



Leon A. Timboe Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Leon A. “Chief” Timboe, son of Leander and Alpha (Jensen) Timboe, was born in Devils Lake and lived his entire life in the community he loved except for his years in the military. Leon attended country school in Penn and then entered the United States Army on November 20, 1940. He served his country during World War II with the 164th Infantry in the European-African-Middle Eastern theaters as a truck driver and later had special training as a medic. He was honorably discharged on Christmas Eve in 1945 with the rank of Technician 5th Grade.

After discharge, Leon returned to Devils Lake and worked at McHugh’s Garage, the Davis Tavern, and the Deep Rock Service Station. Eventually, Leon entered law enforcement and was a patrolman for the city of Devils Lake. Many of his working hours were spent “walking the beat,” and Leon came to know everyone and their kids, and everybody knew him. He soon became chief of police and served in that capacity for sixteen years. Leon was always a positive influence in the lives of young people and a role model as a wonderful husband and father. After retirement in 1976, he worked for ten years for I. F. LaFleur and Son, Inc.

Leon was united in marriage to his beloved Mary Heilman in 1947, and they enjoyed sixty-one years of marriage. They raised four children—James, Betty, Richard, and Robert.

Leon spent his entire life in service to his country, community, and family. He loved the city of Devils Lake and the people of Ramsey County.

This scholarship endowment was established by Richard and Sylvia Timboe to provide financial support for students in the Peace Officer Training Program. Richard attended Lake Region Junior College (now Lake Region State College) in 1967 and 1968 and played on the Mon-Dak Conference champion baseball team in 1967.