



Named Endowed Funds

The Norman Hewitt Memorial Fund

Norman Allen Hewitt was a loyal supporter of the Cloquet Educational Foundation and Cloquet students. His wife of 40 years, Marguerite Hewitt, established the Norman Hewitt Memorial Fund after Norman passed away in 2010.

Like her husband, Margee values education – in particular education that better prepares all students for their future careers. She believes the current emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math is important to help prepare students who may not follow the four year degree college path.

Norm's parents, Sam and Emma Hewitt, were immigrants from Ireland. When Norm was a child, his family moved from Alberta, Canada to Cloquet. Norm and his sisters, Becky, Emily and Kathleen all graduated from Cloquet High School.

Norm was known as a great writer. As a student at Cloquet High School he worked backstage on the New Fires Play and was a reporter for the school newspaper. He had a fascination with stunt flying that started during a Cloquet Aviation Club sponsored air show. This passion continued during his military career. At age 15 he started working for JC Penney Company. This would turn into a lifetime career.

Norm graduated from Cloquet High School in 1939. His career with JC Penney was put on hold when he entered the military. He served in the Army Air Corps and became a B17 pilot during World War II. After the war he returned to JC Penney, working in management in various locations. He retired as the general manager of the Miller Hill store in 1981. He was recognized as an extremely successful businessman and continued working after his retirement as an entrepreneur, owning several enterprises in Duluth and Florida.

Norm stayed connected to Cloquet and attended every class reunion. He joked that he graduated last in his class; we don't believe it. He is remembered by family and friends as a hard-working generous person who enjoyed helping others. He was also known for his Irish Blarney. He did kiss the Blarney Stone – more than once.

Norm and Margee have three daughters and three grandchildren living in Alabama, New Mexico and California. Margee established the Norman Hewitt Memorial Fund to help prepare all students for the future. Norm's legacy will live on through this memorial fund and will benefit Cloquet students for years to come.