

Named Endowed Funds

The Don and Pauline Schroeder Family Fund



The Don and Pauline Schroeder Family Fund was created by two sisters, who are past students in Don Schroeder's music classes – Barbara Haas Jeffus (class of '64) and LeAne Haase Rutherford (class of '55)

LeAne said, "The Schroeders modeled connection, competence and caring. What Barb and I are about today is a lingering harmonic to the chord struck by them: Make a joyful noise."

Don and Pauline Schroeder met at Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin, where Don majored in music education and Pauline in vocal pedagogy. They married after their junior year and graduated from college in 1951. At that time Don accepted a position in Cloquet teaching music.

Throughout Don's career, Pauline acted as a resource person in her field of private voice training. The Schroeders' dedication and passion for their work resulted in many awards and widespread recognition for the Cloquet music program.



Barbara Haas Jeffus and LeAne Haase Rutherford helped establish the Don and Pauline Schroeder Family Fund

During their time teaching, the Schroeders had a positive impact on many students. One was Carol Singpiel Perttula, class of '61. "I appreciate how they gave me every possible advantage to further my vocal music education," she said.

Another student, Kevin Adams, met the Schroeders while a CHS student in the mid-70s. "It is difficult for me to briefly describe what they meant to me," he said. "I'm thrilled to see their legacy live on through this fund."

When asked how they feel about being honored in this way, Don said, "It is both exhilarating and humbling for us. Music reaches into our being and touches us in its unique way.

To help students experience music was our mission. For former students to come back and tell us that we had an impact on their lives – there is no greater reward for Pauline and me and we are most thankful."