

Maurice & Carol Olson Family Endowment

Maurice and Carol Olson were both born and raised in the Devils Lake area. Maurice, son of Martin and Aletta Olson, was a descendent of original pioneers of the area. Carol, the daughter of Anna and Jonas Tunglund, was not only a farm wife but spent over thirty years working in the banking industry at First National Bank and then Ramsey National Bank.

Maurice farmed in the Lake Region until his death in 1986 and was very active in 4-H and FFA as well as other community activities. Prior to marriage, Carol was one of the very early students of Professor Woll at Lake Region State College during 1944-1945. She was also a true “Rosie the Riveter” during WWII working on the famed P-38 Lightning for Lockheed in California.

Maurice and Carol raised three children—Jay, Allen, and Paula. Paula Ramsey has made her home in the Lake Region working in radio, newspaper, and at Lake Toyota. Allen became an extension agent in Trail and Sargent counties. He also worked for Farm Credit Services in Finley, North Dakota, and Devils Lake for a number of years



before working in banking at Western State Bank and the National Bank of Harvey. Jay worked for Edgeley Farm Credit Services before he began a forty-five-year career in agriculture education. He taught his first five years in Bismarck and Wahpeton before moving back to Devils Lake and serving the last forty years as a Farm Management instructor at LRSC. Jay and Allen were both students at LRSC.

The Olson family has established this endowment to provide scholarship opportunities for students interested in furthering their education in the field of agriculture. ●

