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*“We drink from wells we did not dig; we are warmed by fires we did not kindle.”*



Cloedeen G. and Frank F. McDonald Sr.

In the fall of 1968, Dr. David L. Rice, president emeritus of the University of Southern Indiana, and Byron C. Wright, vice president emeritus for Business Affairs and Treasurer, met with Mayor Frank F. McDonald Sr. in his office in downtown Evansville. Mayor McDonald was an avid supporter of the young campus and had a profound conviction that the University would be a tremendous benefit for the City of Evansville and the State of Indiana. He often referred to it as “an industry without a smokestack.”

The mayor’s support was key to the University’s success and Dr. Rice and Mr. Wright visited regularly with him to discuss issues affecting higher education on the Evansville campus. At the end of this particular meeting, Mayor McDonald said, “You will need private gifts to help make that place a success. Folks around here will not want to send their hard-earned money out of town, so I suggest you establish a foundation to benefit our University.” He then opened his wallet and pulled out two \$100 bills. “Here is \$100 from me and \$100 from my wife to begin that foundation.”

Dr. Rice then approached Indiana State University President Alan C. Rankin about creating a foundation, and received further encouragement. In seeking approval from his trustees, Dr. Rankin noted that the establishment of a foundation in Evansville was important. He emphasized Mayor

McDonald’s point that Evansville-area donors would give more enthusiastically to an Evansville organization. Because the Evansville campus did not have the necessary staff, Dr. Rankin also offered the assistance of the foundation in Terre Haute to help begin this effort.

Frank McDonald had unusual foresight for Evansville and for the University of Southern Indiana. To ensure that we are reminded of that vision, each year the University of Southern Indiana Foundation publishes *Faces of Philanthropy: Generous Friends of Vision*. The inaugural edition in 2008 commemorated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation.

Mayor McDonald’s vision for the University and for the USI Foundation, as well as his active work on behalf of these institutions, serves as witness to what great things can be accomplished with collaboration, cooperation, and wise leadership. Frank McDonald’s efforts to ensure the establishment of the institution in 1965 have earned him the title of “founding father.”

Those featured in this volume made a decision to support the mission of the University with their financial resources. Through their stories readers have an insight into the individuals who shared the conviction that they must “kindle the fire” so future generations will know warmth.

Dear Friends,

As you read these poignant stories of kindness and generosity you will undoubtedly notice how many gifts are made in memory of or in honor of someone. The fact that so many frame their legacy this way illustrates dramatically the importance of relationships. Countless times University friends making a gift relate how a former professor helped them; or how an administrator went out of her way to do a favor for them; or how an aunt had paid their tuition in difficult times. People helping other people – this is the true legacy.

Those who support a university make a lasting investment. Universities are among the most enduring entities in society, for they live forever. Through the years the collective power of gifts to the USI Foundation has had a positive and enduring impact on virtually every student, every graduate, every professor, and the community at large.

Just as the founders of the University of Southern Indiana recognized how an investment in higher education would produce a better-educated citizenry and a more vibrant region and state, so, too, did these friends and all of you who read these stories.

*Faces of Philanthropy: Generous Friends of Vision* enshrines forever the goodness of those featured, and we trust will inspire others to a similar path. To be involved with something as noble as higher education enriches both the giver and the receiver.

We thank those whose stories appear in this year's edition for their cooperation. And we thank all those who have decided to include higher education and the University of Southern Indiana in their philanthropy.

Sincerely,



David A. Bower  
Director of University Development  
President, USI Foundation  
October 1, 2011



*The Amiguets  
shared the  
language  
of love*



## Louis and Madeleine G. Amiguet

Louis and Madeleine Amiguet both were European born, but found one another after their paths brought them to Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Amiguet was born in 1900 in Barcelona, Spain. In search of a better life, he voyaged to Cuba in 1916 and worked for a time for family and friends. A cousin invited him to Cincinnati a short time later where he worked as an apprentice in business and studied to be an export manager. In 1923, the Mead Johnson Company brought him to Evansville and he was quickly promoted to head of exports, where his work resulted in the opening of 40 new international markets. He worked for Mead Johnson for 39 years and also owned a wholesale distribution business in Guatemala.

Madeleine Louiseau grew up near Paris, France, and traveled to Kalamazoo, Michigan, as a French exchange student. After completing her college degree, a teaching opportunity brought her to Central High School in Evansville. She met Mr. Amiguet by chance when both enrolled in an evening drawing class at Central. Dressed in her stylish Parisian attire, she was asked to pose for her classmates. Mr. Amiguet, smitten with her beauty, proudly showed her his drawing. Together they shared French and Spanish lessons and their relationship blossomed. They were married in 1929. Mrs. Amiguet continued teaching for a few years, but as their family grew with three daughters, she became a full-time homemaker.

They were married for 64 years when Mrs. Amiguet died in 1993. Mr. Amiguet died at age 97 in 1997. Mr. Amiguet used Mead Johnson stock to establish a charitable gift annuity through the USI Foundation, and his gift was matched by the Mead Johnson Foundation. The annuity provided income for Mr. Amiguet during his lifetime and now provides income for his daughter, Madeleine Schmitt. Eventually it will fund the Madeleine and Louis Amiguet Scholarship for students who are preparing for careers in language and business. He said he chose USI for his gift because he believed education is vital for the continued growth of the community he called home for 74 years.

*Dr. Barnett's  
discoveries  
drive the future*



Dr. Joey Barnett said, "I am lucky that my USI professors saw something in me that I could not see in myself." Today, there are countless beneficiaries of that luck. One of the nation's top researchers in cardiovascular disease, Dr. Barnett, professor and vice chair of Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, is working to speed the movement of scientific discoveries "from the bench to the bedside," as a principal collaborator on a five-year, \$24 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

*Lens*, a Vanderbilt University Medical Center publication, described his research as "his quest to discover the genes and signaling pathways that build the developing heart and its blood vessels...research that could make it possible to grow replacement heart valves in the laboratory, from a patient's own stem cells."

Dr. Barnett graduated from USI in 1981. He completed a Ph.D. in Pharmacology at Vanderbilt University and held a fellowship at Harvard. At Vanderbilt since 1992, he only recently stepped down as Pharmacology program chair after 12 years. As Pharmacology vice chair, he carries out his commitment to training young scientists, and like his USI professors, he enjoys helping students discover themselves. He has won his department's Teaching Award and the Individual National Research Service Award.

"The job I have now is something I never could have imagined. It is easy to be passionate about USI. As a student, I experienced up close, first hand, the attention, care, and nurture of exceptional faculty," he explained.

Dr. Barnett is an expert speaker, fund raiser, and media consultant for the American Heart Association (AHA), where he has chaired the national Cardiovascular Development Study Sector since 1999. In 2012, he will become president of the Southeast Affiliates of the AHA.

A dedicated member of the USI Foundation Board, Dr. Barnett has led several fund-raising initiatives and generously contributes to a number of Foundation funds. In memory of his father, he established the Victor Barnett Engineering Scholarship and to honor both of his parents, the Victor A. and Elizabeth A. Barnett Research Award for student and faculty collaboration in science and engineering. Dr. Barnett is a member of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society.

*Mrs. Barnhart's  
gift perpetuates  
excellent nursing  
education*



## Mary Weiss Barnhart

As a nurse, Mary Weiss Barnhart perpetuated her family's dedication to health care. Her father was a physician for 63 years and founded the Good Samaritan Home in Evansville. Her brother was an Evansville oral surgeon, and her husband, Dr. Willard T. Barnhart, was a urologist who began practicing in Evansville in 1946.

Mrs. Barnhart earned her bachelor's degree in nursing at Washington University in St. Louis in 1934. She followed developments in health care throughout her life, was an avid reader of the *Wall Street Journal*, and faithfully recorded interesting information on note cards that she kept indexed for referral. She played the violin and was an elder at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Evansville. In a 2008 USI *Reflections* newsletter, she was described as "intelligent, inquisitive, current, adventuresome, and spontaneous."

USI College of Nursing and Health Professions Dean Nadine Coudret spent time with Mrs. Barnhart and said it was personally rewarding to be with someone who always was interested in current health issues and the changing environment of nursing education and practice.

Mrs. Barnhart's husband died in 1980 and her only son died in 2003. Before her death, Mrs. Barnhart was able to attend the 65th reunion of her college graduating class with the five remaining graduates.

Mrs. Barnhart died at age 93 in 2006. A year earlier she had established a charitable remainder annuity trust that, at her death, became the Weiss-Barnhart Foundation to benefit the University of Southern Indiana College of Nursing and Health Professions. Today, her trust provides approximately \$25,000 annually to the College of Nursing and Health Professions to fund scholarships, faculty development, investments in cutting-edge technology, and other pressing needs. Through her thoughtful and generous gift to the USI Foundation, Mrs. Barnhart's values and interests continue through the faculty, students, and graduates who benefit from her passion for quality health care.

*The Bennetts love  
helping students*



## Paul E. and Carolyn G. Bennett

Massachusetts natives Carolyn Gove and Paul Bennett met when both were working at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. For her, it was a summer job after graduating from Bates College. An engineer, Mr. Bennett was designing oceanic studies equipment. He had graduated from University of Massachusetts after World War II service in the U.S. Navy, where he was stationed for a time in Guam. Mr. Bennett became involved in government service during the Cold War and spent over 25 years as an engineer before being recruited in 1976 to teach in USI's developing engineering technology program. Mrs. Bennett had worked in computer science for Pennsylvania State University's Department of Agriculture. After moving to Evansville, she enjoyed a second career as a systems analyst at American General Finance, from which she retired in 1996. Mr. Bennett retired from USI in 1992 after 16 years in his second career, as professor of electrical engineering.

Professor Bennett "liked the job teaching at USI and got more satisfaction from that than any other job he had had." He also liked the idea of guiding the work of first-generation students, many the first in a family to graduate from college. Professor Bennett thought that if students graduated from the engineering technology program, they should be able to do the work of engineers, not just technologists. "He was strict and worked hard at his teaching," Mrs. Bennett observed. When USI's engineering program was implemented in 2002, the engineering technology major was phased out.

In 2008, the Bennetts created the William F. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund to honor Paul's father, who had begun a career as an engineer but was forced to run the family business when his own father died. The Bennetts have enjoyed meeting the recipients of their scholarship and sustaining friendships with them. "The scholarship seemed a good way to continue helping USI students," Mrs. Bennett said.

The Bennetts' children all pursued advanced degrees – among them a polymer chemist, a physics professor, and a bridge engineer – and the next generation appears to be as highly motivated – a Bennett granddaughter recently swam the English Channel.

*The promise  
of Presidential  
Scholarships  
excited her*



## Marian Baker Boelson

Marian Boelson's generous bequest to the USI Foundation specified assistance to the prestigious Presidential Scholarship program. When she died in 2003, at age 73, Mrs. Boelson directed assets of nearly \$640,000 to support Presidential Scholarships, which attract Indiana's brightest students to the University.

The Marian Baker Boelson Endowed Presidential Scholarship was first awarded in 2008-09. Several years prior to her death, Mrs. Boelson had contacted the USI Foundation to express an interest in a gift that would benefit students. Pleased with the idea of the scholarship program, she attended campus events, met scholarship recipients, and heard them tell about their USI experience and career plans. Those experiences molded her decision about her gift.

Mrs. Boelson was familiar with USI and its programs. She followed the USI men's basketball team and, through news accounts, was aware of USI's dramatic development, which she mentioned when she suggested a planned gift. Mrs. Boelson was a 1947 graduate of Boonville High School in Warrick County, Indiana. In 1949, after earning a degree from Lockyear Business College in Evansville, she accepted a position as secretary to the manager of the Evansville Regional Airport. There she met and married Emory D. Boelson, the son of the airport manager. Her husband was an Army veteran and was retired from Eastern Airlines when he died in 1996 after 38 years of marriage. Mrs. Boelson also worked for many years at the accounting firm of Geo. S. Olive & Company in Evansville before she retired in 1989.

Bruce Baker, former chair of the USI Board of Trustees, was a distant cousin of Mrs. Boelson. "Marian was a quiet person who was well-read and interested in many different subjects," he said. "She was excited about helping fund the Presidential Scholarship program and hoped to see her gift grow into a million-dollar endowment to benefit future USI Presidential Scholars," he stressed.

Mrs. Boelson's gift included her Evansville condominium, a one-acre lot in Florida, and financial assets. In perpetuity, her generosity will benefit the University of Southern Indiana and help top academic students reach their career goals.

*Dan and Janet  
Fuquay see USI's  
impact on the  
community*



## Daniel M. and Janet L. Fuquay

Dan Fuquay and Janet Hahn were students at Evansville Reitz High School when they met at an Indiana University summer high school drama institute. They graduated from IU where they were active in Greek life and other organizations. Seven years after meeting, they married.

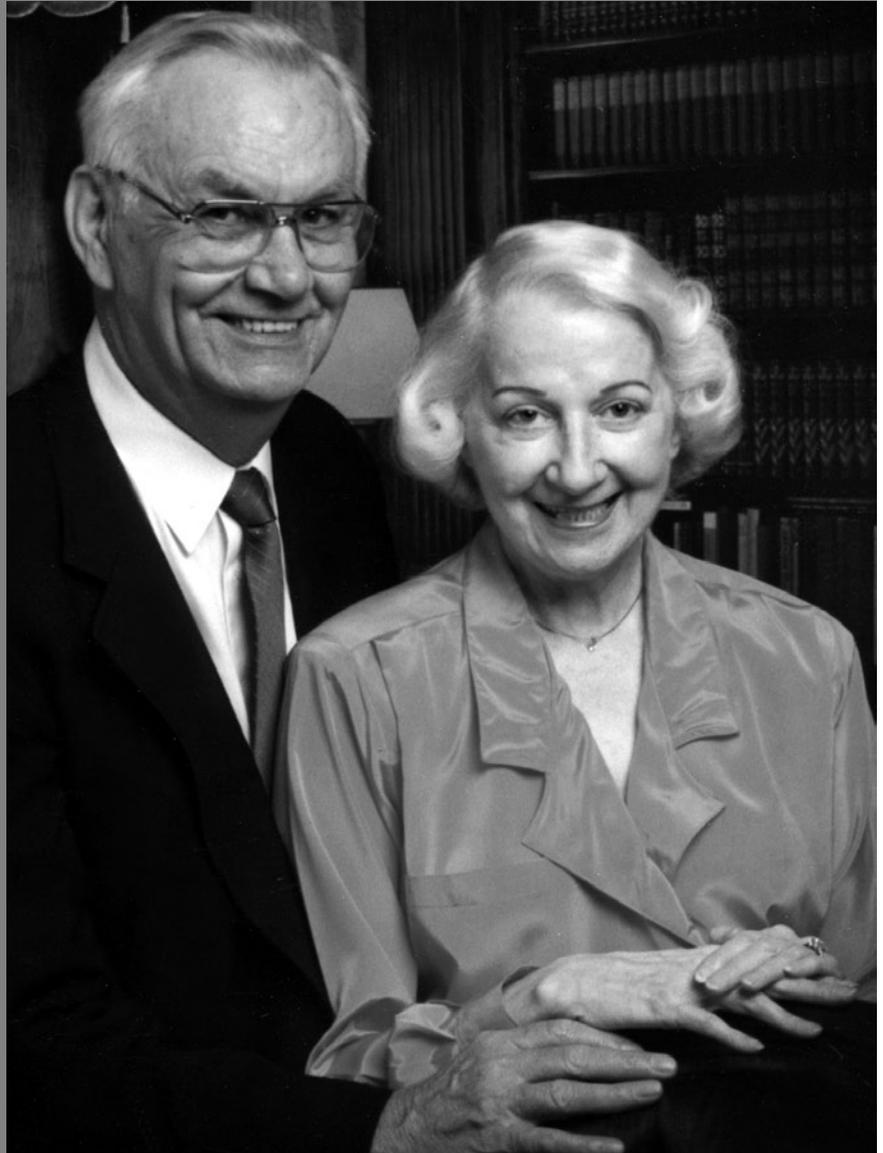
Mr. Fuquay became a U.S. Air Force pilot, stationed in Vietnam and Germany. Mrs. Fuquay taught Spanish in Indiana while Mr. Fuquay was in Vietnam. After she joined him in Germany, she taught at American military schools.

The European location gave the couple opportunities "to see a lot of the world at a young age," Mr. Fuquay remembered. They also both earned master's degrees during his service years; she from Middlebury College and he from University of Arkansas, which delivered all his M.B.A. courses in Germany.

After returning to Evansville, Mr. Fuquay was general manager of Hahn, Inc. for almost a decade. Desiring to own his own business, he and a partner founded D & F Distributors, which became a leading provider of industrial, commercial, and municipal pumps and related equipment. When Mr. Fuquay sold the company last year, it had six offices in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He remains active as a consultant to the company. Mrs. Fuquay also was an entrepreneur, publishing a television facts magazine and later managing a Dunhill franchise to recruit pharmacists and occupational and physical therapists nationwide. The Fuquays raised two sons, Aaron and Daniel, who married sisters Jennifer '04 and Andrea '99 Stratman. Andrea died in 2011 from a rare form of cancer, and the family established the Andrea M. Fuquay Memorial Scholarship.

The Fuquays became involved in USI because they believe the University "is a great thing for the area, helping to keep good people here" for education and employment. Mr. Fuquay is a member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, and the couple has generously supported many Foundation initiatives. They underwrote the Lloyd C. Hahn Engineering Design Center in the Business and Engineering Center in memory of Mrs. Fuquay's father, a self-trained engineer. They also have endowed a Presidential Scholarship and joined *Reflections* Planned Giving Society with an unrestricted estate gift.

*World War II  
experiences  
shaped the  
Gorby's  
philanthropy*



## Emma A. Gorby and Melville Paul Gorby

Emma Gorby was born to German immigrant parents who had met at Evansville's Germania Maennerchor, a frequent gathering place for German-speaking families in the past century. During high school, she worked at Atlas Department Store, taking dictation and handling correspondence. After graduating from Central High School in 1938, she worked in the chemistry lab at Chrysler, analyzing materials used to make wartime ammunition. She also was a secretary in the accounting department at Evansville Shipyards until she married.

Paul and Emma met at a USO Club at Camp Breckinridge in Morganfield, Kentucky, where he was serving in the U.S. Army. They married in 1944 and moved to Warren, Ohio, where Mr. Gorby was a manager with General Motors and Mrs. Gorby worked in office management. The couple enjoyed traveling and visited several European countries.

When the Gorbys retired in the early 1980s, they moved back to the Tri-state to be close to family, living first in Henderson, Kentucky, and then in Evansville. They had lost their only child, Joseph, who was 21 when he died in 1967. Mr. Gorby, who achieved the rank of Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army, died in 1995 at the age of 75, and Mrs. Gorby, who lived for a time near USI at Solarbron Point Retirement Center, died in 2000 at the age of 80.

Friends and family members described Mrs. Gorby as outgoing, cheerful, bright, inquisitive, and knowledgeable, and someone who enjoyed socializing, especially with children of family members. She was interested in genealogy and had taken some classes at USI while she lived at Solarbron.

Her will left a bequest that created the Melville Paul Gorby and Emma A. Gorby Deans Scholarship, which attracts highly talented students to the University.

*For the  
Grizzells,  
home was  
everything*



## Joel E. and Jane H. Grizzell

Dr. Joel Grizzell and his wife Jane Hickam Grizzell felt the tug of Southern Indiana when considering where to establish Dr. Grizzell's dental practice following military service. Dr. Grizzell had grown up in Chicago and Mrs. Grizzell had grown up in Spencer, Indiana, but she had happy memories of time spent in New Harmony where her ancestors, the Elliots, were an integral part of Robert Owen's community of equality in the early 1800s.

Philanthropy and care for community was customary among the Elliots. Mrs. Grizzell's mother, Ruth Elliott Hickam, and aunt, Helen Elliott, gave 700 acres of family land for the development of Harmonie State Park. Helen Elliott also gave her Steamboat Gothic Victorian home to Historic New Harmony. Mrs. Grizzell was instrumental in the restoration of Helen Elliott's home. She underwrote the home's painting, encouraged USI President Ray Hoops to find resources for the restoration, and inspired others to attend the "Summer Hat Luncheon" which supports the home. The home was part of the Elliott family for 75 years and held many fond memories for Mrs. Grizzell. "I would have failed Aunt Helen if I had not seen to the restoration," she said.

The Grizzells met at DePauw University, where Mrs. Grizzell was a senior and Dr. Grizzell was furthering his education after serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He received his dentistry doctorate from St. Louis University in 1951 and served as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during the Korean War. After the couple moved to Evansville, he practiced dentistry 37 years, retiring in 1987. A leader in his profession and the community, he was president of the Vanderburgh County Dental Society and active in Rotary and the United Way. Both the Grizzells were involved in their three children's lives and their church. At Dr. Grizzell's death in 2010, the couple had been married 63 years.

The Grizzells supported many USI endeavors, including the Annual Fund, New Harmony Theatre, and the Society for Arts and Humanities. The Jane Hickam Grizzell Endowment Fund was created in 2007 to perpetually fund the Grizzells' USI interests.

*Mrs. Hardy  
valued  
education*



## Daisy Pauline Hardy

Daisy Pauline Hardy's philanthropy toward the University of Southern Indiana was unknown until after her tragic death in 2004. Her east side Evansville home was the site of an accidental natural gas explosion, taking her life and that of a close friend who had stopped to take her to lunch. She was just two weeks shy of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Hardy was a native of New Haven, Illinois, but lived in Evansville most of her life. She was married to Ray Hardy, who died in 1945. For many years, she worked as a nurse at Deaconess Hospital, leaving in 1970 to care for her father.

Mrs. Hardy's will revealed her value of education. In addition to generous gifts to the USI Foundation and the University of Evansville, she left gifts for the Gallatin County (Illinois) School District and to Central High School in Evansville. Central was the alma mater of her only child, Robert Hardy, who died in an automobile accident in 1970. This unpretentious woman, who lived peacefully in a home she kept immaculately, left an estate of over \$2 million, benefitting many individuals and nonprofit organizations.

At the time of her death, friends and family described her as an energetic person who "loved fishing...loved gardening...cut her own grass...and loved to get out and go." In a newspaper story at the time of her death, a cousin described her as "a kind-hearted person" whose prudent saving habits and investment in insurance annuities may have been a result of her living through the Great Depression.

Mrs. Hardy's gift to the USI Foundation was unrestricted, allowing the University to use it for its greatest priorities.

*Ed Harrison  
epitomized  
the joy  
of giving*



*Ed Harrison, right, presents pre-med major Jill Stader with the Edward F. Harrison Scholarship at the Pott School of Science and Engineering Honors Convocation in March 2001.*

## Edward F. Harrison

Ed Harrison enjoyed attending USI events where he met the students who benefitted from his scholarship, and he used to describe his joy by telling students, "I drive out to USI and fly home."

Mr. Harrison grew up in an Illinois family which valued education. After two years of active military service during World War II, he used the G.I. Bill to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry and microbiology from the University of Illinois in 1950. Two years later, he completed his master's degree there while serving as a teaching assistant. A member of the U.S. Army Reserve for almost 40 years, he retired as a colonel.

Mr. Harrison came to Evansville in 1953 to join Mead Johnson and Company, beginning a career in microbiology research. Respected in science and research circles, he was a member of the Indiana Academy of Science, American Society of Microbiology, a life member of the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology Associates, and president of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine. He retired from Mead Johnson in 1991, having been instrumental in developing some of the company's most successful products.

Mr. Harrison never married. He was a generous friend to many young people throughout his life. His principal community service was focused on groups which supported youth, and especially those which helped provide financial assistance to students attending college. Mr. Harrison was a founding member of the Student Aid and Counseling Service in 1958, an organization which helped award scholarships to college-bound Evansville students. He served for 43 years on its board of directors, including many terms as its president. Frequently, when demand exceeded capacity, he added his personal funds for students who obviously needed financial assistance.

In 1991, he established the Edward F. Harrison Scholarship at the University of Southern Indiana to benefit students in pre-medicine and nursing. He never missed an opportunity to attend a donor function to meet with his students, and he faithfully followed their careers.

Mr. Harrison died in 2002 and left a major bequest for the University of Southern Indiana Foundation.

*She quietly  
furthered the  
mission of  
organizations  
serving others*



## Margaret C. Korbel

Margaret Korbel grew up in Evansville, the devoted daughter of Charles H. and Mary Killinger Korbel, and a dear friend to neighbors and co-workers. She lived conservatively in the home that her parents built, caring for them in their declining years and maintaining their home after their deaths. Ms. Korbel left a generous trust which benefitted the USI Foundation and three other Evansville nonprofit organizations. Her gift to USI was unrestricted, making the funds available to serve the University's greatest needs.

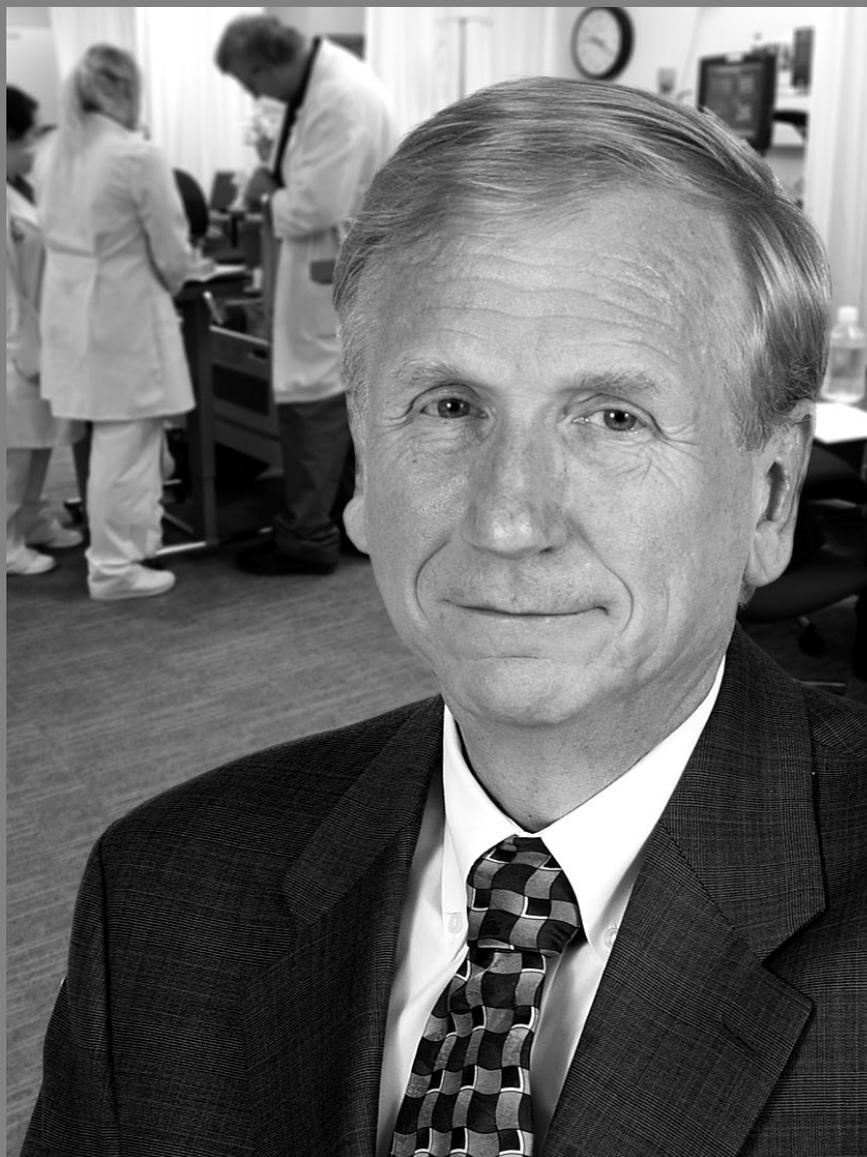
Ms. Korbel attended elementary school at Centennial School, which later was the temporary home of the first University of Southern Indiana classes from 1965-69. After graduating from Reitz High School in 1926, she helped manage a doctor's office and became knowledgeable about many healthcare issues. When the doctor retired, she became secretary to the chief administrator of Deaconess Hospital, from which she retired in 1974.

Her friends described her as "sweet and dignified...just a perfect lady who was helpful to everyone who needed her". Thoughtful of others, she often provided transportation to church at St. Paul's United Church of Christ where she was a faithful member. She died in 1991 at age 82.

Ms. Korbel did not speak often of her philanthropic intentions, but clearly she wanted to further the missions of certain organizations. She was pleased to see the University of Southern Indiana established in 1965 because she valued education. By establishing the trust, she provided a stream of income that will make a difference to the University for many years in the future.

Because of Margaret Korbel's careful planning, her legacy will be used in perpetuity to provide faculty development, scholarships, cutting-edge instructional technology, and other changing needs of the University. Through her bequest, she continues to impact lives and honor the community where she lived and worked.

*Mr. Lawrence  
generously  
remembers those  
who inspire him*



## John Lawrence '73

A chance encounter with a “book breaker” the year before John Lawrence graduated from the University led him on a lifelong quest to preserve rare books and illuminated manuscripts. When Mr. Lawrence witnessed a man slicing and selling pages from a mid-14th century missal, he was impressed by the “violence” of the act. Since that day, Mr. Lawrence has amassed an extensive collection of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and become internationally known for his scholarship on the subject. An outspoken opponent of “book breaking”, he often buys all the available leaves of a book, and has saved a substantial number of whole books from destruction.

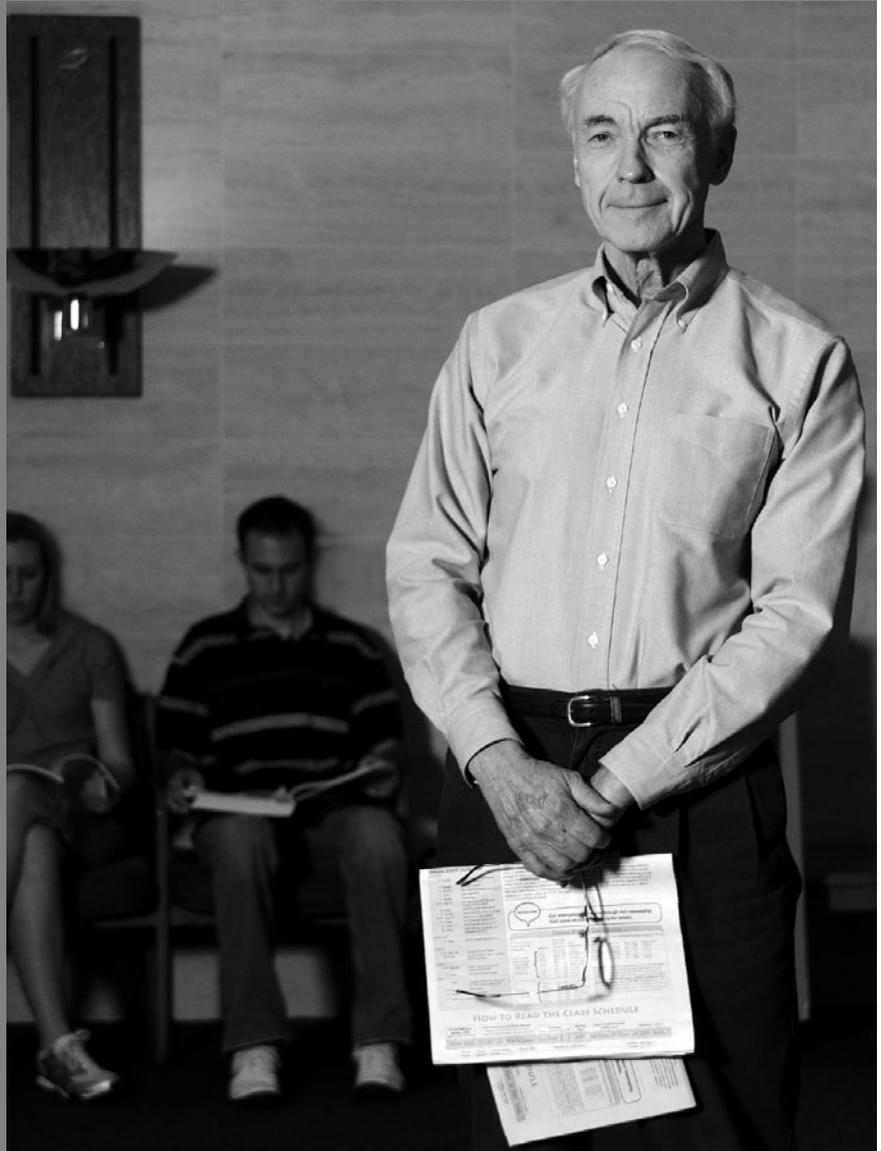
Mr. Lawrence’s interest in the manuscripts crosses many disciplines – art, art history, history, music, spirituality, language, and other fields. Also, their technical aspects – ink, paint, scribing – offer clues to their origin and meaning. While he stores his collection in a controlled environment, he enjoys sharing it. In 2004, the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science mounted an exhibition of about 150 items from his collection, and he takes the books into elementary schools, exposing students to the history and art of the written word in an impressive and tangible way.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Lawrence lived in Ohio for over 30 years and was associated with the U.S. Treasury. Since his return to Southwestern Indiana, he has become deeply involved with his alma mater.

Mr. Lawrence has created nursing scholarships in memory of his late wife Melissa Faye Lawrence, a nurse; and his aunt Carole Anne Dipple. He also has created the Melissa and John M. Lawrence Excellence in Teaching Award in the College of Nursing and Health Professions and, each semester, he provides refreshments for the College’s students preparing for finals. Mr. Lawrence honors his revered former professors by supporting awards in their names – the Bill and Helen Sands Business Communications Scholarship, the Bill and Helen Sands Liberal Arts Professor of the Year Award, and the Daniel Scavone Awards in Medieval Manuscripts and Culture.

A member of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society, he has a gift of insurance in place to benefit the University.

*Professor Mahoney  
shapes countless  
students' lives*



## Timothy B. Mahoney

Tim Mahoney is a legendary student advisor and economics professor at the University of Southern Indiana. He cannot tell you the number of his advisees because he sees any student who appears at his door or makes an appointment. He has been called the “Pied Piper of Advising”, describing the line of students outside his door seeking counsel. Of his extraordinary commitment to students, he said, “If people need help, I’m going to respond, and in a timely way. Together we can explore their issues – sometimes they are unsure of their future, or they have had a bad start, or there may be home issues.” Colleagues call him “exceptionally patient and committed.”

A popular teacher as well, Professor Mahoney teaches Fundamentals of Economics, a 100-level course required for several majors. He also coordinates a one-hour online Money Skills course which helps students with basic financial literacy, and is exploring the idea of a course in investing.

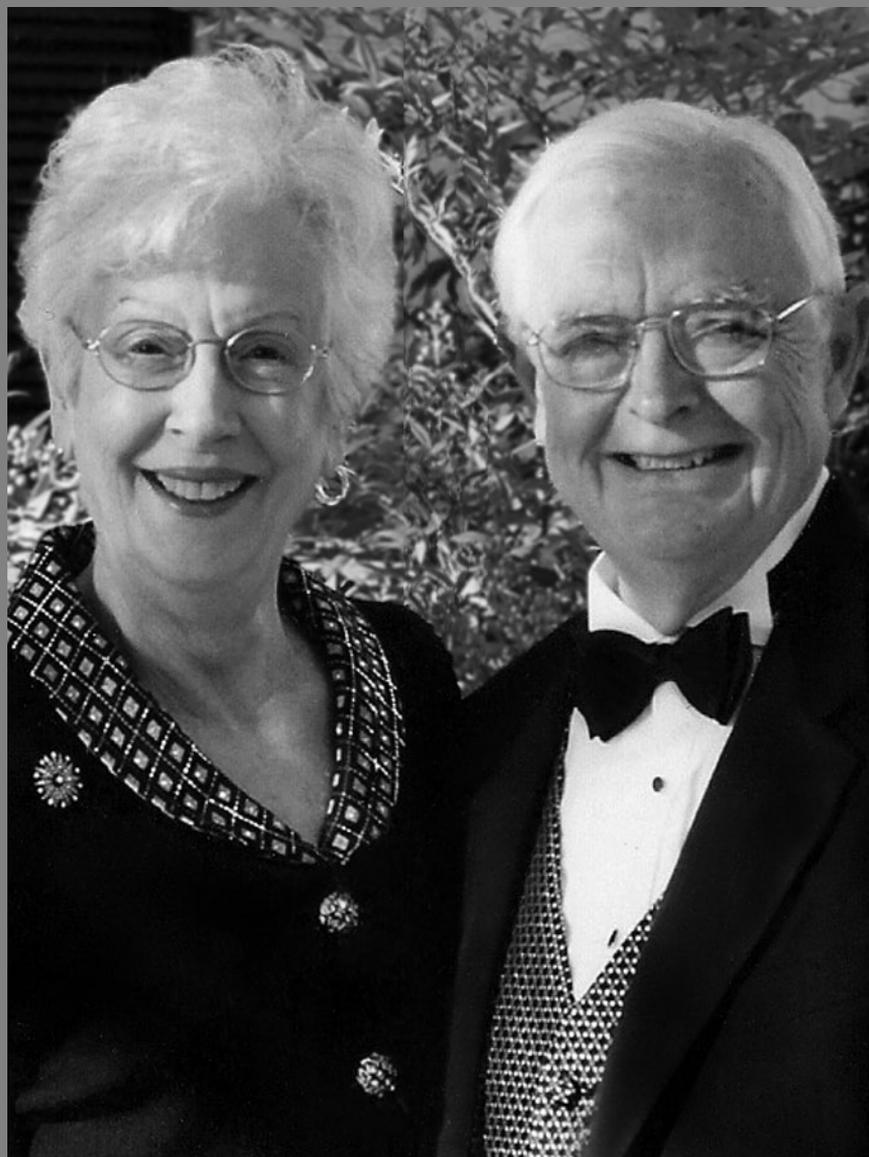
He originally was recruited to USI as coordinator of the Labor-Management Education Forum, a program of the Division of Outreach and Engagement. After the successful conclusion of that effort, which brought employers and unions together to discover and explore mutual concerns and interests, he turned to advising and teaching. Professor Mahoney earned his bachelor’s degree from Ripon College and his master’s degree from University of Illinois. His interests span history, finance, economics, psychology, and student development.

The award-winning professor has received the national *Wall Street Journal* Distinguished Professor Award, USI Athletics Department Jane Davis-Brezette Faculty Excellence Award, USI Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award, and College of Business Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising.

Professor Mahoney’s philanthropy parallels his commitment to his profession. He supports a wide array of USI Foundation initiatives, including Athletics, Historic New Harmony, the Society for Arts and Humanities, Presidential Scholarships, and occasional gifts to honor colleagues. He led the College of Business faculty in raising a \$25,000 endowment for programmatic needs in the Business and Engineering Center.

A member of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society, Professor Mahoney plans a gift of insurance to supplement his current endowment of the Timothy B. Mahoney Business Scholarship.

*Early on, the  
Nicholsons  
recognized  
USI's potential*



## Horace S. and Suzanne A. Nicholson

Nick and Susie Nicholson were business and civic leaders committed to establishing the University of Southern Indiana as a separate state university, believing it would widen educational and economic development opportunities.

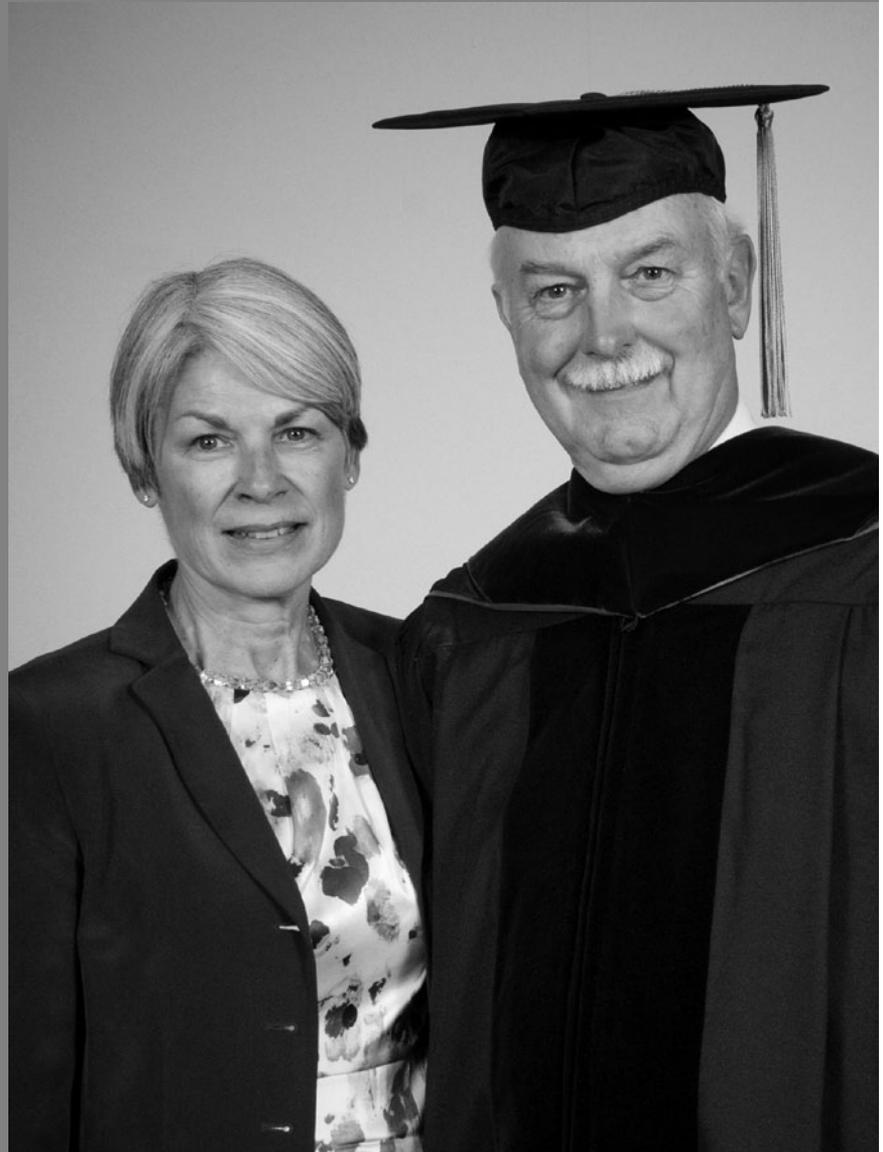
Mrs. Nicholson served as director of University Development and president and chief operating officer of the USI Foundation, retiring in 2006 after 20 years. During her tenure, the Foundation assets grew from just over a half million dollars to more than \$50 million, scholarship assets grew from \$250,000 to \$25 million, and the University's first capital campaign raised \$24 million. She elevated the image of the USI Foundation and instilled confidence in its management.

The Nicholsons were Tri-state natives descended from respected business families – Mr. Nicholson from Henderson, Kentucky, and Mrs. Nicholson from Evansville. He graduated from University of Kentucky in engineering and she graduated from Smith College in economics. They married in 1959 and after their early employment, they jointly purchased and managed Superior Electric Company. They sold the business in 1985.

The Nicholsons' passion for civic duty extended well beyond USI. Mr. Nicholson was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Council, Boy Scouts of America, and was a volunteer tutor at Dexter Elementary School near their home. Mrs. Nicholson was an Evansville City Council member, president of the Junior League of Evansville, and the founding president of Leadership Evansville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were deacons and elders of First Presbyterian Church and active in Rotary and the Evansville Philharmonic. After they retired, they became Master Gardeners together. They were deeply involved in the lives of their sons Chris and Eric, their wives, and five granddaughters. Eric and his wife Pam (Kalanick), USI Class of 1989, continue to be involved in USI activities.

During *Campaign USI*, the Nicholsons made a deferred gift, creating the Horace S. and Suzanne A. Nicholson Scholarship. Mr. Nicholson died in 2004, and Mrs. Nicholson died four years later. In her memory, the USI Foundation established the Suzanne A. Nicholson Leadership Award to recognize someone who has made an extraordinary effort to achieve the mission of the USI Foundation.

*The Roeders  
are enthusiastic  
partners in  
USI's progress*



## Robert C. '71 and Mary A. Roeder

Bob Roeder has consummate pride in his alma mater as a member of its first graduating class, and his wife Mary shares his enthusiasm. The first college graduate in his family, he said, "I could not have gone to college without USI," explaining that his father died when Bob was only nine, leaving his mother to raise three young children.

After high school, Mr. Roeder worked nights at Whirlpool Corporation while attending Evansville College on a one-year scholarship. Realizing he could not afford to continue there, he transferred to the new public regional campus that had opened the year before at Centennial School. He continued to work 40-hour weeks while studying and becoming a student leader in a variety of campus organizations, including a student-led book drive for the library. When he graduated, he received USI's Outstanding Student Achievement Award.

Mr. Roeder's first professional opportunity was as an employment counselor for the Indiana Employment Security Division, where he met Mary, also an employment counselor. Mrs. Roeder, a 1970 Purdue University home economics graduate, shared her husband's experience of beginning college at an extension campus. In 1976, Mr. Roeder became director of Human Resources for the State of Indiana.

Today, Mr. Roeder is principal and senior human capital consultant in the Indianapolis office of Mercer, an international human resource consulting firm. He recently celebrated 30 years with the company where he is a nationally recognized employee, executive, and strategic compensation specialist. Mrs. Roeder is an active volunteer who has been deeply involved in the lives of their children, Gretchen and Jeffrey, now grown and married.

The Roeders host an annual Greater Indianapolis Alumni Chapter reception, and Mr. Roeder recruits corporate friends and alumni for the chapter's annual golf outing, raising scholarships for Indianapolis-area USI students. The Roeders have been members of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society since 2006. An involved member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors, Mr. Roeder led the drive to create Centennial Court as a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift from the Class of 1971. In 2010, Mr. Roeder gave the USI Commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

*Their USI careers  
illuminated the  
vital role of the  
USI Foundation*



## Richard W. and Marilyn S. Schmidt

In the formative years of the University of Southern Indiana, Richard and Marilyn Schmidt were one of several husband-and-wife teams that provided strategic administrative support for the development of the University.

In 1972, Mr. Schmidt took a chance on the young Indiana State University Evansville (ISUE) regional campus as the place to start his career as chief accountant. He was responsible for developing the campus's first automated financial and administrative systems and in 1993 became vice president for Business Affairs and Treasurer. For many years, he represented the University's interests during sessions of the Indiana General Assembly.

Mrs. Schmidt came to the University in 1984 as director of Career Services. She developed and nurtured relationships with local, state, and national employers and institutions to market the skills of USI's graduates to the employment community. She also established strong foundations for research and accountability which strengthened USI academic programs.

During their careers the Schmidts were deeply involved in local and statewide volunteer and professional activities. Together they gave the University, the community, and the State of Indiana over 48 years of service. As recognition of their long-time service to the State, the Governor honored each with conferral of a Sagamore of the Wabash. In 2002, they retired and moved to the mountains of North Carolina where they continue to give service and leadership to arts, music, and education in their adopted Hendersonville, North Carolina. An avid golfer, Mr. Schmidt welcomes visiting USI friends to a match. The Schmidts have a growing number of grandchildren they enjoy spoiling.

Through active participation during their careers at the University, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt developed a deep appreciation for the value of the USI Foundation. In their words, "The Foundation serves as the confluence of support for the University by bringing together community leaders, legislators, alumni, faculty, and staff. As an organization, the Foundation preserves the University's institutional history, provides financial support for current educational programs, and is instrumental in molding the strategic plan for future institutional progress, growth, and excellence." To perpetuate the work of the Foundation, the Schmidts have an estate gift in place.

*She assures  
intellectual  
liveliness at USI*



As a young biology professor, Dr. Marlene Shaw was inspired by USI President David L. Rice's concept of building a "Community of Scholars" through invited speakers across the disciplines. In biology, she saw that contemporary issues not only involved science, but also ethics and law, leading her to create the "Biology at the Interface" lecture series. Through her initiative, nationally recognized speakers came to the young USI to discuss issues that she said had "fingers" into society.

"Students' interests were reinforced when their classroom lessons were validated by outside experts, and the intellectual liveliness of these speakers inspired students and faculty alike," she stressed.

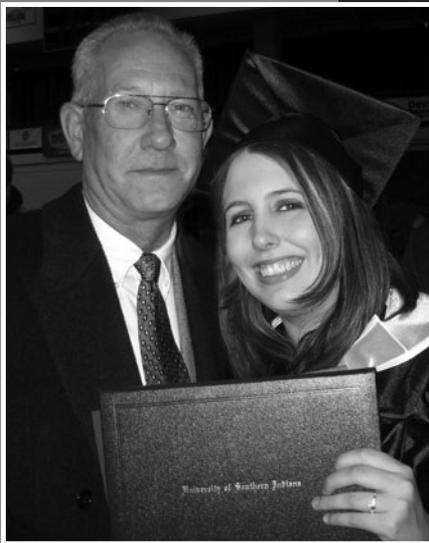
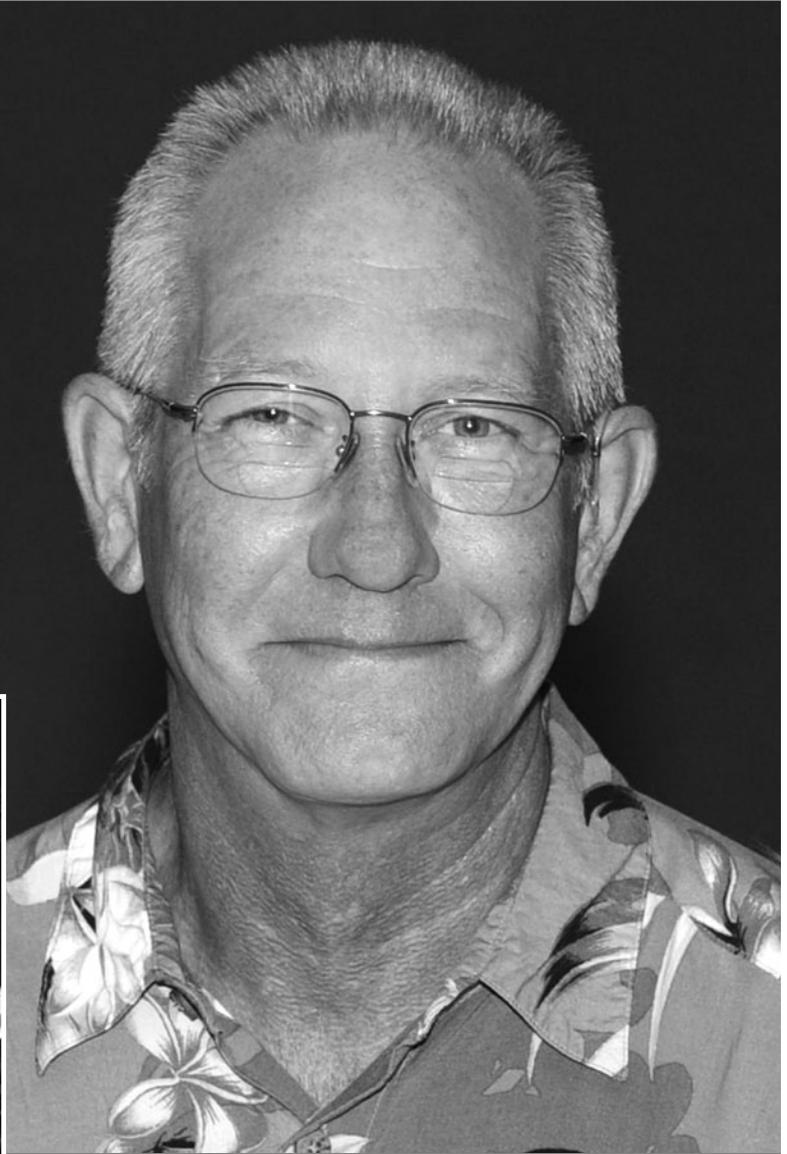
Dr. Shaw, now professor emerita of biology, retired in 2009 after 36 years with the University. She was one of USI's most revered and productive faculty members, serving twice as chair of the Faculty Senate, advocating USI budgetary improvements at state legislative hearings, and winning USI's Distinguished Professor Award. In retirement, she has returned to the classroom, sitting in on a wide range of USI classes that "enliven me," she explained.

To perpetuate the impact of visiting experts, Dr. Shaw created the Marlene V. Shaw Biology Lecture Series, supported by her current and planned gifts and those of alumni and friends. "Students, colleagues, and friends have enriched my time at USI. This is a way for me to give back to them," she said.

The 2011 inaugural speaker was Dr. John M. Butler, an international authority on forensic DNA typing, who leads human identity testing at the National Institute of Scientific Technology Biotechnology Division. He spoke to classes, gave a public lecture, and met with state and regional law enforcement officials.

Dr. Shaw earned her bachelor's degree at Wittenberg University and her Ph.D. in microbiology at University of Illinois. Before coming to USI in 1973, she did postdoctoral study at University of Michigan. She has been a visiting scholar at Vanderbilt University and an adjunct professor at the IU School of Medicine, Evansville Center. Regarded for her work in molecular genetics, Dr. Shaw won and managed several grants, including a National Science Foundation grant for purchase of equipment to do recombinant DNA research.

*Nick Tait cherished  
his USI experience*



*Nick Tait with daughter Lauren at the  
2007 USI Commencement ceremony.*

## C. Nichols "Nick" Tait II '82

For Nick Tait, the University he loved ultimately became a family affair. His former wife Karen graduated in 1989, his daughter Lauren Tait Singleton graduated in 2007, and his son-in-law Layne Singleton graduated in 2005.

A native of Evansville, Mr. Tait graduated from Reitz High School and attended Indiana University before transferring to USI. While working in banking, he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology in 1982. He was involved with mortgage lending through Morris Plan and Union Federal, where he managed the North Park Branch, and later had his own Farmer's Insurance Agency. Before his death, Mr. Tait was executive director of ECHO Housing Corporation, which provides transitional housing for homeless people. An active community volunteer, he was an Eagle Scout, taught for Junior Achievement, and was a member of North Park Kiwanis and the Board of the Evansville Zoological Society. "He loved to help people," Lauren said.

Though his daughter had attended high school in Denver, Mr. Tait convinced her to attend a USI Southern Hospitality Day and to consider USI for her study of theatre and music. She felt "at home" during the program, moved into the freshman residence hall, and loved her experience in Chamber Choir and Madrigals. While she was a student, her father often helped build sets and supported other performance projects. And father and daughter enjoyed USI Hockey Eagles contests together. He "definitely was an involved parent...for sure!" she said.

Lauren has followed her father into banking, working at Banterra Bank in Evansville, and she and her husband share Mr. Tait's enthusiasm for their alma mater.

During USI's first capital campaign, Mr. Tait joined *Reflections*, the Planned Giving Society of the USI Foundation, through a gift of insurance. He enjoyed the benefits of *Reflections*, attending luncheons and meeting new USI President Linda Bennett after her appointment. He died at age 58 in 2010. Lauren said he was "very conscious of insurance and other future plans. USI was a really great part of his life, and he wanted to leave something in recognition of that," she explained.

*His activism for  
public higher  
education in  
Southwest  
Indiana cast a  
long shadow*



## Harry E. Thompson

In the wake of the Great Depression, 18-year-old Milroy (Indiana) High School graduate Harry Thompson hitchhiked to Evansville, seeking advanced education at then-Evansville College. Over the next three-quarters of a century, he dedicated himself to “doing good” for his community, his state, and his nation.

Mr. Thompson’s college study was interrupted by service in World War II, and after serving four years as a self-described “infantry mud soldier,” principally in the Philippines, he retired as a captain. He returned to Evansville and married Mildred McCutchan, descended from a pioneer family. Mrs. Thompson, who died in 1994, retired from Evansville-Vanderburgh schools after 38 years as a biology and physics teacher, senior counselor, and dean of girls at Central High School.

During his career, Mr. Thompson was a realtor, real estate appraiser and educator, banker, legislator, community fund raiser, church musician, and senior advocate. He led many progressive community developments and played a role in the development of the University of Southern Indiana. In the late 1960s, when 1,400 acres of land was purchased for the campus of the University, he used his skills as a realtor and appraiser to ensure the acquisition of several parcels of land for the new campus. He also worked with community-based volunteer groups to ensure the economic vitality of Southwest Indiana, and from 1972–76, he served in the legislature—first in the Indiana House of Representatives and then in the Indiana Senate. Mr. Thompson helped organize testimony before the Indiana Senate promoting the establishment of the University of Southern Indiana as a separate state university. For many years, he helped the Secretaries and Associates of USI build its scholarship fund by cooking and selling apple butter on campus each fall.

A member of *Reflections* Planned Giving Society, Mr. Thompson established the Harry E. Thompson Business Scholarship, awarded to a young person working his way through college, mirroring Mr. Thompson’s own experience. Mr. Thompson died September 8, 2011. He was the father of three daughters, Elaine Azwell; Sue Morrison, with whom he co-owned Sunburst Stained Glass in Newburgh; and Dr. Jane Johansen, associate professor of business education at USI.

*Bob Wallace's  
life-changing USI  
experience inspires  
family giving*



## Robert W. '74 and Julia "Julie" Wallace

A conversation with Bob Wallace about his time at the University of Southern Indiana immediately shifts into story-after-story about his great professors, including former dean of Liberal Arts Jim Blevins and business professors Ed Marting and Larry Arp. His wife Julie shares his passion for the University even though the University of Cincinnati is her alma mater. "USI has been very important to Bob," she stressed.

Mr. Wallace graduated in the early years of USI, attending principally as an evening student. He grew up in the Indianapolis area and his work with Cincinnati Insurance casualty claims brought him to Evansville. Mr. Wallace juggled work and classes, majoring in marketing and winning the award for Outstanding Student in Marketing in 1974. After graduation, while considering an offer to apply his marketing degree at an advertising firm, Cincinnati Insurance asked him to be the company's first state claims manager in Indianapolis. From that position, he moved to corporate headquarters in Cincinnati and ultimately retired as assistant vice president and assistant casualty claims manager in 2010. He gave 39 years of service to the company.

Mrs. Wallace attended evening school at the University of Cincinnati as a single mother of three, studying information technology and earning her bachelor's degree in 1999. The Wallaces met at Cincinnati Insurance where Mrs. Wallace is a service manager in information technology, supervising the work of about 20 people and managing projects for several commercial lines. They married in 2000 and now have a blended family of five children and seven grandchildren. To unite their geographically-spread family, Mrs. Wallace plans family adventure outings.

The Wallaces have an unrestricted estate gift in place and they have enjoyed awarding the Robert Wallace Scholarship to a student in liberal arts. They also are members of the Alumni President's Associates. A member of the USI Foundation Board of Directors since 2007, Mr. Wallace happily drives from their home in Fairfield, Ohio, for quarterly board meetings and other events. He said, "I love being there, walking around the campus. I am so proud of the changes," which his wife calls "impressive."

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