## Lynne Murray Stockwell Memorial Scholarship



Lynne Murray Stockwell graduated from The Ohio State University in 1980 with a degree in marketing and business administration. In 1986, her husband, Mike, accepted a job with GM's Saturn Program in Spring Hill, Tennessee and the family then moved to Franklin in 1988.

Lynne dedicated herself to raising and supporting her daughters, Jennifer and Tara, and also contracted from home as an accountant. As Jennifer approached high school graduation, Lynne began taking interest in her alma mater's college recruitment activities through the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Alumni Club.

Lynne was a dedicated club volunteer for nearly 10 years and accepted the role of Student Recruitment and Scholarship Chair for the club. Despite her ongoing battle with cancer, she would always be at college night events with a smile on her face and a passion in her heart for working with high school students interested in becoming Buckeyes. She received the Club's Buckeye Award in recognition of her dedicated service.

Over the years, she had always been enthusiastic about creating a permanent club scholarship at the University to help Middle Tennessee kids attend Ohio State. Lynne passed away in January 2004 before the scholarship fund could be established. She was 46.

Mike Stockwell immediately began working with The Ohio State University Development Office, the extended Murray and Stockwell families, the Middle Tennessee Ohio State Alumni Club and Lynne's many friends in Tennessee and Ohio, to establish a Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Ohio State in her name.

By June of that year, Mike's efforts had raised over \$25,000 to reach the minimum balance for an endowment, and the first \$1,000 per year Stockwell Scholarship was awarded for the 2004-2005 academic year. Ongoing fund raising increased the Endowment to create a rolling series of four-year Stockwell Scholarships for the 2005, 2006, and 2007 academic years.

Lynne's dream had come true. In 2015, the annual Stockwell award was increased to \$1,500 per year.