

# Duane and Linda Schwab Family Scholarship Endowment

After the death of Duane on February 11, 2020, the Duane and Linda Schwab Family Scholarship Endowment was established through the donations of family and friends in honor of Duane. The endowment will provide scholarships for deserving students so they can complete their college education.

Duane Schwab was born in Emmons County, ND on June 23, 1947. His parents were Dennis and Marie (Keller) Schwab and he had four other brothers. His family moved to Devils Lake when Duane was 5 years old. He attended St. Joseph's Grade School and St. Mary's High School where he was an outstanding athlete. After graduation, he attended Lake Region State College for two years and received all-conference honors in both basketball and baseball. He continued to play basketball and baseball at Minot State University where he completed his degree in education.

Duane taught and coached at Crary and Lakota High Schools where he took Lakota to two State basketball tournaments. In 1989 he was hired as the women's basketball coach at Lake Region State College. In the 25 years he coached the Lady Royals, they won 14 Mon-Dak Conference titles, played in nine NJCAA National Tournaments, had three 30-win seasons, sixteen 20-win seasons, captured a total of 572 wins, and had eight All-American student-athletes.

Duane was also a teacher and the athletic director at Lake Region State. He was inducted into the Lake Region State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and the NJCAA Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Florida in 2016. He enjoyed the people he worked with and the many student-athletes and their families he came to know and love. He was their mentor, friend, and father figure and enjoyed watching them succeed long after they left Lake Region State.

Linda (Zarr) Schwab was born in Devils Lake, ND on November 6, 1947. She is the daughter of John and Helen (Bachmeier) Zarr and has two sisters. She also attended St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated from St. Mary's High School. She attended Lake Region State College before continuing her education at Minot State University where she graduated with a B.S. degree in education and later received her master's degree from the University of North Dakota.

Linda taught one year in Minot before they moved back to Devils Lake in 1970 where Duane was hired as the assistant men's basketball coach at Lake Region State. Linda taught at Prairie View Elementary School for 25 years. Later she taught Title I reading and math students, then became the information specialist for all three Devils Lake elementary schools. She was also the assistant librarian and information specialist for three years at Lake Region State College and enjoyed helping students with their research. After retirement from the Devils Lake Public Schools, she

was employed part-time at St. Joseph's School for four years where she taught skills and was the information specialist and librarian. She computerized the school's library collection, as well. Linda was in education for 41 years.

Duane and Linda were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on August 22, 1969. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 22, 2019, with family and friends by renewing their marriage vows. They also took a trip to Paris, Rome, Greece, and three Greek Islands as part of their anniversary celebration.

Duane and Linda have two sons, Cory and Brady, and three wonderful granddaughters. Cory attended Lake Region State and played basketball for the Royals. He graduated from the University of North Dakota. Brady also attended Lake Region State before graduating from Mayville State University where he played baseball for the Comets. Both are successful in their professions.

Linda retired from education in 2013 and Duane retired from Lake Region State College in 2014. They enjoyed their springs and summers at their cabin at Wood Lake and visiting with friends and family. They loved following Brady's sports teams and cheering for their granddaughters when they played in a variety of sporting events.

Duane and Linda's winters were spent in Arizona at their condo in Arcadia Grove. Duane enjoyed his morning coffee buddies and they loved their walks and exploring new areas. They loved the warm sunshine and the opportunity to swim all year long. They enjoyed their retirement and especially enjoyed each other's company and the many activities they would do together like watching basketball and baseball games, going to the movies, and most of all they enjoyed socializing with their AZ friends.

The Duane and Linda Schwab Family Scholarship Endowment was established in honor of Duane and his love of Lake Region State College to provide scholarships to deserving students so they can continue their pursuit of a college education that will make a difference in their lives.