

SWOSU Graduate Leaves \$50,000 for Alma Mater

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford has received a \$50,000 gift from the estate of Elby (Ward) Threadgill of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Threadgill passed away earlier this year.

Elby (Ward) Threadgill

The gift will be used to establish a scholarship fund with the SWOSU Foundation in the name of Threadgill and her late husband, Edward. The gift will be known as the Edward and Elby Ward Threadgill Language Arts Endowed Scholarship Fund and will be restricted for students with majors in English or speech.

Vera Diel, sister of Threadgill from Amarillo, Texas, served as executrix of the will and made the donation to SWOSU.

Threadgill was born in Shattuck (OK) and was a 1944 graduate of Shattuck High School. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University for two years and then transferred to SWOSU where she received degrees in English and speech. She graduated with honors and was selected her senior year as one of 10 students at SWOSU to be honored by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After three years of teaching, she attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman to work on a master's degree in speech. After her retirement from teaching, since education was one of her priorities in life, she volunteered for over 30 years to raise money for scholarships for the Sheppard Air Force Base community in Wichita Falls.

She married Edward Threadgill in 1947, and he preceded her in death in March, 1992.