

# VICKI L. OEHLKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Vicki certainly knew the value of a solid education and was what you would consider a “life-long learner.” Her approach was more from a standpoint of self-betterment and curiosity that created a need to learn. In our early years she was a stay-at-home mom, but as Carren and Jeb got older she found interest in real estate and became a real estate broker, owning her own firm. Not done learning, she took classes at LRSC and progressed to UND, receiving her Bachelor’s degree in psychology, a Master’s degree from Mary College in administration, and furthered herself by becoming a Grand Master through Rappport Leadership International.

But there was more. A hobby in quilting spurred her interest in designing quilt patterns and fabric and, along with her partner Sonja, grew into a renowned business called WillowBerry Lane. Their fabric and patterns are still hallmarks in the world of quilters.



Still, it was not enough. Her eventual favorite field of endeavor was back to the world of education at Cankdeska Cikana Community College, where she excelled as a student advocate and job coach, among other duties. She dearly loved that world and enjoyed bringing hope and encouragement to not only the students, but everyone she met.

Eventually, health issues caused her to back away from her very active involvement in life.

She was not happy to have to do that, but you would never know because her personal would never let it show.

Our great hope is that recipients of this endowment live their lives to the fullest and never leave anything undone that is worth doing. That would be Vicki’s best legacy.

Now, since the world is out there, go get it!