

### The Alice Moon Scholarship Fund

Alice Moon was a guidance counselor at Peru High School for many years as well as a mentor and inspiration to many students. She was born on a dairy farm in Miami County and graduated in 1932 from Mexico Schools in Indiana. Although she was a very small woman, Alice frequently showed that she was much tougher than she looked.

Alice graduated from high school right in the middle of the Great Depression, yet she was determined to continue on with her schooling. She attended Indiana University, where she received her teaching degree. This was an exceptional accomplishment during that time period.

Soon after, she met and married her husband, Edward Moon. When they had their only son, George, Alice became a stay-at-home-mom. When George reached middle school, Alice began substitute teaching and eventually transitioned to teaching full time at Peru High School. She served as a guidance counselor, she taught shorthand and typing classes, and she was the Dean of Girls until she retired.

During her teaching career, Alice touched the lives of many students. She always looked out for those who had the ability but lacked the resources to succeed. She was humble and caring, and she always put her students and the needs of the community before her own.

Alice was also very active in the community. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Jukes Hospital Women's Auxiliary, the Hospital Board of Directors, and the Miami County Historical Society. She also enjoyed golfing and traveling.

Her son remembers walking into her house and seeing a large magnet on her refrigerator that read, "Volunteers make each day brighter."

"And *that* was my mother!" He said.

When Alice passed away in 1996, George established the Alice Moon Scholarship in order to continue to help students at Peru High School. With the help of the Community Foundation, George was able to fulfill one of Alice's final wishes, which was to support graduating seniors pursuing a degree in a medical field.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be graduating seniors from Peru High School and have an 8.0 gpa on a 12.0 scale, or the equivalent of a B or higher, and show good citizenship and involvement in work and in the community.

