

KEITH AND ALOHA WHEELER



For 28 years, Keith and Aloha Wheeler dedicated their lives to the students and faculty of MBA. Arriving in 1962, Keith took the helm of the business office and helped it flourish during its years of peak enrollment. Enrollment built to 500 students, while at the same time, Keith taught accounting, managed the student labor program, and arranged all the Saturday night entertainment. When the scheduled program did not materialize, Keith hosted a “Wheeler Special” with fun and whimsical games like *Let’s Make a Deal* with delicious Halvah bars (sponsored by the local campus store) as prizes. He was also MBA’s only two-time principal having served as interim principal on two separate occasions. Many students recall his humor and wit as well as him being such a great Christian role model.

Aloha operated the campus store, selling text books and groceries. However, the greatest gift she gave to MBA was her gift of hospitality. She managed the campus guest house. However, if the inn was full, she just invited any extra guest to stay at the Wheeler house. Some years, students lived with them as that was the only financially possible way for that student to attend MBA. Every Sabbath, Aloha invited faculty and staff as guests for lunch. A number of students remarked to the Wheeler’s over the years that because of the hospitality demonstrated by Aloha, something they never experienced in their parents’ home, they started a tradition of hospitality in their own home as adults.

Keith passed away October 15, 2012 at his childhood farm in Marsland, Nebraska where he and Aloha returned to upon their retirement in 1990. They were married for 64 years; family includes daughters Pamela ’71, Tamara ’73, Kathy ’74, and Laurie ’82.

MBA is proud to recognize Keith and Aloha Wheeler for their leadership, steadfastness, and ongoing dedication to MBA.