

# DONOR STORIES

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## KENNETH & MAXINE MCNERNEY “Kenneth and Maxine McNerney Scholarship Fund”

Ken attended and graduated from Clarinda High School where he was active in football and basketball. After graduating, he started working for Safeway Grocery Stores, stocking shelves, bagging sugar, potatoes, rice, etc., as was the custom in those days and carrying out groceries. Ken continued with Safeway, advancing with the company in Clarinda, Iowa and Wayne and Omaha, Nebraska. In 1938 he began with Fareway Stores in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, as grocery manager. From there he served as manager in Oelwein and Waverly, Iowa, spanning a 40-plus year period, retiring from the Waverly store in 1982.

Ken served in World War II in the 100th Infantry Division in Germany and France. He was a radio operator in the 397th Infantry Regiment. He was decorated with the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in action.

On May 24, 1936, Ken married Maxine Sandquist of Vilisca, Iowa. The couple had three children: Patricia McNerney Sager, Robert McNerney and Linda McNerney Verrips. Maxine passed away September 27, 1972.

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On October 4, 1975, Ken married Maxine Karr of Traer, Iowa. The couple built a new home in Waverly, Iowa. Ken, or “Mac” as he was known to his associates, served as President of the Lions Club and the Waverly Country Club, and was active in the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce. He also served on various boards and committees at his church.

Maxine is active in the community as well. She was on the Bremwood Board for four years, has been the Treasurer of PEO Chapter ML, and has volunteered at the auxiliary Gift Shop at the Waverly Municipal Hospital. She has been active in her church, serving on the finance and various other committees, and as the President of the women’s circle. Maxine and Ken deliver Meals on Wheels as well as being involved in other community activities.

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