These events of May 4, 1970 have forever shaped our nation, our university and our community. We continue to learn and grow through the annual observance of this great loss.

Allison Krause

VISIT THE EXHIBIT

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The tragic events of May 4, 1970, had a profound impact on Kent State University, the nation and the world. In the ensuing years, Kent State’s learning community has honored the memories of Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder with an enduring dedication to scholarship that seeks to prevent violence and promote democratic values from public service to civil discourse.

The University’s national leadership role in promoting nonviolence and other democratic values extends to 1971, when the Center for Peaceful Change was established to generate research, teaching and community outreach focused on nonviolent conflict resolution. The center has since been renamed the School of Peace and Conflict Studies. The May 4 Resource Center, established in 1973 in the library, houses materials documenting May 4 and serves as a public reading room and memorial.

This exhibit focuses on the lives, not the deaths, of Sandy Scheuer, Bill Schroeder, Allison Krause and Jeff Miller. They were brothers, daughters, students, friends, boyfriends, girlfriends and much more in between. We hope that everyone can see a little bit of themselves in them.