R. O. Marr Family Scholarship

Est. 1988

The R.O. Marr Family Scholarship was established to honor the Marr children, all of whom received a major portion of their education from PAI, PAMC and the Goodwell Public Schools. Paul D. Marr and the family of Alice M. Herbel decided that a gift to Panhandle State to establish a scholarship fund to benefit someone else would be very appropriate. The family felt that without the opportunities extended to the very typical average Marr family by PAMC, they would never have been able to have achieved the success and been the productive individuals that they were and are. They all hold dear the Panhandle ties with the school and area friends.

Berneta M. Cutler started teaching in Beaver County with a High School diploma. Later she received her B.A. degree from Emporia State Teachers College. She retired from teaching as the head of the English Department in Kingman, Kansas.
Alice M. Herbel began her teaching career in Beaver County with a high School diploma, also. She earned her B.A. degree at PAMC while continuing her teaching career. All of her teaching was done in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Alice retired from Guymon High School Social Studies Department having taught in that system for 28 years.

Lyle Marr attended Goodwell Public Schools, PAMC High School and Goodwell High School. He later graduated from Elkhart High School where he was living with his sister, Berneta. He joined the US Navy and became a Naval aviator in 1942. He continued his Naval career until his retirement in 1962 as a LCDR.

Robert (Bob) Marr graduated from Goodwell High School and earned his B.S. degree from PAMC. He taught in the Oklahoma panhandle and Colorado before his career was interrupted by WWII when he joined the US Navy and was commissioned an officer. After the war, Bob left the Navy and returned to teaching at Guymon High School for several years before entering business for himself.

Paul Marr graduated from Goodwell High School and attend PAMC in 1935-36. He entered the Navy and served on several battleships during the late 1930’s. He was designated a Naval aviator and commissioned Ensign. He retired as a LCDR in 1964 after a 27 year career and 5,000 hours of flight time. Paul’s flying time was exciting and important to him but he is most proud to remember winning the All-Navy Boxing Championship in 1939 as a sailor on the battleship U.S.S. Idaho.