

# THE ELLEN KOTZWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING

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

Ellen, a Registered Nurse, was a 1960 graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. In Centralia, Ellen worked in the Obstetrics division of the Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Missouri—the last four years as head Nurse.

Ellen later worked in Public Health Nursing, focusing on prenatal care. She was instrumental in organizing the Phelps County Prenatal clinic in Rolla, Missouri.

In 1992, Ellen was diagnosed with a degenerative liver disease. She died August 13, 1999, following liver transplant surgery. Ellen loved nursing, caring for people, listening to their stories—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!



Ellen Kottwitz

The **Ellen Kottwitz Memorial Scholarship For Nursing & Health Related Professions** was established to encourage and support Centralia High School graduates preparing for a career in nursing or health related professions. It is available both to graduating seniors and to graduates from previous years enrolled in health care studies.

Preference will be given to students with financial need, who might not be able to attend college without assistance; and, to those who have a strong aptitude for nursing/health care. A strong academic background and a commitment to nursing/health care best reflects the purpose of this award.

Interested students should contact the **Centralia United Methodist Church** or the **Centralia High School Counselors Office** to request application information.

Award recipients are determined by the **Centralia United Methodist Church**.



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