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ELIZABETH “LIZ” TANNREUTHER “Elizabeth Axline Tannreuther Scholarship Fund”

Friends and co-workers described Liz as a person who served diligently with a quiet spirit, great humility and giving of her time, talents and resources for the good of her family, employer, community and church. She was awarded the Mayor’s Volunteer Award, in 2010, in recognition to her dedication to helping others. Friends said, “She truly served with a servant’s heart.”

Elizabeth “Liz” Tannreuther was born on October 21, 1953, in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to Everett J. and Shirley Black Axline. The family later moved to the Cedar Valley where Liz graduated from Orange High School in 1972. She continued her education at the University of Northern Iowa, graduating in 1976, with a degree in education and as a member of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society.

Liz and her husband William “Bill” Tannreuther, were united in marriage on August 20, 1983, at South Waterloo Church of the Brethren. She retired from John Deere in 2008, after 31 years of service. The majority of Liz’s career was devoted to new product development in the engineering specifications area.

Liz was an avid reader, enjoyed music, and activities with her family, extended family, church family and many friends.

She was actively involved in church activities at the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren, where she served on the church board for several years. As a devoted advocate of childhood education, she was the Chair of Christian Education, Sunday School Superintendent and taught Sunday School and Bible School. Liz sang in the Church Chancel Choir and was a soloist. Upon retirement, she volunteered at Orange Elementary School for the Waterloo Community School District.

Liz died at the age of 57 on September 20, 2011. Her family then decided to create a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Liz valued education and respected the impact that it could have on an individual’s life, happiness and security. The Elizabeth Axline Tannreuther Scholarship Fund was created to assist others in their educational journey.

Income from the fund will be used to grant scholarships for qualified graduates to attend a university, community college, trade school or the equivalent thereof.

It is Liz’s family’s desire that the scholarships will help others develop learning and life long skills necessary to enjoy a fulfilling and successful career.



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