



**ROBERT F. AND
MARY L. LICHTY**

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“Philanthropy to me means opportunity to give back to the community that gave me an opportunity to make a good living, raise my family, and enjoy my life.”

BOB LICHTY

Fund Founder

Robert (Bob) F. Lichty's great-grandfather, George E. Lichty, came to Waterloo as a young boy, and later started a successful wholesale grocery business. George's son, Robert J. Lichty, followed in George's footsteps of success, and he founded the Waterloo Insurance Agency. Robert J's son, Bob Lichty, was then raised in Waterloo, Iowa. Bob pursued higher education at Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and graduated from Shattuck Military Academy. Mary L. Lichty was also born and raised in Waterloo, Iowa. She attended Sacred Heart School in Waterloo, and later graduated from Clark College.

Bob and Mary L. Lichty were married in St. Edwards Church on June 23, 1948. They had four children-Martha Bloom, Bobbe Carney, Amy Lichty, and John Lichty. All four children attended St. Edwards School and graduated from Columbus High School.

Bob worked as partner in Waterloo Insurance Agency for a loyal 35 years from 1948-1983. Mary volunteered as president of the Junior Service League of Waterloo. During the years Mary served as president she helped found their successful thrift shop and was actively involved in the publication of the first two cookbooks created by the Junior League of Waterloo.

Success not only followed Bob and Mary in the workplace but also in their community involvement. Their heart for serving and helping their community flourish was displayed in their many great accomplishments. Bob helped found the Boys and Girls Club of Waterloo, served as President of Minnie Crippler Home, President of Insurance Association of Waterloo, President of Waterloo Insurance Agency, member of Elks and Kiwanis Club, Board of Directors of Sunnyside CC, helped fundraise for the establishment of Columbus High School, and also assisted in fundraisers for United Way and the Grout Museum.

Mary spent her time serving in the community by being on the Board of Visiting Nurses, investing in the younger generation by working as a school volunteer and scout leader. She also helped with fundraising for the United Way and used her precious time and talent of singing by being a member of St. Edwards Church Choir.

Throughout their lives, both Bob and Mary were actively involved in giving back to their beloved community. As chairman of the Finance Committee of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa for 17 years, Bob Lichty saw the importance of creating a fund in order to benefit the community long after they were passed. The Robert F. and Mary L. Lichty Family Fund was then established to give back to the community they love forever.

Bob and Mary Lichty had a tremendous vision for bettering their community and had the hands ready to serve in any way possible. This showed in their time sacrifice of their daily lives to make their community a better place for all to live. For this dedication, Bob and Mary Lichty will leave a lasting legacy that all should strive for.