

Beverly Joyce White Memorial Scholarship for Hospice Nursing Staff

HISTORY

Beverly Joyce and Lesley J. White arrived in the Valley in 1985. She was a working homemaker and pastor's wife all of her adult life. At the age of 44, she decided to attend college and received a BSRN in 1984 from Texas Women's University.

Beverly and Les left the pastorate at Lake Highland Baptist Church in Dallas for Harlingen. Les took the position of Vice-President of Development at Valley Baptist Academy and Beverly worked with the newly created Hospice Program at Valley Baptist Medical Center. She continued to work with Hospice until her death on March 5, 1988, at the age of 51.

She was a very warm and caring Christian woman and would be pleased that a scholarship is being established to help other Hospice workers with continuing education. As a former pastor's wife, she would be fully appreciative of the need for financial assistance.

Les was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer in 1995. He died in the home of their youngest daughter in Edinburg on December 21, 1996. His last few months were made more bearable both to him and the family with the care he received from the Valley Baptist Medical Center's Hospice program.

Their children are pleased to offer this scholarship in the memory of their beloved mother, Beverly Joyce White.

PURPOSE

The scholarship is awarded to hospice nursing staff who are pursuing a certification in hospice palliative care or other related education offerings.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be a hospice nurse in Cameron County for at least 6 months prior to requesting funding.
- The education being obtained must be beneficial to the individual in their role as a hospice or palliative care nurse.
- Applicants must submit an application for funds to be approved by the White Memorial Scholarship Committee.
- The maximum amount of assistance per individual will vary and will be determined by the White Memorial Scholarship Committee based on funds available.