

Phillips-Braman Scholarship Fund

Marjory Phillips was a lifelong resident and supporter of Rochester, Indiana. It came as no surprise when she, along with fellow trustees, created the Phillips-Braman Scholarship Fund. Established as a fund with the Community Foundation in 2016, this scholarship has been affecting student's lives since 2003.



Marjory Phillips was a strong trustee of the Phillips-Braman Scholarship Trust, where the scholarship began in 2003. Born and raised in Rochester, Marjory graduated from Rochester High School in 1935 with great zebra pride. She is known as “one of the oldest living zebras”, as she was the last living member of her class until her passing at age 98. Her love for family was a strong part of Marjory's life, as she grew up with four siblings, two brothers and two sisters. Paramount in her life were her nieces and nephews that she loved and cherished dearly. Aunt Midge, as she was known, treated them all as her own.

After graduating from Rochester, Marjory stayed close to her hometown. Shortly after finishing work as a clerk for the Fulton County Selective Service Office during World War II, she met her husband, Carl. Marjory and Carl Phillips enjoyed more than 25 years of life's adventures together. Following Carl's passing on January 30, 1981, Marjory returned from Marshall County to live in her hometown.

From 1947-1985, Marjory worked as the revered financial secretary of the Rochester Community Schools for 39 years, a job she loved. Volunteerism is her forte', and as a dedicated sports enthusiast, she greeted all fans with a warm smile, selling tickets for more than six decades at the Zebras football and basketball games, finally retiring at age 94.

To be eligible for the Phillips-Braman scholarship, students must be graduates from Rochester High School in Fulton County. Additionally, they must have completed one year of study and coursework as a full-time student at Purdue University. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and academic achievement. The scholarship may be renewed if the recipient is a full-time student at any Indiana college or university.

Marjory Phillips had a great love for all things Rochester, and her love and legacy will be continued on forever through the Philips-Braman Scholarship Fund.