

The Claude S. and Marie M. Berger Foundation, Inc. Scholarship

Claude and Marie Berger were married on August 10, 1929. After their marriage, the two became beloved members of the Miami County community as well as well-known agriculturists.

Claude was a long-time farmer in the Gilead area, and Marie was a leader in the Miami County 4-H for many years and worked for the Rochester Telephone Company. Both were also members of the Miami County Farm Bureau for their entire adult lives.

The Bergers were very family-oriented and loved to spend time with their loved ones. They felt that everyone deserved to be a part of a family and decided to become foster parents to help those who didn't have one. They fostered two girls, Marilyn and Bonita, and from them received the gift of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



After Claude and Marie passed away, their legacy was honored by the creation of the Claude S. and Marie M. Berger Foundation, Inc. Scholarship. Started in 1996, the scholarship is set up as a permanent endowment trust from Claude's estate. It is designed to go towards students who are graduates of North Miami or Tippecanoe Valley High Schools. Recipients must maintain a "B" average throughout high school and show good character and citizenship.

Through this scholarship, the memory of Claude and Marie continues, and their selflessness is passed on to students who are furthering their education.