Peggy Lawrence Community Fund

The Peggy Lawrence Community Fund honors a life rooted in family, service, education, and deep love for Starke County.

Peggy devoted three decades to teaching second grade in the Knox Community School Corporation, positively impacting countless students and families. Together with her husband, Clarence, she built a life centered on hard work, family, and community values that continue to inspire those who knew them.

Clarence and Peggy met on a double-blind date in 1952 and were married on June 6, 1953. They went on to have three sons; Brad, Brian, and Todd.

In 1959, Peggy and Clarence bought a farm that began with 250 acres, a three-story barn, 20 cows, 98 pigs, and three ponies: Rex, Misty, and Princess. Since then, their family farm has grown immensely.

Beyond her classroom, the farm, and her family, Peggy fully embraced life. She and Clarence enjoyed traveling together throughout Europe and on several cruises, creating cherished memories in places such as France, Germany, England, Italy, the Caribbean, San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Cancun.

Clarence passed away in July of 1999, and Peggy was reunited with him in July of 2026.

Established in 2016 to honor her spirit of generosity, the Peggy Lawrence Community Fund supports a wide variety of local charitable programs and projects. Through grants that address local needs and create opportunities for residents, the fund reflects Peggy's lifelong commitment to helping others and strengthening the community she proudly called home.

Today, donors who support the Peggy Lawrence Community Fund help ensure that Peggy's values of service, compassion, and community continue