

# Children of Archie and Doris Borstad Scholarship Endowment

Archie and Doris (Rype-Weed) Borstad were born to Norwegian immigrant farm families in the Devils Lake area. Sadly, Archie's mother died when he was only eight years old.

Archie and Doris both graduated from Devils Lake High School. Archie went on to the University of North Dakota, and Doris attended Minot State Teachers College (Minot State University). Doris became a teacher in a rural, one-room school near Devils Lake.

Archie and Doris were married in 1943 and settled on a farm on the Fort Totten Indian Reservation in Benson County homesteaded by Archie's father. Archie farmed and ranched, and Doris became a homemaker raising a large garden and enjoying raising many flowers, as well. She was an active member of the Saint Olaf Lutheran Church, Saint Olaf Ladies' Aid, Lakewood Homemakers Club, and the Rebekahs.

Archie and Doris became parents of

four children—three girls, Marie, Carleen, and Janet—and one boy, Terry. Education was very important to them. All four children



are graduates of Devils Lake High School, and the three oldest attended Devils Lake Junior College (now Lake Region State College) on small scholarships. All four children received bachelor of science degrees from North Dakota State University and have had successful careers.

After the children were grown, Doris enjoyed volunteering at the Lake Region Nursing Home

fixing hair for residents and also volunteering for the Devils Lake RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program).

Archie became very active in the community and government. He was on the Fort Totten school board for many years and served as board chairman. He was a member of the Benson County Commission and served in the North Dakota State Legislature from Benson County. Archie

was later asked by Louis Goodhouse, Fort Totten Sioux Tribal Chairman, to serve as the first Economic Development Specialist and Director of the Housing Authority for the Devils Lake Sioux Tribe, a position he held for many years as he remained active in farming and ranching. He served for many years on the board of directors of the Devils Lake Farmers Union Oil Company, many of which he held the position of chairman. He was also a member of the Devils Lake Independent Order of Odd Fellows and served as Noble Grand for the state of North Dakota.

Archie and Doris were members of the Devils Lake chapter of the Sons of Norway. They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and loved traveling to

Norway, visiting relatives in villages their fathers left in the early nineteen hundreds.

After sixty years of farming and ranching, Archie and Doris moved to Devils Lake as their farm was being flooded by the rising waters of Devils Lake. The homestead has now become an island.

Archie passed away in 2003, and Doris in 2011. As a memorial to their parents, the family has erected a large white cross and two small crosses on the farmstead next to the waters of Devils Lake.

This endowment was established by Archie and Doris' children who requested that a scholarship in their parents' memory be awarded to a student pursuing a career in agriculture or an agricultural-related career. †

