

THE ELLEN OLMSTED KOTTWITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING

Ellen Olmsted Kottwitz was born in Bonne Terre, Missouri, in March, 1939. Ellen was fond of her hometown. She loved singing in the United Methodist Church choir, and in school was active in 4-H Club, choral groups, cheerleading, volleyball, and the school paper. In 1956, she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Ellen graduated from Bonne Terre High School in 1957 and attended St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, where she graduated in 1960.

In February, 1960, Ellen married Cleo Kottwitz, a United Methodist Pastor. She was a devoted wife to Cleo, mother to two sons and a daughter, and grandmother to eight grandchildren.

Ellen was a Registered Nurse whose nursing career focused on prenatal care and public health. Ellen was Head Nurse of the OB/GYN floor of the Audrain Medical Center in Mexico, Missouri, and a Community Health Nurse in the Washington, Phelps, and Texas County Health Departments. Ellen was instrumental in starting the Phelps County Pre-Natal Clinic in 1987.

Ellen and Cleo, in retirement, moved to Columbia, Missouri. Ellen had been diagnosed with a degenerative liver disease in 1992, and died August 13, 1999, following liver transplant surgery.

The Ellen Olmsted Kottwitz Memorial Scholarship For Nursing was established to support North County High School graduates enrolled in an accredited nursing program—training to be a Registered Nurse or seeking a Bachelor of Science-Nursing (BSN) degree. Preference will be given to students with financial need, nursing as a profession, and a strong commitment to caring for others.

Interested students should contact the **Centenary United Methodist Church** or the **North County High School Counselors Office** to request application information. Application is open to North County High School graduates and former graduates enrolling or enrolled in an accredited RN or BSN program.

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

The award may be designated to the same student re-applying in succeeding years if the Church deems appropriate.



Ellen O. Kottwitz



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