

Cutler-Maetzold Endowment

Ilean Cutler-Maetzold and her husband Dick Maetzold appreciated their own educational opportunities and stressed the importance of a good education to their children. Now they are doing what they can to open education's doors for others. They decided to invest in a scholarship endowment with the Community College Foundation because of their shared linkages to the Lake Region community.

Although she grew up in Mayville, Ilean is closely connected to the Lake Region. She has twice married men who grew up in the Lake Region. Lee Cutler, who died in 1973, attended LRSC (1948-49) before moving to Fargo for college and to launch his successful career in the insurance industry. Ilean and Lee met when she cared for him as a patient at St. Luke's Hospital. Their relationship grew from favorite patient to marriage partner. Together, they raised four children. Ilean received her registered nurse training at St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo and Cook County Hospital in Chicago. For many years she worked in the delivery room at St. Luke's Hospital and concluded her health care career working in the nursing home care unit at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fargo.

After her husband died, Ilean found nursing required her to be away from home during critical

hours when she was needed to be with her growing family. She took over her husband's insurance agency and opened an office in Devils Lake. She enjoyed a successful second career selling life insurance and securities.



Dick Maetzold grew up and farmed in Noonan Township near Devils Lake. After military service, he completed a degree at North Dakota State University in Fargo and put his education to good use operating the family farm.

He and Jeanne, Dick's first wife, raised five children and were very active in the community. Two of their children took classes at LRSC, and Dick, himself, was a full-time student for one semester. He signed up for the carpentry program with the goal of learning to frame up buildings for the farm. Dick served on the Devils Lake School Board, the Lake Region Community College Board of Trustees and the Community College Corporation when the present campus was being planned and constructed. Jeanne died unexpectedly in 1974. Dick passed away in 2015.

Ilean Culter and Dick Maetzold were married in 1977. They made their home in Fargo, but remain very interested in and supportive of the Lake Region. The Cutler-Maetzold scholarship will be awarded annually to a student whose goal is to become a registered nurse. ♦