

ARDITH A. KING SCHOLARSHIP

Ardith A. King was a long time member of Dixboro UMC. She worked as a social worker for the Washtenaw County Welfare Department. At Dixboro she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School for many years. After retirement she served as church secretary.

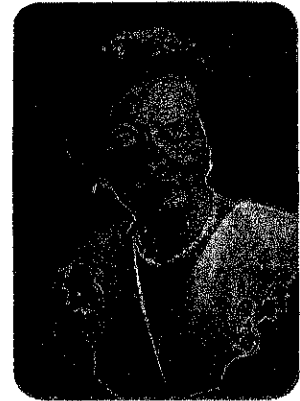
Ardith's son, David, daughters in law Nancy and Roberta, granddaughter Beth Little and great grandchildren Anna, Bennett, Ian and Garron Little are members of Dixboro UMC today.

The Ardith A. King Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 shall be awarded to a student to attend a four year college or a community college. The student shall be a member of Dixboro UMC. Preference will be given to a student majoring in social work, music, or the skilled trades.



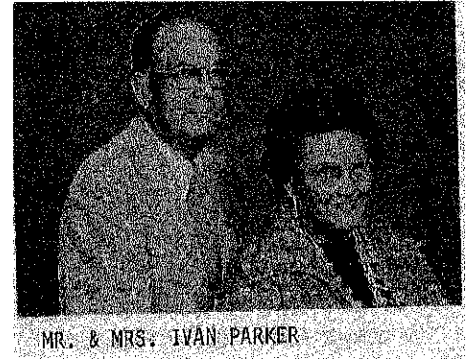
Barbara Morris Education Scholarship

To all lucky enough to have known her, Barbara Morris was a special lady ••• a mother of two sons, a sister, a daughter, an employee, a friend, and a Warrior in life as well as in her battle with death ••• this was Barbara Morris. A strong woman who knew who she was, what she wanted, and where she was going. She was a friend who was able to laugh with others and about herself even in the gloomiest hours near death. Barbara was a lady who gave of herself very generously in life. She contracted "Lou Gehrig's" disease and passed away in the early 1990's. She wanted to give something back to the Church that had given much to her and this scholarship was her choice.



Ivan Parker Memorial Scholarship

Ivan William Parker stands in a long line of Parkers who lived in Dixboro, with his great-grandfather James Parker coming to settle here in 1834. The first farm was located on Geddes Road, east of Dixboro Road. Next they moved to a farm on Dixboro Road north of Geddes Road. In the 1880's the family purchased a farm located on Dixboro Road south of Plymouth Road. The Botanical Gardens is located on part of what was the farm, and the farmhouse was located across from it on the West side of Dixboro Road. The family burial plot is in Oak Grove Cemetery on Plymouth Road. Ivan's grandfather (William E.) and father (Floyd W.) also were long time members of the Dixboro church.



Born in 1913 at the family farm on Dixboro Rd., Ivan joined the church in 1925 under Rev. Ralph Harper. He was a graduate of University High School, in Ann Arbor (1930), and received his B.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1939. He earned his Master's degree in Education from University of Mich. in 1946.

Ivan both attended and taught in the Dixboro School (the old brick schoolhouse located on the Village Green at the corner of Plymouth Road and Short Street). He also taught and served as principal at the Macon Schools, in Lenawee County, at the request of Henry Ford (the original one) who personally hired him in 1934. He went on to administer the Greenfield Village schools for Mr. Ford. His association with Henry Ford lasted until Ford's death in 1947 at which time Ivan was recruited to the University of Michigan to be in charge of the Orientation program, and to set up a new undergraduate Scholarship program. He retired as the Associate Director of Financial Aids in 1978, after a lifetime career in education and keen interest in students.

His hobbies were many and varied: softball (playing for Dixboro Garage), square dance calling, Scouting (Dixboro Troop), stamp collecting, gardening, photography, camping, and travel. He was also an avid fan of University of Michigan football and held season's tickets for many years. Ivan also had an interest in history and at the time of his death in 1995, was serving as the Dixboro Church historian.

He and his wife Elnor (from Ann Arbor) were married in 1939 and had three sons: Bill, Jim and Jerry.

Suzanne Smith Memorial Scholarship



Suzanne Galpin was a member of one of the pioneering families who came to Superior Township 1832. In 1858, her great, great grandfather, Freeman Galpin, was a founding trustee of the Dixboro United Methodist Church, and the extended Galpin family is still active in the church. Suzanne was a member of the church, a member of both the Youth and Adult Choirs for a number of years, a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and along with her husband served as the leader of Youth Fellowship for a period of time.

In 1958 she married Garvin Smith, and they were the parents of two children, Ronald and Suzanne Hattie. Suzie and Garvin purchased the Galpin homestead on Plymouth Rd. from her mother and remodeled it, while preserving the historical significance of the home. She took great pride in her ancestry and the home contains many family artifacts some dating back to the early 1800's. Her son Ronald, his wife Jean, and their children William and Sara now live in the home and continue the tradition of preservation and continuity.

Suzanne was a physical education teacher in the South Lyon Schools for 24 years. All of life was a lesson to her and she loved to share the lessons of life with young people. She was trained to teach physical skills, but her lessons went much deeper than that. She taught about life and how to be successful at living. Her standards were high and she was uncompromising at times, but sooner or later nearly everyone understood what she was trying to accomplish and enjoyed success with her. You didn't have to be the best, you just had to be involved and making a constructive effort at whatever you wanted to do, then she was supportive and with you every step of the way. It is a tribute to her that she even made her fatal illness a lesson so that young people could better understand the value of a healthful body and how to live a full life to the last breath. In addition to her teaching responsibilities she was the cheerleading advisor for a number of years; was the Advisor of the Girls Athletic Association, which was an intramural and social club before the advent of the girls interscholastic athletic programs; and organized and coached both the girls interscholastic basketball and softball programs at South Lyon High School.

Her outgoing personality and commitment made "Smith," as she was fondly called by most of her students and peers, a popular and highly respected teacher, coach, and friend who never gave up on people. There was energy, effort, enthusiasm, integrity, sportsmanship, citizenship demanding standards, loyalty, and love, all qualities that she possessed and that she passed on to others, and which were nurtured by the foundation formed by her church, her family, and her community.

Suzanne passed away in 1984 after a four-year battle with breast cancer. She was so committed to life and what she believed in that she continued teaching up until six weeks before her death. Her friends, former students, and her family established a memorial scholarship in her memory. For fifteen years it was awarded to a female graduate of South Lyon High School. In 2002 her family moved the scholarship to the Dixboro Methodist Church and opened it to any student who plans to attend, or is attending, a post-secondary educational or training school.