

Dan and Marilyn Johnson

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Dan Johnson, long-time educator and veteran faculty member, registrar, and Dean of Student Services, Admissions, and Housing (just to name a few of Dan's responsibilities), and his wife Marilyn, established the Dan and Marilyn Johnson Scholarship Endowment to provide support for students who have demonstrated a solid work ethic.

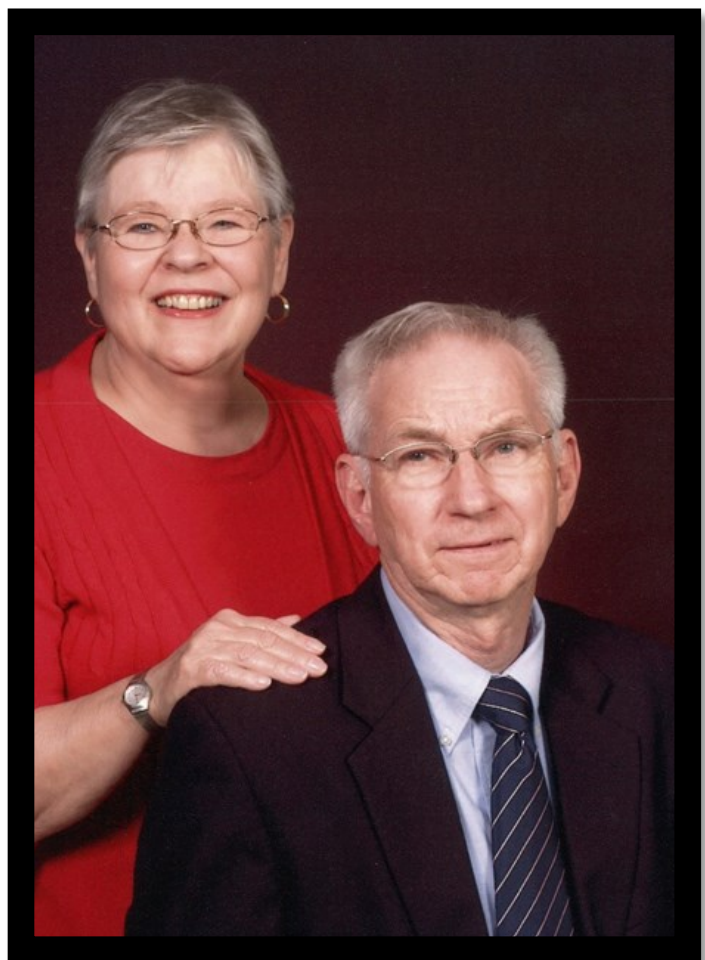
Dan grew up in Woodworth, ND, where he learned about hard work at an early age as his parents owned a small grocery store. He graduated from Woodworth High School in a class of nine before attending the University of North Dakota, majoring in Mathematics. He then went on to obtain his master's degree in Mathematics at Moorhead State.

Marilyn grew up and graduated from Enderlin High School in 1963. During her school years she became active in music, a pastime she would continue to enjoy throughout her life. Marilyn graduated as an honor student and attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo, earning her nursing degree in 1966.

Dan and Marilyn moved to Devils Lake in 1968, where he joined the Lake Region faculty in the math department. Marilyn had a long career in nursing at Oakes Community Hospital and at Lake Region Clinic, now known as Altru. She worked as an oncology nurse, nursing supervisor, and internal medicine specialist, and she enjoyed forming relationships with the patients and their families.

Dan has always enjoyed photography and still to this day captures members of the Devils Lake community and the LRSC community doing the ordinary and extraordinary. He remains an active member of Kiwanis and Our Savior's Church.

Marilyn was an active member of the Devils Lake Community Orchestra. She played the flute for many years and immensely enjoyed classical music and Broadway hits. She also was



a member of the Our Savior's Lutheran Church choir. She was always an avid music lover and liked to mix in some Rod Stewart, Neil Diamond, and Elton John. Dan and Marilyn enjoyed going to orchestral and theatre events in the region along with productions and concerts in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Winnipeg. In addition to music, she also enjoyed knitting and sewing, creating many beautiful sweaters for family and friends.

While their kids were young, much of Dan and Marilyn's time was spent enjoying their children's school and sporting activities. They were avid supporters of their athletic and music endeavors. Both of Dan and Marilyn's children, Paul and Angela, attended LRSC and went on to graduate from the University of North Dakota. Their son, Paul, played basketball for the Royals.

After their son Paul graduated from UND, he and Dan decided to open The Liquid Bean in downtown Devils Lake in December 1993. The Liquid Bean was the second coffeehouse in the state of North Dakota and was a labor of love for the entire Johnson family, who spent

countless hours in the early years of operation. The Liquid Bean is still a gathering spot for friends and strangers who have become friends.

Dan has always supported students both in and out of the classroom and can frequently be spotted at LRSC athletic and arts events. He is known to capture fun photos of students, athletes, musicians, and performers. Similarly, it has always been important to Dan to support Lake Region State College. As a previous LRSC president imparted to him, "You can't encourage others to give if you don't give yourself." Dan started a payroll deduction plan in 1980 and never stopped.

Dan and Marilyn have always had a strong involvement in the community and the college has always served an important role in the community, giving students the skills and knowledge to succeed in Devils Lake and beyond. Their endowment was established by Dan and Marilyn Johnson to provide support for students with a strong work ethic and a desire to positively impact their communities.

