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SWOSU Names New Endowed History Scholarship in Honor of Brenda (Smith) Lumpkin



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced that it will name the university's newest history scholarship endowment in honor of the late Brenda Lu (Smith) Lumpkin.

Lumpkin was raised in Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford High School in 1971. On December 22, 1973, she married Mark Lumpkin and they became the proud parents of Luke Smith Lumpkin and Shelby Caroline (Lumpkin) Rogers. Brenda attended SWOSU and earned degrees in both 1974 and 1978. She taught at Weatherford Public Schools from 1975 to 1985. She then worked at SWOSU for two years, teaching counseling and assisting student teachers. Brenda continued to work as a counselor in the Clinton Public Schools system.

Lumpkin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Weatherford, where she was the university director for Sunday School. On May 30, 1965, she was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Butler.

She died on October 16, 1996.

"SWOSU students will benefit for decades to come, thanks to this endowment. I was privileged to experience my student teaching period under Brenda (Smith) Lumpkin. She instilled in me a passionate commitment to education and lifelong learning," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "We are deeply grateful that Brenda's family and friends have thoughtfully chosen to honor her memory by investing in our SWOSU's mission."

The Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Scholarship Fund provides ongoing financial assistance to SWOSU's students who choose to study history.

The Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships 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 \$28 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

For more information on the Foundation or to donate to the Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Fund, please visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.