



Albert & Janet Wood Endowment

The Albert and Janet Wood Endowment has been established for Lake Region area students seeking degrees in business or office management as a way to reward students who work hard and share their strong work ethic.

Albert and Janet were married February 3, 1968, and made their home on a farm in Ontario Township north of Crary, North Dakota, where they farmed. In 1970, they began to do custom combining work for Janet's father, Herman Dimmler, and they started up their own custom combining business in 1977. Their combine route took them from Kansas to South Dakota and back home each summer.

Janet began her teaching career in 1968 at Warwick High School. She taught there one year. Then, from 1969 to 2001, many Lake Region State College students had the privilege of taking office education courses from Janet. Her personality and positive influence on students were unbeatable.

"Lake Region State College was the best place in the world to work," she said many times. "It was a privilege and honor to work there."

Janet served on the Community College Foundation board of directors where she was treasurer for many years, and she also encouraged

her office management students to get involved with the Key Event where they assisted with decorating. In October 2001, Janet was inducted into the Lake Region State College Hall of Fame. Janet received the Unsung Hero Award in Devils Lake in December of 2002.

Albert and Janet's children, Steve and Jason, both attended Lake Region State College. Steve earned his associate in arts degree and later graduated from the University of North Dakota, and Jason was enrolled in the Simulator Technology program and also later graduated from UND. Their daughter-in-law, Erin, has worked at Lake Region State College since 2000, and three of Albert and Janet's grandchildren attend College Care for Kids.

Janet's teaching career was cut short when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2000. She battled multiple recurrences of the disease but forged ahead with the fight and enjoyed the most out of life. On March 15, 2005, Janet lost her battle with breast cancer.

It is the hope of Janet's family that the scholarship dollars generated from this endowment will reward students seeking similar career paths and who also are not afraid of going the extra mile. ✦