The Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 Endowed Scholarship

When Elizabeth Knight and her husband, Robert, were looking for a way to honor cherished family friend Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 (Sr. Betty), they hit upon the perfect way to celebrate her compassion and her passion for education: an endowed scholarship in her memory.

"She was always helping people; this was what she did," Elizabeth said. "It's a friendship that I treasured, and I still treasure my memories, so if I can do something in her name, I would like that."

The Sr. Elizabeth Broughan '69 Endowed Scholarship is a need-based scholarship with preference given to students from Sr. Betty's hometown of Greenfield, MA. It was established by the Knight family "as a testament to Sr. Betty Broughan’s passion for education and the special way that she has affected the lives of all those around her. She was a dear friend, a caring mentor, and a champion of family values and traditions. Her remarkable and transformative pursuit of all that is good inspired so many to be compassionate and to give more of themselves. Her devotion to faith, love of family, and commitment to serve others will forever remain her enduring legacy."

Elizabeth, who was active in fundraising at Elms, met Sr. Betty when she was dean of students. The relationship grew to include Sr. Betty’s best friend, Sr. Mary McGee, and the entire Knight family, including Elizabeth’s daughter, Carolyn Knight Trudeau '02.

"I think the scholarship, to me, is about giving back what the Elms gave me," Carolyn said. "Sr. Betty and Sr. Mary have both been a huge part of my life. My success is because of the school and because of them."

"To me, the Elms has always been very special. I love what they did for my daughter," Elizabeth said. "There are a lot of good memories here for all of us."

And they continue to make new Elms memories, as Elizabeth’s daughter-in-law, Carolyn Passanisi Knight, is a member of the class of 2019 majoring in liberal arts.