

## **Margaret English Conrad**

January 28, 1910 - December 8, 2003

### **Biography**

Margaret was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, and grew up on a farm in Eastern Illinois. She was the middle child of three children to a father who was a teacher and a mother who was a homemaker. Her father passed away when she was 9 years old, which forced her mother to return to school to obtain her teaching degree in order to support the family.

This had a profound influence on Margaret's decision to become a teacher herself. After a brief teaching stint she married Guy Conrad and settled down to raise her family (sons, Tom and Dick). She returned to the teaching profession to help finance her children's college educations and spent the next 16 years as a second grade teacher in the Nappanee and WaNee School systems until her retirement in 1974.

Her commitment to education also led her to taking an active role in the local library, including serving on the Board of Directors for 13 1/2 years. She also was involved in

many forms of Christian education here at the church, and was instrumental in helping to "informally" educate her younger brother and her own children and grandchildren.

*She once said "to teach is to teach; today, tomorrow and forever".*

### **Family Statement**

Our family wanted to create a living memorial dedicated to our Mother's/ Grandmother's lifetime commitment to education. This endowment scholarship fund is our way of preserving her memory through the eyes and minds of children.

We are committed to providing a means for the children of our community to have an opportunity to obtain a head start in the development of the basic skills needed to excel in today's society.

### ***The Conrad Family***

### **Church Statement**

Margaret (Peg) Conrad was before anything else a wife and a mother. She was also an educator and a long time faithful member of the Presbyterian Church of Nappanee. This scholarship

fund, established in her memory, represents Peg's love of children, of teaching, and of our Lord. Her children and her church family remember her with respect and fondness.

We hope that in some small way the ability of this scholarship fund to help children in this community will be a reminder for years to come of the impact of this faithful woman.

Proverbs 31:20 and 28 say that a woman of noble character "*extends her hands to the needy. . . Her children arise and call her blessed.*" Margaret's children, this church, and this community were blessed by her presence.

### **Statement of Terms**

The term of this scholarship shall be for one (1) calendar school year. The amount of the scholarship will depend upon the number of qualified applicants with the maximum amount of each scholarship being full tuition for a full school year. The scholarship will be paid directly to the Nursery School and will terminate immediately should the student withdraw from the Grace Point Pre School.