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### **Family establishes Darlene Tiede endowment**

BIG RAPIDS – The husband and children of Darlene A. Tiede have established a memorial scholarship endowment to assist students in Ferris State University’s College of Allied Health Sciences.

Roy J. Tiede, who served as Ferris vice president for business affairs from 1981-96, and children Sandra, Sheryl, Susan and Gary, started the endowment to support Darlene A. Tiede Memorial Scholarships for students enrolled in the Medical Records Technology or Medical Records Administration programs. Candidates must have earned a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Darlene Tiede, who died in March of 2004, was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was a scout leader, active in the Parent Teacher Association and very involved with her church where she chaired the mission committee, assisted with bible school and sewed many items for children.

A 1986 graduate of the Ferris Medical Records Technology program, she immensely enjoyed her time as a student. She held the firm belief that one of the greatest gifts in life was the gift of education, and once said, “The excitement of opening up new arenas and converting dreams into reality are essential in moving towards a successful future.”

Both she and her husband were active members of various organizations in the Big Rapids community before moving to Tucson, AZ. Tiede had joined Ferris after 13 years of service in higher education in South Dakota.

Further information or gift forms for the Darlene A. Tiede Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund are available by contacting Debra Jacks, director of planned giving, at 591-3817 or [jacksd@ferris.edu](mailto:jacksd@ferris.edu).