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Ray and Gay Clark Scholarship to Benefit SWOSU Pharmacy Students

Students studying pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford are the beneficiaries of the philanthropic spirit of two SWOSU alumni who had the vision and foresight to plan a gift to their alma mater.

The late Walter Raymond "Ray" Clark (SWOSU Class of 1977) and the late Lana Gay Clark (SWOSU Class of 1976) met at SWOSU and were married on June 18, 1977. Ray was a graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy and Gay was a graduate of the SWOSU School of Education.

The Clarks made their home in Hugo where Ray was employed by Walmart as a pharmacist before moving to Perkins. They eventually settled in Stillwater, where Gay served for over 25 years in the Office of the Dean of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology at Oklahoma State University.

Ray worked as a pharmacist for over a quarter-century at Central Drug in Stillwater, taking up his post in 1979. He was a firm believer in maintaining a business with a family atmosphere and was a champion of locally owned pharmacies.

During his time at Central Drug, Ray was responsible for the first computerized system in a retail pharmacy in Stillwater, and he was well known for his patient-oriented approach to conducting daily business—along that vein, he developed a free drug delivery program and a nursing home consultation program. Ray also oversaw the formulation and implementation of the first Medicare-compliant pharmacy program in Stillwater. Additionally, Ray volunteered his time at the Stillwater Community Health Center on a regular basis for over 12 years.

The Clarks were parents to two children, Timothy Ryan Clark and Michael Ray Clark. Timothy and his wife, Gretchen, reside in Louisiana, and Michael and his wife, Ashley, reside in Edmond.

When undertaking the important work of planning their estate, the Clarks generously and thoughtfully made provision for the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund to benefit the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

“My parents were proud alumni and continued to support SWOSU after graduation,” Michael Ray Clark said. “Southwestern was a special place where they met and where friendships were formed that would last a lifetime. We’re honored that their legacy will benefit SWOSU students far into the future.”

The Ray & Gay Clark Scholarship Fund, benefitting the SWOSU College of Pharmacy, is administered by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. For information on how to contribute to the Ray & Gay Clark Scholarship Fund, or on how to plan a gift to SWOSU, please call 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$23 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

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