

## Wilmington College Agricultural Scholarship Fund In Memory of Gary C. Bohl, Class of 1968

Gary Bohl grew up on a family farm near Georgetown, Ohio and graduated from Georgetown High School in 1962. He participated in athletics at Georgetown High School and competed as a distance runner at the state level in both Track and Cross Country events. Following High School, he enrolled at Wilmington College, and graduated from there in 1968 with a Degree in Agriculture- Business. While at Wilmington College he joined the Ohio National Guard, and graduated with distinction from the Officers Candidate Training Program. He was a Second Lieutenant, commander of the Springfield Company C, and it was while returning from an assignment that he met his untimely death on January 21, 1973.

While attending Wilmington College, Gary worked at The Randall Company and the college farms to finance his education. He was active in the Agricultural program, including soils and livestock judging activities, and served as the president of the Aggies Club during his senior year. At Wilmington he met Bonnie Whitacre (class of 1970), and they were married in 1969.

Following Graduation from Wilmington, Gary accepted a farm management position with the Schearbrook Farms near Brookville, Ohio, where he and Bonnie established their home.

Gary was an active and vigorous young man whose life helped others in various ways. While at Wilmington College, and working on a farm, He rescued a co-worker who was overcome by ammonia leaking from fertilizer application equipment. Later, he rescued a co-worker from a silo when the worker was overcome by toxic gases from silage fermentation. On another occasion, while touring some minority children at a college farm, some youngsters had mud splashed on their clothing. Gary took them back to the dormitory, where he laundered their clothing so they could return home with clean clothes.

Prior to his death, he made known his hope and dream that someday he might be able to establish a fund to assist financially deserving agriculture students to stay in school and further their education. In 1973, his dream was made a reality through the efforts of family, friends, and faculty. Since then it has become the Endowed Gary Bohl Memorial Scholarship Fund to financially assist agriculture students at Wilmington College.

*As recalled, & submitted by Don Bohl (brother), class of 1963*



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