

## **2003 Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

Dorothy M. Morrison, is a fourth generation native of Great Bend and Barton County, one of the children of Earl & Mae Moses. Mrs. Morrison credits her attitude and philosophy of life, to the values and traditions of rural America, that were much emphasized in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries: Faith in God, exemplify high moral purpose; show your patriotism; live a strong work ethic; believe in, and seek the best education you can.

Ever since its founding, Mrs. Morrison has admired the College, and now demonstrates her affection for, and confidence in Barton, with her endowment of the Morrison Chapel, (including for posterity – its magnificent five, antique church windows).

Initially the plan was simply to restore these windows that were once a part of the Great Bend Congregational Church (1911), and substitute them for windows in a classroom at the east end of the Fine Arts Building. However, after the stunning and breathtaking window restorations, Mrs. Morrison decided to expand her legacy into a beautiful multi-purpose facility, useful not only for traditional non-denominational church activities, but also as: A valuable Kansas art history example and resource; lecture, concert and recital hall; and indeed, even a rehearsal facility for small ensembles with choreography.

The Dorothy M. Morrison Chapel will be of utterly unique interior design, including special lighting customized exclusively for Barton County Community College by an internationally recognized New York City lighting architect and engineer.

Mrs. Morrison expresses her gratitude to the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors for the recognition accorded her today, and for the expression of friendship extended over the years, to her by the College.