



# The Carillon

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## Lodema Schroder Named 2009 CEF Honored Alumnus

The Caledonia Education Foundation is pleased to honor Lodema (Schnurr) Schroder as its 2009 Honored Alumnus for her lifetime of service and inspiration to her community.

“Lodema may very well be Caledonia’s oldest living graduate. She glows with a vibrancy that motivates and inspires those around her,” says Jill Harrison, Executive Director of the Foundation. “Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren still live in this community and attend Caledonia Schools. They refer to her as ‘our hero’ and it is easy to see why. It is a pleasure and privilege to honor her.”

Lodema attended Duncan Lake Country School for her kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade years.



She had to pay tuition her first two years at Caledonia High School because she did not live in the district. A graduate of Caledonia High School in 1931, Schroder has lived in the same house in the Village of Caledonia for the past seventy-five years.

Mrs. Schroder has spent her entire life volunteering and serving in the Caledo-

nia community. She has been active in the life of the Caledonia library, where she served previously on the board as both secretary and treasurer. She has been a member of the Caledonia Women’s Club for sixty years. She has worked to continue the tradition of the Senior Girls Tea, road clean-up, and other activities. She has served with the Santa Claus Girls for the past twenty-five years. Lodema is a member at Caledonia United Methodist Church and is a member of the United Methodist Women, who have honored her as Woman of the Year.

Lodema has seen many changes in Caledonia. The first is the enormous growth in population over the years. She has also seen a growth in businesses from farms, lumberyard, saw mill, and

elevator to everything that is here today. The high school she attended has been torn down, and she has seen two new high schools replace it, in addition to new elementary and middle schools.

Lodema was married for 72 years to George Schroder, also a Caledonia graduate. She has two children, Larry (Barb) Schroder and Carol (Joe) Ogg, four grandchildren, and six great-grands.



**Lodema (Schnurr)  
Schroder**  
CHS Class of 1931

## Introducing the Carl E. Workman Family Scholarship

A new endowment to the Caledonia Education Foundation (CEF) means a new scholarship opportunity for Caledonia High School graduates.

The Carl E. Workman Family Scholarship will be presented annually to a graduating CHS senior selected by CEF. The scholarship was made possible thanks to an

endowment from Betty Workman, Carl’s wife. Carl Workman was a 1952 graduate of Caledonia High and passed away in December 2008.

Carl E. Workman was a lifelong Caledonia resident who graduated from Caledonia H.S. in 1952. He was a very generous man who not only loved his family and friends but also his commu-

nity. He gave back to people in so many different ways, many that went unnoticed. After his service in the Navy, he worked in construction for various companies before becoming a partner in K & R Construction, from which he eventually retired. He loved the lay of the land and civil engineering. He also was a music lover. *See Workman p. 2*



**Carl E. Workman**  
CHS Class of 1952