

# Susan E. Greenleaf

1955-1987

## Academic Achievement Scholarship

Susan Ellen Greenleaf was born on May 12, 1955, in Devils Lake, North Dakota. She completed her elementary education in Devils Lake Public Schools and graduated from Devils Lake High School in 1972. During her senior year at Devils Lake Central, she also completed several courses at Lake Region Junior College—now Lake Region State College—during which time she also participated in a number of plays and other dramatic activities at the college.

Susan's successful studies at the college enabled her to pursue and complete a baccalaureate program in music at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, in three years, taking the degree with honors. She then moved on to the University of Maryland's main campus in College Park, Maryland, where she successfully completed the master's degree program in voice performance. Studies at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, further perfected Ms. Greenleaf's performance skills. Susan sang with opera companies in New York City, Milwaukee, and Washington DC. She later made her home in Washington and entered the law school at American University there. She married W. Bradley Holtz on December 18, 1983, and gave birth to the couple's only child, Zachery, on February 23, 1986. On May 7, 1987, Susan Greenleaf died following an illness of some duration.

Following Susan's death, her parents, Willard A. and Doris A. Greenleaf, gave Lake Region State College a gift of 500 shares of stock in the Philadelphia Electric Company and 250 shares of stock in Texas Utilities. The earnings of these stocks were to fund a scholarship for second-year students in the liberal arts program at Lake Region State College. The Susan E. Greenleaf

Academic Achievement Scholarship is awarded annually to a second-year liberal arts student who demonstrates exemplary scholarship and academic ability. Since its establishment in 1987, the scholarship principal has grown steadily as a result of continuing gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, family members, and friends.

The Greenleafs have also established scholarships at the University of Maryland and Jamestown College in honor and memory of their daughter Susan.

Willard A. Greenleaf was a native of Devils Lake, grandson of Edward and Grace Greenleaf who settled in Devils Lake in 1903. He was for thirty-three years associated with the Greenleaf Agency, an insurance and real estate firm started by his grandfather and continued by his father, Willard D. Greenleaf. Mr. Greenleaf was active in education, including service on the Lake Region State College board of trustees and the Community College Foundation board of directors. Among his

wide involvement in civic affairs was membership on the City of Devils Lake Special Assessment Commission. He was also an active member and treasurer for the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Doris A. Greenleaf, a native of Alexandria, Minnesota, worked as a reporter and editor on Minnesota newspapers before coming to North Dakota. In Devils Lake, she worked in public relations for the Devils Lake School Board, Lake Region State College, and other institutions. She served on the Devils Lake Carnegie Library board of trustees and as a Ruling Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Doris and Willard both served on the Lake Region State College 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary steering committee and as advisors to the Community College Foundation. ♦

