

## *The Ronald L. & M. Joyce Crossen Scholarship Fund*



Ronald and Joyce Crossen

Ron and Joyce were both born and raised in Ohio. They met in Columbus, OH while Ron was attending The Ohio State University and the couple married in 1960. Both worked to pay for his education and he graduated in 1962 with a degree in Aeronautical Weight Engineering. Later that year the couple moved to Hazelwood, MO for a job offer at McDonnell Douglas.

After building a new home in Lake St. Louis and settling in with their three children the family quickly found the United Methodist Church of Wentzville. The church became the central focus of their lives and they both were very involved with the church and related organizations.

Joyce sang in the church choir for many years, was a member of the United Methodist Women serving in numerous positions including president, countless other volunteer roles within the church. She was also a member of Concert Arts community singing organization for many years, Christian Women Club and delivered Meals on Wheels weekly for decades. In a card written to Ron after Joyce's passing, a friend remembered her, "she is the only person I have ever known whom I never heard speak an unkind word about anyone, and she didn't tolerate that kind of talk in her presence and always spoke up with something positive about anyone who was being bad mouthed."

Ron also served in many capacities at the church over many decades as chair of numerous committees and councils. He was a lay leader and lay minister and also served as treasurer for many years. He retired from The Boeing Company after over four decades in his engineering career. He was an avid woodworker for many years and built the house the family moved into in 1975. He was a baseball coach and Indian Guides leader and loved fishing and gardening.

The Crossens were members of the United Methodist Church of Wentzville for over 40 years. Created as a memorial by the family, this scholarship fund provides an undergraduate award each year to a student.