

The William and Helen Kronmueller Education Fund



Helen and her daughters celebrating the love of family.

The William & Helen Kronmueller Education Fund was established by their daughters, Nancy Minster and Diane Husk, to support the educational programs at “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and to honor their parents’ love of birds and the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

Married in 1954, the Kronmuellers lived and worked in St. Louis, Missouri, where they led a quiet life that included summer vacations to new and exciting places within the United States. One place they continued to visit into their expanded retirement years was Southwest Florida, especially Fort Myers and Sanibel Island. The natural beauty of the area and quiet pace allowed them to enjoy beach walks and wildlife sightings, especially within the Refuge.

After William’s death, Helen continued to visit the Refuge with her daughter Diane. On Helen’s last visit to Sanibel Island in December 2019 at age 92, she enjoyed daily drives through the Refuge. Highlights of Helen’s visits included sightings of Snowy Egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, and Alligators.

Both William and Helen believed that one should never stop learning; that learning should continue throughout life. They would be thrilled that a fund was established in their honor, knowing that support for the things they learned to love in nature will remain for future generations – inspiring children and future conservation stewards to learn more about birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

Individuals, families, businesses, or foundations wishing to support the William & Helen Kronmueller Education Fund can visit www.dingdarlingsociety.org and click the donate button.

To learn more about establishing your own permanent endowed fund, call 239-472-1100 ext. 4. Donors can establish an endowment with a gift of \$10,000 or more. Proceeds earned by the investment go towards supporting the Refuge mission.



William and Helen enjoying a Sanibel beach walk during one of their many visits to the island they loved so much.