

## Margaret Kilibarda

Margaret was born and raised in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and learned the importance of community involvement from her parents.

She graduated from Plattsmouth High School and attended Peru State Teachers' College, where she served as layout editor of the yearbook and participated in the Newman Club and the White Angels cheer section.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education, she went to Schleswig where she taught fourth grade and was a girls' high school basketball chaperone.

Wishing to be closer to home, Margaret moved to Council Bluffs in 1963. She began teaching fourth grade at Lewis Central, first at Lakeview Elementary School and then, for 32 years, at Krefl Primary School.

As a teacher she supported numerous initiatives and curriculum adoptions and was a career-long member of local, state and national associations. All of the hundreds of students that she taught over the years are special to her, and she enjoyed watching them as they moved on through their schooling.

Margaret spent many hours at L.C. activities with her husband of 35 years, Jack, who died in 1999. In particular, during the years daughter Kris (Class of 1987) attended L.C., the couple appeared to be permanent fixtures at Lewis Central.

In addition to normal "parent duty" activities, Margaret and Jack served as members and officers of

the Krefl PTA. They had wonderful times organizing ice cream socials and other PTA events. Margaret also spent more than seven years running the electronic scoreboard for home football games with Jack.

When Kris became a wrestling "mat maid" in middle school, the couple became members of the L.C. wrestling family as well.

Since that time, Margaret has remained a loyal supporter of L.C. wrestling and many of her favorite memories are of road trips across the state with Jack and Kris as well as later with friends to cheer on the Titan wrestlers.

After retirement, Margaret has continued her involvement in the L.C. community. She has been a "lunch buddy" for several students at Titan Hill Intermediate School and has spent countless hours volunteering in teachers' classrooms in a variety of ways.

She reads storybooks to several elementary classes each week and annually reviews applications and conducts interviews for scholarships awarded by the Lewis Central Education Foundation.

Margaret still remains an active supporter of L.C. activities. Although she loves them all, show choir, musicals, volleyball and wrestling have remained her favorites.

In addition to her community involvement at school, Margaret is active in her church and in the area community. At her church, she served as a "money counter" — recording and depositing weekly tithes — for more



than a decade, is a lay Eucharist minister at Mass, serves at many funeral lunches and takes weekly communion to the residents at Fox Run Retirement Home.

Margaret is an active member of the Council Bluffs Lions' Club. She has attended many district, state and national conventions, has served as a district officer and volunteers at numerous service activities including assisting with eye testing at the local schools.

As a member of the Alpha chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an altruistic women educator sorority, Margaret has been involved in many service projects focused on helping children and families in need.

She has held every office at the local level and has held numerous state ADK offices including chaplain, secretary and treasurer.

Besides being involved in L.C. activities, in her spare time she likes to watch Husker athletics and attend the NCAA Men's College World Series.

She also likes to read, especially mysteries, and enjoys spending time with family and friends.