

# MARGUERITE VODICKA LYBBERT FUND

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“Marguerite was an extraordinary woman. Her generosity and love for young children will impact people forever.”

**LARRY STUMME**  
Friend and Advisor

**Marguerite M. Lybbert** was born on December 22, 1917, near Kalona, Iowa in rural Washington County, the daughter of Joseph E. and Myrtle M. (Long) Vodicka.

Growing up, education was one of Marguerite’s passions and joys. She graduated from Kalona High School with the Class of 1936 and went on to attend Iowa State Teacher’s College, Parsons College, and Kirksville College where she received her B.S. degree

in 1948. From there, Marguerite continued on to earn her Master’s degree from the University of Colorado in order to maximize her teaching skills.

Marguerite’s love of teaching young children started in a one-room schoolhouse known as “Lookout School” in Washington County. Later, she spent 30 years in the Waterloo Community School District. Marguerite continued her teaching career until she was 80 years old with the Waterloo Schools, a testament to her undying passion for investing in the young people of her community.

When she wasn’t teaching, Marguerite enjoyed crocheting, knitting, cooking and going on fishing trips with her husband, Elton Lybbert whom she married in 1962. However, above all else, her love for children and teaching was her top priority which was exemplified in her giving.

Before her passing in 2017, Marguerite designated over \$4 million to be distributed to various organizations, all supporting the well-being of children in Black Hawk County. The Marguerite Vodicka Lybbert Fund, established with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, supports the Salvation Army, Waterloo Center for the Arts, Boys & Girls Club of the Cedar Valley, Ascension Lutheran Church AALC of Waterloo and Valley Lutheran School.

Marguerite’s passions and generosity will live on through her endowment, aiding children in Black Hawk County for generations to come.

ONLINE GIFTS CAN BE MADE TO THE MARGUERITE VODICKA LYBBERT AT [CFNEIA.ORG](http://CFNEIA.ORG).  
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NORTHEAST IOWA AT 319-287-9106.