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stewardship; how we try to pass something on to others; how we come to want to do things for others has influenced me. A large part of Betty's life has been spent caring for others, both within her family, community and church. Both she and her husband, Joseph (Joe), came from modest means. As the middle child in a large Irish Southside family, Betty is known as the major caregiver. Joe's Italian father worked in the mills in Canton, Ohio. They met at the University of Dayton. Joe degreed in Mechanical Engineering and Betty in Education with a history emphasis. She taught school for several years and Joe went to work as an engineer for Square D Corporation. Later they founded the ETCON corporation that manufactures electrical and telecom products.

Together they have 5 children that they have carefully nurtured. The oldest daughter has a doctorate in Engineering, plus five children. The next has a medical degree, plus one child. The daughters are followed by a brother who has a doctorate in physical therapy; then another daughter in 3rd year medical school. The youngest son is a junior in college. I admire them as parents and their close identity as family. I wanted to honor our long friendship by creating this scholarship in their names. They overcame great odds to achieve these results!