the trees around town, think about the medical and educational foundations on which she served, working to secure a solid future. She challenged all of us, you and me, to do our best to organize, improve, and serve.”

Mrs. Reinhardt was an avid supporter of United Methodist campus ministry programs (formerly known as Wesley Foundations). This scholarship is intended to recognize students who are active members of the United Methodist Church, are engaged in a full-time academic degree program, and are committed to serving others in either a professional or volunteer capacity. This is a one-time award provided for a single academic year, and successful applicants may not reapply.



The stained glass window details pictured above are from the Centralia United Methodist Church, in Centralia, MO. The windows illustrate a number of the parables of Jesus. The creation and installation of these windows was one of the many projects to which Mary Alice dedicated her time, energy and gifts.