



Dr. Linda Lazure shows the scholarship documentation to her parents, the late Lyle and Letha Armstrong, in whose name the scholarship was established.

## A LOVE OF NURSING SPURS SCHOLARSHIP

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Letha Armstrong always wanted to be a nurse. But times were such that a nursing education wasn't possible. She and her husband, Lyle, raised six children near Griswold and Lewis, Iowa. Imagine her delight when four of her daughters became nurses!

In honor of her parents, Letha and Lyle Armstrong, Linda Lazure created a scholarship in their names. Dr. Lazure has been an associate professor in the nursing school for more than 30 years. With great pride, she will tell you her daughter, Dr. Lori Rusch, is also a nurse and teaches in the nursing school, as does her niece, Dr. Anne Schoening.

"Mom and Dad were so pleased when they heard about the scholarship named in their honor," said Linda. "When I showed them the

scholarship, Mom said, 'Oh Lyle, we will be able to help the nurses!'" It meant so much to them that their names would be attached to something so meaningful and lasting.

"And I am so grateful they learned about the scholarship during a Mass celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary in February 2009. They died two months apart later in 2009," Linda said.

"Creighton continues to hold a very special place in my heart. As associate dean, I have had the honor of watching scores of student nurses graduate and enter into successful careers. Unfortunately, I have also encountered students that struggled financially in order to attend Creighton. What better way to honor my parents than to provide a scholarship that will provide that boost for years to come." ■