

One Woman – Three Generous Gifts

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Margaret Keefer was a living snapshot of simpler times. She was a woman who wasn't into frills. Spending time with family and friends and enjoying a good card game was her idea of entertainment. She was a lady very dedicated to her hometown, never straying far from O'Neill, where she was born and raised.

Now three O'Neill organizations are benefiting from her generosity and hometown loyalty. Margaret requested in her estate to direct gifts to the O'Neill Community Foundation, St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

All gifts were directed to be endowed, meaning only a portion of the earnings are to be spent, allowing Margaret's generosity will leave a legacy forever.

Doris Ann Bollwitt of Ewing, Margaret's niece, recalls her aunt as a lady who was very frugal with her money and really enjoyed the good community in which she lived in for 60 years.

Margaret loved her flowers and her yard. She also enjoyed quilting, sewing and spending time at the Golden Age Senior Center.

Margaret passed away at the age of 93 in September of 2007.

She was a beloved member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Patrick's Altar Society and Catholic Daughters of America.

