

LOURDES FOUNDATION, INC.

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Lourdes Foundation receives largest gift of unrestricted money in its thirty-five year history.



A bequeathed gift totaling almost \$300,000 was received by the Lourdes Foundation from the estate of Thomas M. Dee. Mr. Dee, a life long resident of Rochester, was a 1950 graduate of Lourdes High School.

After graduating from Lourdes, Mr. Dee entered the Air Force and was stationed in Greenland. His passion for farming led him back to the family farm, where he joined his father and brothers. The Dee farm was located just southwest of Rochester, on what was then known as “Irish Ridge”.

Although Mr. Dee did not have children, he actively followed Lourdes sports, academics, drama and music departments. “He was very connected to the Lourdes community and supported Lourdes yearly,” stated his niece, Mary Dee Pyfferoen.

Tim Sitzer, Executive Director of the Lourdes Foundation and Therese Armstead, President of the Lourdes Foundation Board of Directors expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the gift on behalf of the Board and also on behalf of the many Lourdes students who will benefit immediately and in the future from this transformational gift. “We are so grateful”, said Sitzer and Armstead.

The Lourdes Foundation manages an endowment (restricted funds) that provides financial aid to Lourdes students each year. These unrestricted funds gifted by Mr. Dee, can be used for the greatest needs of the Foundation. For more information about the Lourdes Foundation please contact Tim Sitzer at tsitzer@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us or (507) 289-2584.

***“Lourdes Foundation is a catalyst for the growth and expansion of
Lourdes High School through excellence in education”***