

**SHIRLEY BIGALK
DAVIS**
MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
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here for good.



“Shirley’s decision to donate to regional and local organizations to benefit the residents of Howard County will have long-term impacts for so many. She wanted her estate to help the place she loved and called home.”

RONDA HUGHES

Governing Committee Chair
Howard County Community Foundation

Shirley Bigalk Davis was born and raised in Howard County, IA on a farm between Lime Springs and Granger. Shirley attended country school and graduated from Cresco High School in 1945. After graduation, Shirley worked briefly in Independence and Sioux City before being employed as a medical secretary at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Shirley then began a very interesting career with the United States Foreign Service where she served

tours of duty in Embassies in New Delhi, India; Santiago, Chile; and Mexico City, Mexico. Shirley then came back to the US and began working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation under J. Edgar Hoover in San Francisco, CA. After leaving the FBI in 1966, Shirley worked for Standard Oil, which later became Chevron Oil, and retired from Chevron in 1988 after 22 years of service. While living in California, Shirley met her husband Bill and they were married in 1971. Shirley and Bill traveled to Iowa every year to visit family and decided to retire in Howard County, IA, the place she called home.

Through Shirley’s estate, the Shirley Bigalk Davis Memorial Endowment Fund was created with the Howard County Community Foundation. The endowment fund will ensure ongoing financial support for Howard County nonprofit organizations.



Shirley pictured with her husband, Bill.