

# JACK AND RUTH VOISIN INNOVATION FUND Est. 2022

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Jack and Ruth Voisin  
with sons (from left) Steve, Mike and Scott,  
pictured in 1985

John E. “Jack” Voisin (1925-1994) was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant. He attended Sacred Heart Academy and graduated with the class of 1943. In fact, his grandparents were married just a few years after Sacred Heart Parish was established. The same wooden church building where they married later became the Academy when it was founded in 1889. Jack earned wings as a navigator, a bombardier, and a gunner in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He had special training for radar, which was then a new technology. After the war he joined the oil industry in Mt. Pleasant, where he worked nearly 45 years. Initially a surveyor and draftsman, he quickly learned the fundamentals of petroleum, electrical engineering, and related mathematics. He designed the electrical and physical configurations of pumps and pipelines which brought crude oil from around the state to the refineries in Mt. Pleasant and Alma. His interests included photography, carpentry, woodworking, flying, and astronomy. He was also a voracious reader.

Ruth P. (Stewart) Voisin (1927-1992) was born and raised in Pittsburgh. When she was just 15, her beloved mother died. When she graduated high school, her father said college was no place for a woman. Determined to further her education, Ruth left home for Philadelphia to enroll at the Franklin School of Science and Arts. There she supported herself, and earned her degree as a Medical Technologist in 1946. As a hospital laboratory technician for nearly 30 years, she analyzed blood and performed clinical tests with a fundamental knowledge of biology, pathology, and chemistry, all while raising three boys. Her interests included theater, art, literature, music, history, travel, and painting.

Jack and Ruth took special pride in the fact their three sons, Scott (‘67), Steve (‘68), and Mike (‘79), attended Sacred Heart Academy, even when finances were tight. All had successful careers in science, business, and engineering, thanks to the love, faith in God, and encouragement of their parents, as well as the sturdy foundation of learning at the Academy.

The Jack and Ruth Voisin Innovation Fund strives to assist the students of Sacred Heart Academy in the creation and application of new technologies in the sciences, liberal arts, and vocational education. It promotes critical thinking and analysis skills to encourage well-rounded citizens of the future. It anticipates that “aha!” moment when a student realizes that although an idea or an endeavor may not be *probable*, it is *possible*. Funds may be used for technology-oriented assets, even those that are perhaps nontraditional or unconventional, at all grade levels.



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