

EARLENE J. MCBRIDE

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“Earlene wanted to encourage students who, though they may not be at the top of their class, work hard and are committed to being their very best.”

MARLA HANNA

Niece and Fund Advisor

Earlene J. McBride was born in 1935 in Waterloo as the daughter of Clifford and Eva. She graduated from La Porte City High School in 1953 and attended Gates Business College in Waterloo. Earlene worked at Perpetual Savings and Loan for 35 years as secretary to the President and 4 years as a Vice President.

Earlene enjoyed spending time with her four nieces - Ellen Pursell, Lurene Swalve, Marla Hanna, and June Arbuckle. She taught each of her nieces to enjoy adventure through camping trips, spending time outdoors, and living life with a free spirit.

As an avid bike rider, Earlene became a recognizable sight to her neighbors, riding her bike no matter the weather. To celebrate her 70th birthday, Earlene rode 70 miles.

Her nieces remember Earlene for the love and joy she brought them, her devotion to the adventurous outdoors and her fondness for cats. Earlene will also be remembered for her dedication to her community.

The Earlene J. McBride Scholarship fund was established to support hard-working graduates from the Union Community School District who will be attending an accredited university, college or trade school in Iowa. To encourage students who work diligently to improve themselves, priority will be given to those who demonstrate involvement in community service.

Earlene's legacy lives on through the Earlene J. McBride Scholarship Fund.