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ARVID AND ELSA WASCHEK

Fund Founders

Arvid and Elsa Waschek met at the University of Minnesota and married in 1949. Arvid studied engineering and Elsa focused in medical technology.

After the pair graduated, Arvid worked as an engineer at J.C. Case in Racine, Wisconsin. After not too long, the family moved to Waterloo, Iowa where Arvid began to work for John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works. While there, he worked in hydraulics. However, in 1979 Arvid ventured into a business of his own. Iowa Laser

Technology, founded by Arvid and his friends, manufactured and cut metal materials. Arvid spent several enjoyable years there until they sold the business in 2011, by this point, the company had grown to a total of 190 employees.

When not focusing on work, both Arvid and Elsa were members and active volunteers of Nazareth Lutheran Church. Arvid served on the church council and in the Sunday School. He also volunteered with youth at the YMCA in Waterloo and was a member of the Sons of Norway. Elsa volunteered as a Lutheran Home patient advocate for 20 years, volunteered at IHOPE ministries, and did secretary work.

The couple raised four children, Bob, Sue, Jim, and Ann. Together, the four children gave Arvid and Elsa twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arvid and Elsa were thankful for the wonderful life they created which is why they established a fund with the Community Foundation. “We are thankful for having such a good life and wanted to give back to help others live a good life too.” As the fund continues to grow, the Waschek family will grant out to organizations making an impact on their community.

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