

Win and Marilyn Kloosterman Scholarship



With their combined love of learning, Marilyn ensured the establishment of this scholarship through her will and the first scholarship was awarded in 2021.

Marilyn and Winton Kloosterman were lifelong educators – Marilyn a high school teacher and Win a university professor. In 1986, they sold their home in Michigan and moved to Sanibel to enjoy a lifestyle where they could be outside all year around. With a shared passion for the natural world, they both began volunteering at “Ding”, a pursuit that

continued for nearly 20 years for Win and may more for Marilyn. Both were active in the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society, with Marilyn serving as president of the Board of Directors from 1995 to 1997 and later as an emeritus member of the Board. Marilyn was also heavily involved with the Education & Scholarship Committee.

Marilyn and Win loved to travel and toured much of the world on their own and with the Lee County Friendship Force. Every time they returned to Sanibel they were eager to see their friends—both human and avian—at Ding. Knowing that education is key to assuring that the love of nature that they instilled in their children and grandchildren, Marilyn and Win worked to do the same in those visiting the refuge.

Individuals, families, businesses, or foundations interested in making a gift to support the Win & Marilyn Kloosterman Scholarship can visit dingdarlingsociety.org and click the donate button.

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