

The Marvin and Mildred Goddard Endowed Scholarship

Wayland and education were always important to Marvin and Mildred Goddard, who established this scholarship to benefit students who come to Wayland seeking their educational dreams. Marvin was the son of a couple who moved to a Plainview farm in 1915 after serving as teachers in Tennessee. He was born on the adjoining farm the family had purchased, and he graduated from Running Water School. Marvin went to Wayland in 1938 but had to pick cotton each fall to earn money to go to classes in the spring. He was a member of the Jackrabbit basketball team and met Mildred Floyd, who was born in Wildorado and graduated from Plainview High School. They both earned their Associate of Arts degrees, and Marvin enlisted in the Army while Mildred went to beauty school in Amarillo. She worked in Plainview, Big Spring, and Lamesa. While Marvin was still in the Army, the couple married in August 1944, eventually farming for more than 50 years. The Goddards—longtime faithful members of First Presbyterian Church—had two children, Cheryl and Gaylan, three granddaughters, and one great-grandson. Mildred died in 2002.