

# DONOR STORIES

## NANCY WHALEY

### “Nancy Whaley Memorial Scholarship Fund”

The Nancy Whaley Memorial Scholarship fund was established in memory of Nancy Whaley by her husband, Mark, to sustain her memory and values. Income from the fund will be used to provide one-year scholarships to qualified female graduates of Clear Lake High School who have attended and been confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church and will be attending an accredited university, junior college, or trade school. Recipients must demonstrate the abilities required to successfully complete the requirements of the institution chosen. They must have served their community through volunteer work and been active in both school and church activities.



NANCY WHALEY

Nancy (Nielsen) Whaley was born April 25th, 1957 in Clear Lake, Iowa. She graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1975.

On April 27th, 1979 Nancy married Mark Whaley, also a native of Clear Lake, Iowa. Together they had two sons, Ryan James and Dane Thomas.

The Nancy Whaley Memorial Scholarship fund was established to memorialize the life she lived. “She was a rare individual who truly believed that ‘life is a gift’ and gave so much of herself to others throughout her life,” said Mark. In particular, she enjoyed the young ladies she affectionately referred to as her “little darlings”, while serving as a Small Group Leader for confirmation classes for female, high school students at Zion Lutheran Church.

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Mark put his trust in the Clear Lake/Ventura Community Foundation because it was created by and for the people of Clear Lake and Ventura. After his marriage to Nancy, Mark became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, where she and her family had been lifelong members. “It is the place where we raised both of our sons who also have enjoyed the benefits of the Clear Lake community,” Mark said.

#### CHILDREN

Ryan James Whaley, 6/27/1981, married to Katherine Lamont

Dane Thomas Whaley, 9/24/1984