

Dorothy Kitterman Scholarship Endowment

"Hteacher first, a friend always"

aughter of Swedish immigrants, Dorothy Anderson Kitterman was a kindhearted, caring woman. Dorothy graduated from Leeds High School in 1940. She continued her education at North Dakota State University and earned a degree in Home Economics Education.

A teacher at heart, Dorothy taught her students life-long skills. A former student remarked, "I learned many skills from her that I still use today." Dorothy continually encouraged her students and championed the underdogs. She loved her students, and her students loved her. Dorothy taught in Minot and Velva prior to returning to Leeds to care for her ailing mother. She taught home economics for twenty-one years and became a mentor for student teachers in the education program.

After many years of courtship, Dorothy married Robert "Bob" Kitterman on December 19, 1970. They made their home in Leeds and eventually moved to Devils Lake in 2007. Dorothy and Bob shared many joyous years of courtship and marriage before he passed away in 2010.

In her time off, Dorothy loved to cook, tend to her garden, and after retiring from teaching, pursued a lifelong interest in oil painting. She became a member of the Hoe and Hope Garden Club, and following her Swedish heritage, also became a member of the Lake Region Swedish Society along with the Wild Rose Chapter of Eastern Star and the American Association of University Women.

Dorothy was active in both Leeds Lutheran Church and Saint Olaf Lutheran Church. In her years after retirement, she volunteered as an art teacher for fifth- and sixth-grade students at Leeds Public School.

In 2008, Dorothy was named a Devils Lake Unsung Hero in recognition of her years in education. The Dorothy Kitterman Endowment supports exemplary students at Lake Region State College. •



Dorothy and her husband, Bob