

Philanthropist Bequeaths \$190,000 to School of Medicine

The School of Medicine has lost a beloved supporter. Harriss Malan and his late wife, Fannie Belle, donated tens of thousands of dollars to the



Harriss Malan

School over the years, targeting their gifts to research efforts in Alzheimer and Parkinson diseases, arthritis and multiple sclerosis. Harriss Malan died January

22, 2001, in Carbondale, Ill., at the age of 93.

In a grand gesture of philanthropy, Malan left \$190,000 to endow two funds. That total includes \$150,000 to establish the new *Harriss and Fannie Belle Roe Malan Research Endowment*, which will fund Alzheimer, Parkinson, arthritis and multiple sclerosis research.

The Templeton scholarship, an endowment Malan established in 1993 in memory of his late uncle, James Scott Templeton, M.D., received \$30,000, and the remaining \$10,000 of the gift will fund a School of Medicine research project. Dean Carl Getto, M.D., will name the grant recipient at a later date.

To honor Malan, the School of Medicine has placed a plaque in the School's courtyard, a permanent thank-you to this generous benefactor for his tremendous contributions.

"The endowment is exactly what Harriss would have wanted," says Jane Minton, Malan's cousin and the daughter of Dr. Templeton. "You can't live in southern Illinois without feeling a strong bond with SIU, and Harriss felt that bond, particularly for medicine." Malan's contributions compensated for his unfulfilled dream of becoming a physician.

In fact, Malan was accepted to medical school in the 1920s, says Minton, but he didn't have enough money to



Friends and family of the late Harriss Malan surround the plaque SIU dedicated in his honor. From left to right: Mrs. Wanda Kenney; Dr. Rodger Elble, Chair of SIU's Department of Neurology; Dr. David Kenney, cousin of Harriss Malan; Brent Marsden, (class of 2004), who received the Templeton scholarship last year; and Jane Minton, cousin of Harriss Malan. The plaque stands in the SIU School of Medicine courtyard in Springfield.

attend. "But until the day he died, he never stopped saying that he wanted to go to medical school."

Malan devoted his life to education as a high school teacher and later as a faculty member at SIU Carbondale's College of Education. He retired in 1976 but still kept active with SIU through his donations. He joined the School of Medicine's Harbinger Society in 1993. Seven years later, the School of Medicine honored Malan with its first *Philanthropist of the Year* award at the Harbinger Society annual dinner.

In total, Malan has given more than \$253,000 to SIU School of Medicine. Malan's altruistic nature can be summed up through his charming habit of carrying with him a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson and distributing copies to people he cared about. Says Minton, "It was his motto for life." ■

Success Is. . .

To laugh and love often...
 To win the respect of intelligent persons
 To win the affection of children...
 To earn the approbations
 of honest citizens...
 To endure the betrayal of false friends...
 To appreciate beauty...
 To find the best in others...
 To give of one's self...
 To leave the world a bit better, whether
 by a healthy child, a garden patch,
 or a redeemed social condition...
 To have played and laughed
 with enthusiasm and sung
 with exultation...
 To know even one life has breathed
 easier because you have lived...
 This is to have succeeded.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson