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**NANCY ZIMMERMAN**  
Daughter and Fund Founder

**Frederick and Ardis Gaylor** married at the young ages of 21 and 19 respectively. The couple moved frequently, as Fred traveled for work. It was this opportunity to travel that brought him to Waverly, IA. He thought it could be a great place to raise a family. In 1951, Fred, Ardis, and their two children, Nancy and Steven, moved to Waverly, IA where they would establish their roots. They had two more children after moving to Waverly, David and Sara.

In Waverly, Fred opened the town’s first supermarket on West Bremer Avenue. In 1960, they relocated the grocery business and developed a shopping center, Collegetowne Plaza. Ardis did all of the bookwork for their supermarket, Fred’s Super Valu and later, in 1980, she began her job as a financial secretary for St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Waverly.

Fred and Ardis were dedicated members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. Additionally, Ardis served on the Bartles Lutheran Retirement Community Board, was past president and treasurer of the Hospital Auxiliary Board, and volunteered in the hospital gift shop.

Fred passed away in 2001, survived by Ardis until she passed in 2018.

“They would be quite happy to see how much Waverly has grown,” said Nancy of her parents.

Nancy followed in her parent’s footsteps by getting involved in the community and serving on the Waverly Community Fund committee for many years, prior to establishing the Gaylor Family Fund. Nancy says their family’s goal was to establish the fund to do good work for the community long after the family is no longer here.

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The Gaylor Family Fund will continue to support the greatest needs in Waverly, for generations to come.