



Nancy L. Peterson Scholarship
“Dedicated to Learning History as a Guide to the Future”

Nancy L. Peterson was a long-time social studies teacher at Gilbert, who was passionate about sparking learning for her “Gilbert kids.” She knew learning had to be fun to compete with all the distractions surrounding teenagers. Nancy used her God-given talent as a communicator to make history and government interesting. Mock trials, expeditions to Zenorsville, trips to the capitol, and frequent reminders to vote were a few of the methods Nancy used to add color to black and white textbooks.

Nancy was especially interested in tapping into her students’ unique learning styles. She felt strongly that one size does not fit all. Whether students were visual learners or had concrete-random learning styles, Nancy had a plan to motivate each of them. No one was left out.

Gilbert was a special place for Nancy. The Gilbert History Museum, her history club, and the fall hayrides to the area’s historical farms energized her. However, it was the people she encountered who brought her the most joy: the WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam veterans who recounted painful experiences for her students; the business people who spoke about opening a store; and the senior citizens who shared memories of Gilbert from long ago. Nancy brought them into her classroom so her students could hear history first-hand.

Nancy loved her life and never considered what she did as work. Thank you to the many friends and family members who made this scholarship possible.

In appreciation for Nancy Peterson’s “history” with the Gilbert community, a \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a Gilbert High School graduate who is in their last two years of college and are majoring in or plan to work in any of the following areas. Nancy, personally, felt these people truly change the world:

- teaching
- social work
- political science
- ministry
- Y camp organizer
- Boys or Girls Club organizer
- counselor for women/children
- community organizer

The scholarship recipient will be decided by members of the Gilbert High School faculty who had the privilege of working closely with Nancy.