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## Honoring Lloyd Louis Bergfeld: A Legacy of Service and Kindness

The Lloyd Louis Bergfeld Scholarship Fund, established with the Buchanan County Community Foundation, is a heartfelt tribute to a man whose life was marked by dedication, humility, and service. Created by Ellen Gaffney, Lloyd's long-time best friend, this scholarship reflects the values and generosity that defined Lloyd's life.

Lloyd Louis Bergfeld was born on November 25, 1928, in Petersburg, Iowa, the third of 11 children in a hardworking family. After graduating from Lamont High School in 1946, Lloyd embarked on a life of service and commitment. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained on the front lines. Lloyd's bravery and dedication to his country remained a source of pride throughout his life, and he was an active member of the Loren Foster American Legion Post 346.

Before and after his military service, Lloyd built a career that spanned decades in road construction and machinery operation. He began working for Frank Machacek in the John Deere Implement business and later transitioned to road construction. Lloyd became known as one of the best "blade-men around." He took pride in his work, with Ellen recalling, "He could set grade without using many of the tools provided today," a testament to his meticulous craftsmanship and unparalleled skill. Lloyd retired in 1993, leaving a lasting legacy in his field.

While Lloyd was a man of few words, his wisdom and kindness spoke volumes. His favorite saying, "You learn a lot by listening," exemplifies the quiet strength and thoughtful nature that endeared him to many. Lloyd's generosity was subtle but impactful, and his legacy—built through hard work and careful saving—became a means to help others achieve their dreams.

Ellen, who shared a special bond with Lloyd for decades, wanted to honor his life and the values they both cherished. "I've always felt that we're here to serve others," Ellen says. "This scholarship is a tool to honor him and to help people in the field he chose."

The Lloyd Louis Bergfeld Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the diesel technology or automotive technology programs at Hawkeye Community College, with a preference for graduates of the Starmont School District. Ellen's hope is that this scholarship will break down financial barriers and enable students to focus on their education, just as Lloyd's life demonstrated the importance of perseverance and skill.

Ellen's decision to establish the scholarship was rooted in her belief in giving back and creating opportunities for others. "Lloyd's legacy is one of kindness and service," she says. "I want people to remember him for that."

Through the Lloyd Louis Bergfeld Scholarship Fund, Lloyd's story will continue to inspire new generations of students. His legacy of hard work, quiet generosity, and commitment to serving others will live on, making a meaningful difference in the lives of those who follow in his footsteps.

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