

## Florence (Riley) Loss Memorial Scholarship Endowment



*Florence (Riley) Loss*

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Florence N. (Riley) Loss who dedicated forty-one years of her life to the education of elementary school children in the Pittsburg area school systems. Florence Loss was raised on the family farm, attended Pittsburg schools and upon high school graduation enrolled at Auxiliary Manual Training Normal School in 1909. In 1914 she was awarded a "life certificate" and began teaching in Cherokee then in Frontenac. Florence later joined the Pittsburg School system as the first grade teacher at Lincoln School from 1925 to 1957. During that time she returned to Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Florence had a nurturing heart, endless patience and a passion for teaching, coupled with a "pioneer spirit," which endeared her to all her students. She resided in the Lincoln School neighborhood for almost fifty years and therefore knew and taught several generations of the families in the area.

Florence Loss was an active learner all her life and a woman of strong faith, independence and resilience. She was always welcoming with a caring disposition and maintained her family farming tradition by having a backyard garden that was the envy of her neighborhood. She'll always be remembered and admired as the most understanding, supportive grandmother a person could ever have.

### **Requirements:**

- Students pursuing an Elementary Education (K-6) or Elementary Education Unified (K-6) degree
- Full-time undergraduate students
- Financial need