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Lynna Brakhage Memorial Nursing Scholarship

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The Lynna Brakhage Memorial Nursing Scholarship is an endowed scholarship fund resulting from many generous memorial donations and proceeds from a local golf tournament in memory of Lynna Brakhage. The Lynna Brakhage Memorial Nursing Scholarship will be available each year to an OPSU nursing student maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Lynna Sue Alexander Brakhage, 56, died on February 10, 2015. Mrs. Brakhage was born October 28, 1958 to Morris Alexander and Lois Phillips Alexander Burkhalter. She married Rick Brakhage on August 14, 1982. They had two sons, Devin and Logan. Lynna received her B.S.N. from West Texas State University, her M.S.N. from the University of Phoenix and her D.N.P. from Chatham University. She started at OPSU as an Instructor of Nursing in 2003. At the time of her death, she was the OPSU Director of the RN-to-BSN Program and an OPSU Associate Professor of Nursing. Lynna was highly respected both on the OPSU

campus and in her community of Boise City, OK. Although Lynna's enthusiasm and dedication to the OPSU nursing program will be missed, her memorial scholarship will continue annually to financially assist an OPSU nursing student.

Lynna Sue (Alexander) Brakhage was born on October 28, 1958 to Morris Alexander and Lois Phillips Alexander Burkhalter. Lynna was a wife, mother, daughter, sister, nurse and a friend to many.

Lynna grew up in Boise City, graduating from Boise City High School in 1978. Lynna attended OPSU and Northwest Texas School of Nursing, graduating with her RN degree. She continued her schooling at West Texas A&M University and received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Lynna began her nursing career in the Intensive and Cardiac Care unit of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Lynna was married to Rick Brakhage of Boise City on August 14, 1982. They established their home in Cimarron County where Rick was engaged in farming and Lynna worked at Cimarron Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home. Lynna became Director of Nurses at the hospital and served in that position for 19 years. Lynna continued her education and received her master's degree from Phoenix University and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice Degree from Chatham University. Lynna retired from Cimarron Memorial Hospital in 1999 and joined Oklahoma Panhandle State University where she was instrumental in developing the RN – to - BSN Nursing Program. At the time of her death, she was the Director of the RN-to- BSN Program and and Associate Professor of Nursing.

Lynna was an active member of Tau Omega Sorority and the Cimarron County Golf Association. She was a member of St. Paul's UMC. She was a member of these professional organizations: National Institute of Nursing, Oklahoma BSN Dean's and Director's Council, The Institute of Oklahoma Nursing Education. Lynna was respected by the community for the excellent and compassionate care she provided to their families through the years and was a mentor to many who chose the medical profession because of her impact on them. She had a soft heart for animals, rescuing many dogs that had been abandoned.

Lynna passed away in Amarillo, Texas on February 10, 2015, following a battle with cancer.