## **Bernice Adasiewicz Burris Memorial Endowment**

To help forever...



Bernice Adasiewicz Burris was known as "Bernie" to her friends. Those of us who were fortunate enough to have known her had a dear and devoted friend. Bernie cared about people very much and helped anyone that she could. For many years she worked at the local soup kitchen, never thinking of any compensation or reward. Bernie was very much a "giver" and never looked for anything for herself. She always made sure that everyone else had what he or she needed before ever thinking of herself.

Bernie was a graduate of St. Mary's High School. She also knew everyone in town, or at least it seemed like she did! We couldn't go anywhere without Bernie knowing someone. We were on a layover at the airport in Dallas, Texas, and sure enough, Bernie knew someone there! She probably knew your parents. This statement will be true for many years to come!

The sweetest thing that I can do for my mother Bernie is to help someone. By creating a scholarship in her name, she will be helping someone (hopefully) forever. In her spirit of hard work, caring, and helping, please do your best to grow personally, learn all that you can, and in your own time, care about others and help them without reward as Bernie did all of her life.

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