

Letter: Maogue honors legacy of Edna Benna

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[Edna Benna \(/story/news/2016/05/02/philanthropist-edna-benna-dies-86/83851674/\)](/story/news/2016/05/02/philanthropist-edna-benna-dies-86/83851674/) was known as the matriarch of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, a labor of love for her and her husband Bruno, who were pivotal in the completion of the school, which today is beautifully positioned in the heart of South Reno. “It was clear that without their vision, support and drive this campus would not have come to fruition,” says Bishop Manogue President, Jack Trainor. “Their passion for this school community was palpable and we deeply grieve her loss.” As BMCHS Board member Mike Quilici recalls, “she was an amazing woman; strong, elegant, kind and remarkably generous. It was inspiring to see how inseparable she and Bruno were.”

In addition to the Bishop Manogue community, Bruno and Edna made their mark on the Reno community by generously supporting multiple organizations they loved. As the community grieves her loss, her Bishop Manogue legacy will continue to live on, not simply because the Benna family name is emblazoned upon one of the large buildings on the campus or in the BMCHS Hall of Fame or even that their grandchildren continue to carry the BMCHS torch, but because of the faith, selflessness and dedication to make a lasting difference at Bishop Manogue, ensuring a bright future for generations to come.

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