

Robert M. Larrison – First Farmers Bank & Trust Scholarship:

Each year, friends and family of Robert Larrison gather at an annual golf event to raise money for the scholarship that honors his memory. He was a man who brought joy to those around him, and through contributions to his community, made a lasting impact.

Since 2009, the Robert Larrison Memorial Golf Outing has been an outlet for people to gather, share stories and memories about Robert, and raise dollars for a scholarship that bears his name.

Robert, or Bob as he was known, was a graduate of Clay Township High School in 1958. A graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne, Bob, went on to a distinguished career in the banking community. He retired as the CEO of First Farmers Bank, Converse, and was leader in the business world as well a respected mentor, coach and friend. Bob married Joyce Cattin in 1960, and together raised daughters Kimberly, Jennifer, and Amy.



There was a love of community and sports that ran deep through Bob's life. He donated his time to Habitat for Humanity, and the Grissom Redevelopment Authority. He loved to ski, and held a golf outing with the bank every year since 1993 until his untimely death on March 4, 2008.

Having fun was something that Bob was also known for, which is why this memorial golf outing is a chance for joining together with friends and family to reminisce and share stories. This annual outing has helped raise funds to award eleven scholarships totaling \$10,000 through the Robert M. Larrison - First Farmers Bank & Trust Scholarship held at the Miami County Community Foundation.

"We thank all of those who have contributed to the scholarship fund, and for helping keep dad's memory alive", said Amy Larrison, daughter of Bob and Joyce Larrison. "It's a great event, and you don't even have to be a good golfer. Many people come and share the day, have dinner, and raise money for a good cause," Larrison continued.

The scholarship supports graduating seniors from any Grant, Howard or Miami County High School who have a financial need. Students must also have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, involved in their community, and be employed during their high school career.