



The Watters Family

Class of 1960 *50th Reunion*

With my 50th Reunion approaching, I wanted to find a way to honor a person who helped guide me through Bowdoin—in an unorthodox way—and had a profound influence on my life.

Professor Nathan Dane, head of the Department of Classics was acting dean when I was a

freshman. He was a good man, demanding and humorous at the same time, and he was devoted to preparing undergraduates for success in life.

I was not exactly a model student, and after my freshman year Nate suggested—strongly—that I take a year off from Bowdoin. I took his advice and enlisted in the Marine Corps. I returned to college with an entirely different attitude toward my studies. I became a classics major, and Nate became my mentor and a good friend.

My wife, Carol, and I chose to honor Nate by establishing the Watters Family Endowment Fund, which will support the Department of Classics. The source of the fund is a deferred gift from our qualified (IRA, 401(k), Pension) dollars. We found this to be an extremely cost-effective way to support Bowdoin with significant tax advantages to Carol and me. It's a win-win situation for the donor and the College. Creating an endowed fund through a planned gift has enabled me to honor someone from Bowdoin who meant so much to me as a young man and throughout my life, while continuing my commitment to the Bowdoin Alumni Fund.

Nick Watters '60

Nick and Carol live in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where Nick has worked as an agent with the MassMutual Life Insurance Company. He is a Certified Family Business Specialist, a Chartered Life Underwriter, and a Chartered Financial Consultant; he has received numerous industry and company honors. He is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table. Both he and Carol are involved in the Allentown community. Carol has served in various capacities with the Girl Scouts, their local school board, and their church.