Frank Eugene and Thelma Brian Evans were pioneers in the Texas Panhandle, having lived the majority of their lives in White Deer, Texas. However, they also owned land in Gray County and Armstrong County.

Frank and Thelma were married on August 12, 1923, and were devoted parents to their five children and their spouses: Brian Edward and Juanita Reeves Evans; Shirley and Clifton Kelly; Nancy and Lonnie White; Carolyn and Phil Carpenter; and Barbara and Jeane Browning. They were blessed with and loved by fourteen grandchildren.

Frank pursued his lifetime career of farming and ranching with diligence and success. While Thelma was a devoted wife and homemaker, she was with also active in leadership roles in White Deer, having served as Worthy Matron of the Easter Star Chapter and President of the Parent Teacher Association as well as being involved in First Baptist Church’s teaching and mission ministry.

Both Thelma and Frank loved Wayland and were strong advocates of Christian education. They generously supported First Baptist Church in White Deer, Christian missions, educational, and charitable endeavors with their financial resources.

Thelma and Frank passed away in 1970 and 1989, respectively, but with this scholarship their memories will live forever through contributions enabling outstanding students to receive a quality Christian education at Wayland Baptist University.