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Victor and Flo Armstrong Honored

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --On Oct. 28, from 4-6 p.m., Victor and Flo Armstrong, class of 1943 of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Bloomington, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary and 80th birthdays with a reception for family and friends at The Ames Library on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University.

The event will be hosted by the Armstrong family and Illinois Wesleyan University.

Ben Rhodes, director of development at IWU, remarked that the Armstrong family has a long and close association with the university. "Vic and Flo have been instrumental in Illinois Wesleyan's history as volunteers for the Century Club, President's Club and numerous Capital Campaigns. Vic also was a member of the Illinois Wesleyan Associates for years.

In honor of their parents, the Armstrong children--Victor Edward, Jr., class of 1964 and Brian DeWitt, Sr., class of 1965, both of Bloomington and Margo Brinsley of Stuart, Fla.--will present to Illinois Wesleyan University a statue of the famous explorer, scientist and teacher John Wesley Powell. Powell, who taught at IWU in the 1860s, later led a group that included IWU students to the Dakota Badlands and Rocky Mountains on a field trip thought to be among the first of its kind in American higher education's history. He also received an honorary degree from IWU and was one of the two designers of the university seal.

The Armstrongs, will be presented a maquette cast from the original Powell statue made

by Bloomington artist Rick Harney. Harney and his wife will attend the celebration.

The bronze sculpture, which depicts a seated Powell with maps symbolizing the western territories he explored, will be placed on permanent display in The Ames Library when the building is completed this year. The Powell statue will be located in the rotunda of The Ames Library along with two plaques that will read:

Plaque 1

JOHN WESLEY POWELL

CIVIL WAR HERO, ALUMNUS
GEOLOGIST & ETHNOGRAPHER TO A NATION

PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCES, 1865-1868
CREATOR OF A TRADITION OF RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION

SCULPTURED BY RICK HARNEY, 2001

Plaque 2

THE SCULPTURE OF JOHN WESLEY POWELL
HONORS
VICTOR E. ARMSTRONG, SR. & FLORA E. ARMSTRONG '43
TO COMMEMORATE
THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY & 80th BIRTHDAYS,
A GIFT OF THEIR CHILDREN IN LOVE AND ADMIRATION.

Victor Armstrong retired from Armstrong Reality in 1986. Flo Armstrong was employed as host of the "AM Talk Show" on WJBC radio, and as promotional director for downtown Bloomington and for Eastland Mall, before her retirement. They have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.