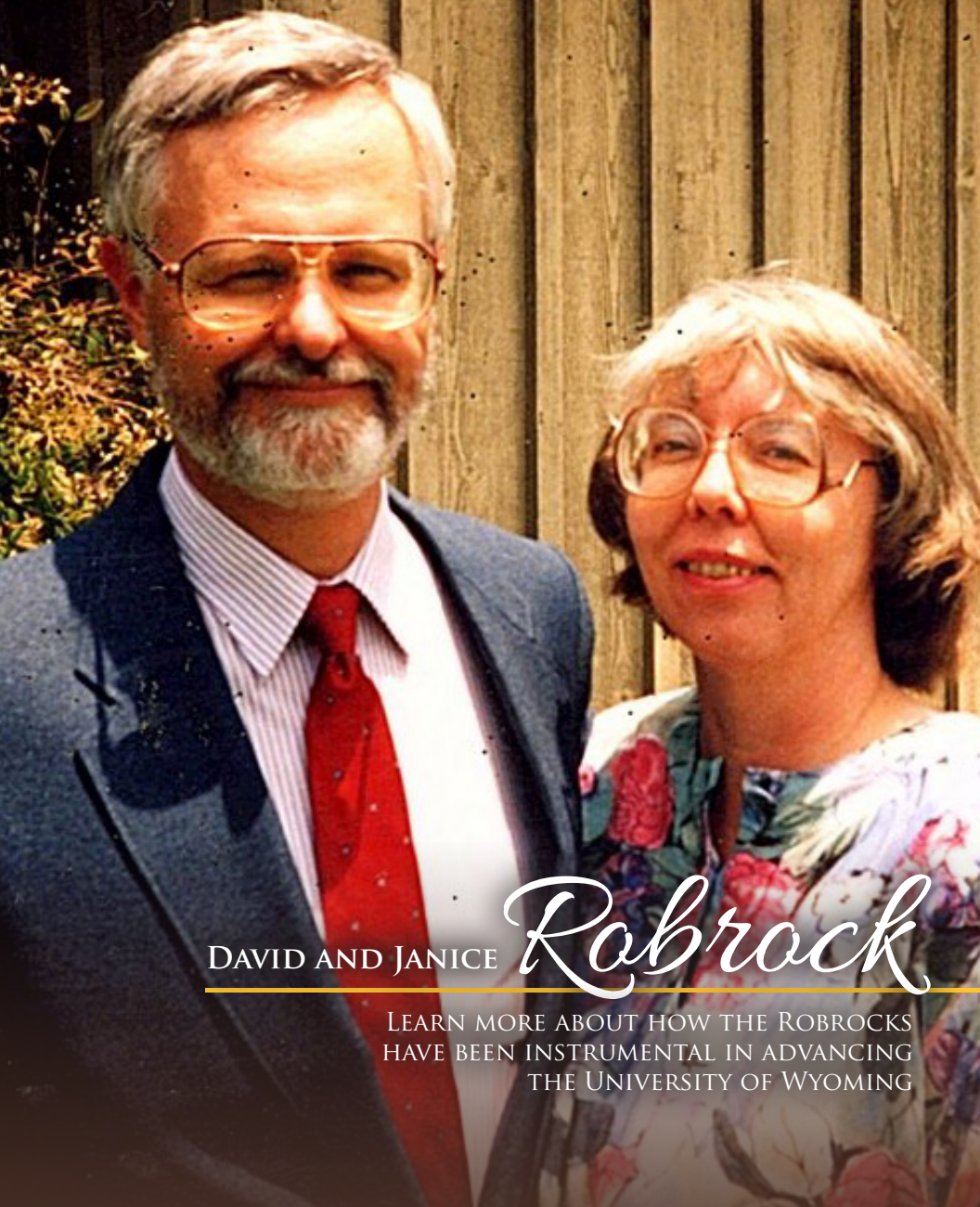




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# *Cowboy* LEGACY

FALL 2021



DAVID AND JANICE

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LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE ROBROCKS  
HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVANCING  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

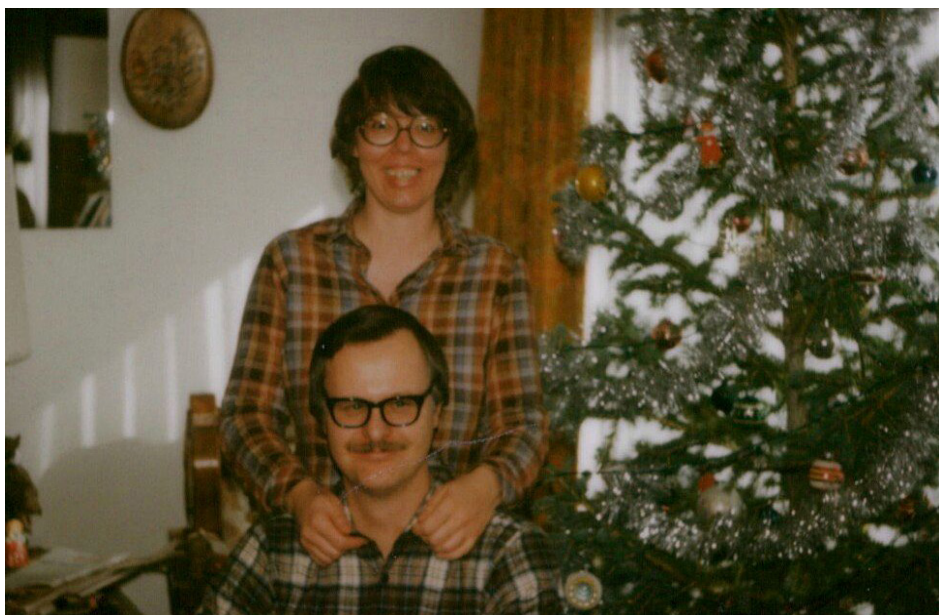
## THE STORY OF

# *David and Janice Robrock*

**I**nspired by the history of the American West, David and Janice Robrock traced the routes of early trailblazers along U.S. highways. Both were avid readers and librarians with a passion for travel.

This adventure began in 1968, when David was spending nearly all his free time in the University of Wyoming archives researching Fort Fetterman for his history degree. It was at the UW library where he met Janice Carlson, a well-organized young librarian who was also pursuing her degree through UW. Both were accomplished scholars who graduated from the University of Wyoming.

The two married in 1972 and were inseparable. Together, they moved around the country, traveling often, keeping history alive. Janice was a librarian with the Department of the Air Force and worked at the Luke Air Force Base Library in Glendale, Arizona. David's librarian career included the University of Houston, University of Nevada – Las Vegas, and the University of Arizona.





As their careers evolved, the Robbrocks always had a family budget and prioritized their savings. Although their salaries may have been considered modest by many, time and compound interest made their funds grow significantly. As their savings grew, David and Janice began to think about what they wanted to do with their money, and they realized that UW was such an important and integral part of their lives. To pay it forward, they worked with UW to create the Janice and David Robrock Scholarship that benefits students majoring in history or political science. The Robbrocks' plan to fund the scholarship was quite simple—they named UW as the beneficiary of some of their bank and retirement accounts. Completing a simple form ensured that their wishes would be followed.

The couple spent 38 years together. Tragically, in 2011, after a brave battle with cancer, Janice passed away, and in 2020, David passed away unexpectedly. But some 50 years after they first met at UW's Coe Library, David and Janice's legacy continues through the University of Wyoming via their endowed scholarship.

What's your Wyoming Legacy? We welcome a conversation with you about your ultimate gift to UW.



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## BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

# THIS IS THE LEGACY GIFT *anyone* CAN MAKE

**A**re you passionate about supporting the University of Wyoming and its students even after your lifetime? A beneficiary designation gift is one of the easiest ways to make a gift to support UW. You can designate UW as a beneficiary of a retirement, investment, or bank account or your life insurance policy.

### STEPS TO DESIGNATE UW AS A BENEFICIARY

- Request a beneficiary designation form from your plan administrator, bank, or account custodian.
- Name the “University of Wyoming Foundation” as the primary or contingent beneficiary on the form. The UW Foundation is the University of Wyoming’s nonprofit fundraising organization, and a gift designated to the UW Foundation is a gift to UW.
- Options may include 1) naming UW as the sole beneficiary, 2) designating a set dollar amount to UW, or 3) designating a percentage of your assets to UW.
- Designate your gift to benefit a specific college, program, scholarship, or existing fund.
- If needed, the University of Wyoming Foundation tax ID number (EIN) is 83-0201971.
- Sign, date, and return form to your plan administrator, bank, or account custodian.
- Note that your beneficiary designation takes precedence over your will or trust document.



## BENEFITS TO YOU

- You may be entitled to tax benefits, including income tax or estate deductions.
- No legal costs.
- You don't need to draft or update a will.
- You may be able to give a larger gift through your legacy than if you gave a gift right now.

## ASSETS YOU CAN DESIGNATE

- Retirement plans such as IRAs, 401(k)s, and 403(b)s
- Term life insurance
- Bank accounts
- Investment accounts
- Commercial annuity contracts

We recommend that you let us know that UW has been named as a beneficiary. That way, we can thank you and answer any questions you may have about the impact of your gift.

Please contact us with questions or comments on how you can leave your Wyoming legacy. Our assistance is at no cost to you.

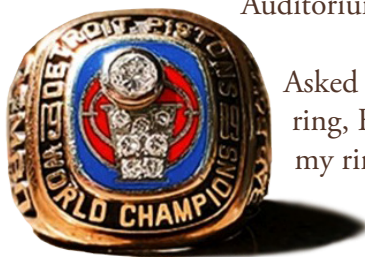
# UW GIFTS FROM THE *Heart*

Fennis Dembo is one of the University of Wyoming's most notable alums. While at UW, Fennis led the Cowboy Basketball team to the 1986 NIT Championship and the Sweet 16 of the 1987 NCAA Tournament.

Fennis's dramatic style and charisma captured the hearts and minds of Wyoming fans around the country. In 1988, Fennis became the first Wyoming basketball player ever featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. Later, Fennis began a professional basketball career that culminated in winning the 1989 NBA Championship as a member of the Detroit Pistons.

In 2019, the University of Wyoming honored Fennis's accomplishments by retiring his jersey. At the ceremony, Fennis surprised UW with a heartfelt gift—he gifted to UW the NBA championship ring he earned with

the Detroit Pistons. The ring is a symbol of Fennis's crowning achievement as a professional athlete. Fennis wanted to share his accomplishments with the alma mater that means so much to him. The ring remains on display at the UW Arena-Auditorium concourse.



Asked why he gifted the ring, Fennis said, "I gave my ring to the University of Wyoming because UW made me who

I am today. Everything I accomplished as a professional was a result of opportunities given to me at Wyoming." Fennis also notes that you do not have to be famous to make a special gift to UW: "All you need is appreciation for UW and a desire to make a difference."

We welcome a conversation with you about what might be your ultimate gift to UW. What's your Wyoming legacy?



## *Legacy Match*

MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY BY  
DOCUMENTING YOUR FUTURE GIFT

**T**he Legacy Match is a matching gift program that enables UW alumni and friends to have an immediate impact when they make planned gifts to support the university. Planned gifts include bequests in a will or living trust, retirement plan beneficiary designations, and much more.

When you document a planned gift to UW, you can immediately direct Legacy Match funds to a purpose that resonates with you, such as scholarships or support for a specific college or program. When you document your gift with a simple one-page form, 10 percent of the estimated value of your future gift to UW will be matched, up to \$10,000.

A pool of unrestricted matching funds is available on a first-come first-served basis to donors who are 60 and older and are documenting a new planned gift. The Legacy Match program will end when the matching funds have been depleted. The Legacy Match was created by the UW Foundation Board of Directors and a private gift directed to the UW Foundation.

Contact us for more information about how you can take advantage of this opportunity to increase the impact of your legacy.



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We are here to help you and your estate planning team. If you have made UW part of your estate plan, we encourage you to contact us so that we can properly document your intentions and express our sincerest thanks.

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To learn more about your options for estate planning, including gifts that pay you income, please return the enclosed card or contact:

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