

IRENE JOHNSMEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Irene (McCoy) Johnsmeyer grew up in Tarkio, Missouri, and is a graduate of both Tarkio High School and Tarkio College. A natural blond, her hair was white at the age of 30.

She was a high school teacher for 40 years, including 9 years at Weston, Missouri, 6 years at Winchester, Kansas, and 22 years at Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Johnsmeyer met and married while both were on the Winchester faculty.

When Irene Johnsmeyer and her husband Earl joined the Lansing Rural High School faculty in 1948, the faculty totaled 6 teachers, including the principal, who taught half the day. The school had 65 total students, grades 9 through 12. There were 25 boys and 40 girls. Irene taught math, science, and girls P.E. She was Pep Club sponsor, a class sponsor, and sold tickets at all home school activities. As the school grew and faculty was added, she only taught math.

Mrs. Johnsmeyer retired from Lansing High School and teaching in 1970. In 1987, she and her husband founded the Lansing Kansas Scholarship Fund, Inc., a not for profit corporation that provides scholarships for Lansing High School graduates. Her life on earth ended October 5, 1998.

- 1. Applicant must pursue a math major or related field.**
- 2. A completed application, an essay of 250 words or less and TWO teacher evaluations with counselor section is required.**