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CARL “KIP” & JUDY HAUSER “Kip & Judy Hauser Family Foundation Fund

Carl “Kip” and Judy Hauser live by the motto: “You learn what you live.” Growing up they were both taught that volunteering and helping others should be a central part of life.

Carl C. “Kip” Hauser was born on June 18, 1942, to Carl F. and Alice S. Hauser. Kip and his sister Carole were born and raised in Charles City, Iowa. As a child, Kip’s father ran the family business, the Hauser Funeral Home. Eventually, Kip became the third generation of Hausers to own and operate Hauser Funeral Home. In 2002, after 104 years of service, the Hausers sold the funeral home.



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Judy M. (Maland) Hauser was born on December 11, 1941, to Dr. Paul E. and Maxine W. Maland. Judy was also born and raised in Charles City, alongside four brothers and sisters; Janet, James, Jeanine, and Jerry. Judy’s father was a local veterinarian. Judy’s father is still living in Charles City and her mother is deceased.

As young adults, Kip and Judy became aware of an endowment fund which benefited multiple organizations within Charles City. During her time as president of the City Improvement Association, Judy worked alongside the fund’s trustee to secure funding for a hospice center in Charles City. With her expertise as a registered nurse (RN) and outside financial support, Judy founded and directed the Heart to Home Hospice.

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Many years later, after selling the Hauser Funeral Home, Kip and Judy established an endowment fund of their own, the Kip and Judy Hauser Family Foundation Fund. The couple wants to financially support others just as that local trustee had once supported Judy and the Heart to Home Hospice and their community.

Kip and Judy chose to establish a fund with the Floyd County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. As a past chair for the Floyd County Community Foundation, Kip commented, “We were both impressed with the due diligence with which all details of the organization are conducted and its comprehensive compliance with federal certification.”

Kip and Judy have been married for 50 years. Both took early retirement and spend their time volunteering or visiting their three children and seven grandchildren. Their oldest daughter, Laurie, and husband, Michael, have a set of twins, Michael and Elizabeth, and a daughter, Elana. Their middle daughter, Rebecca, and husband, Patrick, have two children, Julia and Joshua. Their youngest son, Stephen, and wife, Lauri, have two sons, Benjamin and Joseph.

Both Kip and Judy love Charles City and have plans to stay and continue to volunteer and contribute to its success in the future. ❖