



## THE EVA KUYKENDALL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

*for*  
Full-time Students  
*in the*  
School of Nursing  
College of Health and Human Services  
University of Northern Colorado

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**E**va Jeanette Turpin Kuykendall was born December 22, 1909 in Rifle, Colorado. She moved with her family to Rawlins, Wyoming and in 1918 to Denver, where she graduated from North High School. She edited the school annual, "The Viking." Eva earned her registered nurse license from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. She opted to enter the new R. N. Nursing Education program at Colorado Teacher's College, now known as the University of Northern Colorado. The program was for Registered Nurses only; one year's college credit was given for three years of nurses training. Eva did her "teaching nursing students" in 1931 at the Greeley Hospital, where she met her future husband, Dr. Fred Kuykendall. They married in 1933.

While continuing her education in Greeley, Eva continued as Educational Director from 1932 to 1938 at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. Outstanding nurse educators and scientists conducted courses during the summer, enabling Eva to receive her A. B. Degree and Life Teaching Certificate in Nursing Education in 1935. She did additional graduate study at Harborview Hospital at the University of Washington in Seattle. Teaching the "Art and Science of Nursing", both in the Classroom and Clinical (bedside) practice, Eva was an inspiration to her students.

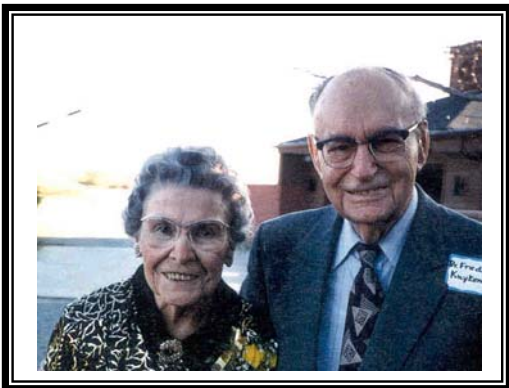
In 1938, Eva and her husband moved to short term practices in Grand Lake and Estes Park at the beginning of the Grand Lake-Big Thompson project. Finally they moved to Eaton, where Dr. Kuykendall had a medical practice for 20 years and the family enjoyed Eaton schools and community life.

Eva maintained leadership involvement in many organizations. During World War II, she was liaison supervisor for the Greeley Hospital Nursing Service and Red Cross Nursing Course for University High School students who received academic credit for their volunteer service. Eva was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and V.F.W. Auxiliary. She served as past president of Chapter AB, P.E.O., and chairman of the "Save the Children Federation" project, which was coordinated with 20 other Eaton organizations that sponsored war zone schools in the Netherlands

and France from 1947 to 1950. In 1959, Eva and Fred and their children, Lynn & Mary, moved to Boulder where her husband was a staff physician at Wardenburg Student Health Service until his retirement in 1972. They returned to Greeley in 1983.

Additionally, Eva was past president of the Weld County Medical Auxiliary and is a member of the State and American Medical Auxiliaries. At the request of the Colorado State Medical Auxiliary and the Colorado Nurses Association, she organized the Statewide Student Nurse Recruitment. Eva used the Weld County Nursing Medical Personnel and the Weld County Public Hospital to hold the first statewide Career Day for Nurses. Her membership includes the St. Luke's Nursing Alumni Association, the UNC Nursing Alumni Association and the Colorado Nurses Association. In 1994, Eva was honored as "one of the ninety Colorado nurses who had made a difference" by the Colorado Nurses Association at their 90th Birthday Celebration (see picture). Her professional history is on record at the UNC School of Nursing as documented by the former Dean of the program, Dr. Phyllis Drennan. Her life biography is deeded to the Colorado State Historical Society as part of the permanent collection of Colorado people who have played a significant part in the development of nursing in Colorado.

Dr. Fred Kuykendall established this scholarship to honor his wife, Eva, on her 90th birthday (12/22/99). Eva is a fervent believer that the true spirit of nursing is a combination of "science with the art of nursing" and that "one-on-one" nursing care best demonstrates excellent patient care. This scholarship is a tribute to Eva's dedication to the service of others through nursing and community involvement.



Mrs. Eva Kuykendall and Dr. Fred Kuykendall

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The Eva Kuykendall Nursing Scholarship Endowment Fund Agreement is awarded to a full-time nursing student with demonstrated leadership and commitment to the nursing profession.

The University of Northern Colorado Foundation is pleased to recognize the generosity of Eva and Fred Kuykendall and those who provided the gifts to create this permanent fund to perpetuate excellence in the School of Nursing.

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