Mary Lee Temple Memorial Scholarship

The Mary Lee Temple Memorial Scholarship was established by Mary's husband, Terry, as a tribute to her wonderful life. Terry wanted his wife's love for children and education to live on forever. So, in the early summer of 2011, he decided to begin a scholarship fund in Mary's name.

Mary was a woman of great character, integrity, and enthusiasm. These characteristics were evidenced through her professional, personal, and charitable achievements. Mary taught elementary school and was an active volunteer in her community. Mary was a long standing and active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Peru, Indiana. Here she served as Deacon, and additionally taught Sunday school for over seventeen years. She was very active in CASA of Miami County for many years as a guardian ad litem, where her most prized work of love was mentoring a young girl suffering from Huntington's disease. Mary was also a key part of initiating the Christian Outreach program while serving on the board of Gateway Center (now Bona Vista).

Mary's dedication to the educational community and charitable causes continues to live on through this scholarship, whereby a young woman who exemplifies her character, integrity, and enthusiasm may benefit. Recipients of this scholarship must be graduating senior females of Peru, Maconaquah, or North Miami High Schools and residents of Miami County. They must be accepted, and plan to attend an accredited college or university pursuing a degree in the field of elementary education. Involvement in school, work, and community, along with having an outstanding character will all be things highly considered.

Education is the foundation upon which we build our future. Through Mary Lee's scholarship, women of Miami County area can continue to build their education foundation.