

**Hardin County Community Foundation**  
**Dedicated to the enhancement of life**  
**for ALL people of Hardin County**



**Hardin County Community Foundation**  
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**Kenton, Ohio 43326**  
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# Hardin County Community Foundation



## 2018 Annual Report

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Improving	the quality of life in Hardin County through charitable giving.
Providing	a vehicle for donors with varied interests to support charitable and community activities.
Assessing	and responding to emerging and changing community needs in the fields of education, youth services, recreation, arts and culture, social services, and civic and community development.
Developing	a permanent endowment for the community.
Serving	as a catalyst to initiate projects vital to the community.

TRUSTEES

Russell E. Berger Retired -Ada Area	Fred Markley Attorney at Law
Keith Gensheimer Retired - Kenton Area	Bruce Neely Owner/Director Hanson-Neely Funeral Home
Samuel Norris Director MLJ Hardin County Library	Don Ritchey Owner Block Insurance Agency
Sharon Haymond Vice President/Cashier Community First Bank, N.A.	David Schwemer Attorney at Law
Ronald Zimmerly President - CEO Liberty National Bank	Tim Thomas Editor Kenton Times
Matthew Jennings CEO Quest Federal Credit Union	Gina L. Messner Court Administrator Hardin County Common Pleas Court
Saundra Neely Owner/Director Hanson-Neely Funeral Home	Marie Sprang Retired-Kenton Area
Charles Van Dyne Attorney at Law	William D. Hart Retired-Kenton Area
Lee Ann Loveridge Realtor	Beryl Rogers Dudek Agent/Owner Rogers Nationwide Insurance

IN APPRECIATION TO OUR TRUSTEES EMERITUS  
Betty Arn, Mary Bowden, Norman Fleming, Pam Smith, Ruthanna Tobey, C. Richard Hubbard  
John Jester\*, Lois Jury\*, Robert Reed, Jr.\*,  
\* Indicates deceased

If you have any questions or would like an additional report please feel free to contact any Trustee or write:

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# Letter From the President

## WHAT ARE SOME GOOD REASONS FOR GIVING TO THE FOUNDATION?

1. The community where a man has lived and prospered has a claim on a reasonable part of his substance. Without sound community life, there can be little real wealth for anyone.
2. A gift produces perpetual benefits, long after the giver is gone.
3. A gift shows concern and responsibility. Money carelessly given can become wasted. But a gift to the Foundation works with no time limit in sight.
4. A gift unites people. There are no distinctions based on the amount of the gift. All are united by a common bond of generosity and concern.
5. A gift will yield benefits for the child of tomorrow.
6. A memorial fund of \$5,000.00 or more, given by a person or group, can be designated to a particular objective. Several such memorial funds are now active in the Foundation.

## ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Your attorney or tax advisor can help you here. The Foundation can also refer you to a qualified advisor. Proper handling can yield maximum tax benefits.

## WHO MANAGES THE FOUNDATION?

The Trustees and members, a group of area citizens serving without pay.

## HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION ACCOUNT TO ITS DONORS?

Through an annual report showing a balance sheet and disbursement of proceeds for the past 12 months. It is printed in the Kenton Times and Ada Herald and read over WKTN Radio. A full annual report is mailed to all members and is available on our website: [www.hardinfofoundation.org](http://www.hardinfofoundation.org)

## WHAT ASSETS CAN I GIVE?

Contributors have established charitable funds with the following:

- ┆ Cash
- ┆ Securities traded on major exchanges
- ┆ Closely held stock
- ┆ Real estate including residences or farm land
- ┆ Oil and gas leases
- ┆ Insurance policies
- ┆ Variations or combinations of the above

Foundation trustees will be glad to discuss proposed gifts with you. Those that cannot readily be converted to the financial benefit of charity or that carry unusual potential liability may not be accepted.

Dear Members, Community Members and Friends of the Foundation:

What a pleasure it has been to serve as President of the Hardin County Community Foundation over the last year. I replaced Judge William D. Hart, Ret. as President following last year's annual membership meeting and Judge Hart has been a tremendous asset to me as I have worked to learn this new role. I would like to take a moment and thank Judge Hart not only for his help over my first year but to recognize him for his tremendous contribution to our foundation and our community. Beyond his family and professional life, Judge Hart worked diligently with his fellow trustees for 27 years to build, develop and refine the foundation into the organization that you know today. Judge Hart served as our President for 9 years and in doing so, left his indelible mark on our past, present and future. He is truly an asset to our foundation and our community.

Along those same lines, this year we will be saying goodbye to Russell Berger as a founding trustee and as our respected and outstanding Treasurer serving a 27 year tenure. Russell has overseen our balance sheet and income statement from the very modest beginning to over \$7 million in assets managed in 2019. Russell has been a steadfast supporter, diligent manager of our funds and a wonderful mentor to new trustees and officers.

In honor of both these gentlemen and their outstanding contribution to our foundation, I am pleased to announce that Judge William D. Hart and Russell Berger have joined the ranks of Trustee Emeritus and will forever be recognized as members of our Board of Trustees, congratulations gentlemen and thank you for your contribution to our ongoing success.

The Hardin County Community Foundation continues to perform at a high level and we are proud to report that our assets have increased to \$7 million as we moved from 2018 into 2019. Once again our investment committee continues to do a great job making sure that we have funds available to grant to our community and this year our total grants awarded will surpass \$155,000. It takes not only our trustees and the sound committee work that they do throughout the year but the support of our members to grow our balance sheet to provide these much needed funds to our community.

I look forward to serving the foundation into the future and I find the duties and responsibilities to be an honor and a pleasure. On behalf of our board of trustees, I want to wish you all the best in 2019 and beyond.

Respectfully,

*Matthew T. Jennings*

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President

HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF  
ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - CASH BASIS

Asset Year	2018
Cash & certificates of deposit held locally	\$610,487.06
Stocks, cash and bonds held by Stratos	\$5,780,534.57
HCCF Building & equipment	\$77,919.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,468,940.63</b>

<b>GRANTS &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2018</b>	<b>\$143,014.00</b>
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DECEMBER 31ST, 2018

FUND ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the principles of fund accounting, whereby revenues and disbursements are classified into funds according to their nature and purpose. The Foundation records its activities in the following funds;

FIELD OF INTEREST allow donors to support a broad area of concern such as the arts, education, health care or services for children. The Foundation awards grants to programs or organizations that are most likely to achieve positive results for that area of interest.

DESIGNATED support specific charitable organizations identified by the donor. If the named charity is no longer active or providing a needed service, another organization with a similar purpose is selected by the Governing Committee to receive the grant.

SCHOLARSHIPS can be designated for any level of education, from preschool to post graduate work. Donors may designate a particular field of study, select eligibility requirements and name an advisory committee. The donor can designate a graduate of any school in Hardin County.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS support the ongoing operation of the Hardin County Community Foundation.



**OKEY AND ETHEL VANDYNE  
DESIGNATED TO COURTHOUSE GROUNDS**

Okey VanDyne was born in Jamestown, Ohio, on April 12, 1904. Following graduation from Jamestown High School he attended Cedarville College for two years. He then moved to Ada for the purpose of attending the Warren G. Harding College of Law at Ohio Northern University. He was a barber by trade and financed his own way through law school by working at his trade in the local barber shops in Ada. While attending law school, he met and later married Ethel Preston who was born November 12, 1907, on a farm in Marion Township in Hardin County. Following graduation and admission to the Bar in 1931, Okey practiced law in Hardin County until his death in 1959. His son, Charles, joined him in the practice of law in 1956. Ethel VanDyne graduated from McGuffey High School and served as a legal secretary for both her husband and her son for a period of time in excess of fifty years. In addition to her secreterial skills, Ethel was well known for the excellent food dishes which she enjoyed preparing and sharing with friends. Ethel died on October 9, 2001.



**WILLIAM & MARY WENTZ**

William was born in Hardin County to William Monroe Wentz and Edna Lark Brooks Wentz. His great grandfather Daniel Wentz came to Ohio from Germany in 1851. Great grandmother Christena in the 1850's also. Great, great grandparents Johann Ulrich Wagner & Anna Barbara Born and family came from Switzerland in 1850's also. The Broooks family tree goes back to mid 1700's in Virginia.

William served about 4 years in the U.S. Army in World War II. He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, American Ex P.O.W.'s and member of American Legion. After returning home he worked in construction. He & Mary were self-employed in construction contracting until retirement. They have 2 sons William Alan Wentz and James Ray Wentz. Mary was born in Hardin County to William Wells & Evaline Josephine Johnson Wells. She graduated from Kenton High School in 1941 and during the World War II years, worked at Wright Field, Dayton and Camp Atterbury Hospital, Indiana.

William & Mary were married in Indianapolis in May, 1944. After the War she worked as a Homemaker and Bookkeeper for their business, was active in Cub Scouts, Disabled American Veterans Aux. and PTA and Hospital Guild.

**DR. RICHARD AND SUSAN ASHBA YOUNGPETERS**

Richard (Dick) Youngpeters (1942-2012) attended Kenton Public Schools for 12 years where he was a member of the Wildcats football team, and graduated from Kenton High School in 1960. He received a BS from Otterbein University in 1964 and an MD from the University of Cincinnati. After completing his internship and residency in pediatrics with the US Navy, Dick established a pediatric practice in Cincinnati. He devoted his professional career to serving the health and medical needs of children, including those from impoverished neighborhoods.

Susan Ashba Youngpeters was born in 1943 and also attended Kenton Public Schools for 12 years, and married Dick in 1964. She supported Dick's pursuit of his career and served as an assistant in his Cincinnati office for many years. Dick and Susan had three children, Cheryl, Roger, and Christine.

This memorial was established by Gretchen Ashba Curtis and her family.



BERNARD & OPAL SPONSER

Bernard Sponsler was born May 28, 1916 in Taylor Creek Township. He graduated from Belle Center High School in 1934. He married Opal Kurt, who was born May 27, 1916 in Blanchard Township. She graduated from Dunkirk High School in 1934. They were married May 9, 1942 and lived in Taylor Creek Township. Bernard and Opal were both very active in their Church teaching Sunday school classes and holding many offices. They were active in the Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. She was a Past Matron and he was a Past Patron and Past Master and a 32 degree Mason. He was a Charter and active member of the Kenton Kiwanis Club serving as Lt. Governor of Division II in 1975. Bernard served on the Ridgeway and Ridgemont Boards of Education for 12 years.

He served as Hardin County Commissioner from 1976-1984. During his tenure the Simon Kenton School and Harco Industries became a reality, the County Museum was opened, the fairgrounds expanded, and the Hardin County Council on Aging was formed and the center built.

Together they farmed, raised sheep and horses, and collected antique Minneapolis Moline tractors. It was in this shared life they believed that by their tending of the soil, their work in the Church and Community they would hopefully leave the world a better place for those who follow.



THE STAMBAUGH FAMILY MEMORIAL - DESIGNATED TO YMCA  
JOHN B. STAMBAUGH 1856 - 1942

John B. Stambaugh arrived in Hardin County in 1888 and after many difficult years won the struggle to establish a successful farm on the Scioto Marsh. He later became a Hardin County Commissioner, then State Representative for the area as well as the chairman of the building committee to erect the County Courthouse.

JENNINGS M. STAMBAUGH 1896 - 1982

Jennings, after serving in WWI, returned to Hardin County to manage the Stambaugh Farms. Unlike his father, Jennings shunned the political spotlight. His family and the farm were his loves, while he quietly supported many local projects and people.

Both his sons elected to return to Hardin County after serving several years overseas in WWII.

JOHN J. STAMBAUGH 1919 - 1988

John, a graduate of Ohio University, managed the Stambaugh Farms from then until his death. He was a "man of the land" and it was with great pride and joy that he was able to enlarge and modernize. A loving family man, he demanded anonymity for the many charities he supported.

RICHARD E. (DICK) STAMBAUGH 1920 - 2010

Dick, a graduate of Pratte Institute in Interior Design, also came home to Hardin County. He established a furniture factory in an unneeded onion storage in McGuffey where he first made custom solid wood tables, then furniture systems tables specified by architects. His tables can be found in many public buildings throughout the United States. He is now retired.



DON W. AND BARBARA J. SPATH  
DESIGNATED TO GRADUATES OF UPPER SCIOTO VALLEY

Don was born in Alger Hardin County in 1937. All younger years were spent in and around Foraker, McGuffey and Kenton. He graduated from McGuffey High School in 1955. In 1956 he married Barbara J. Glett of Jackson Center and moved to the Indian Lake area. In 1962, Don took control of Fire Safety Services, Inc. In 2002, he retired to spend time on the family farms in Logan and Shelby counties.

Barbara was born in 1937 in Logan County and spent her younger years in and around Jackson Center. She graduated in 1955. Don and Barbara raised two sons, Steve and Scott. They also have three grandchildren.

Report of Hardin County Community Foundation  
Grant Commitee for the Year 2018

Requesting Entity	Project Description	Amount Awarded
Ada Exempted Village School	Reading Department Books for grades 1-2	\$750.00
Ada Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,250.00
Alger First United Methodist Church	Backpack Blessings program	\$1,500.00
Alger First United Methodist Church	Home MissionsTables and chairs for the newly built Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach Community Center	\$600.00
Alger Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,250.00
Bark Park	Repairs and maintenance	\$500.00
Belle Center Free Public Library	Summer reading program	\$500.00
Blanchard Dunkirk EMS	Oxygen regulators	\$590.00
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. OH 32	Postage for care packages sent overseas to deployed men and women	\$2,000.00
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. OH	Thank-A-Vet program good bags	\$500.00
Boy Scout Troop 124	Summer camp	\$500.00
Boy Scouts of America Troop 150	Summer camp	\$500.00
Camp Common Ground	Camp Wednesday Program	\$500.00
Christian Missionary Alliance Church	NextGenKids program for kids 4 years old through 6th grade	\$500.00
City of Kenton	Flowers, mulch and updating and replacing equipment at the parks	\$1,000.00
Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Hardin County	Provides monthly books to children birth to age 5	\$1,500.00
Dunkirk Community Improvement Corporation	Playground equipment and miscellaneous projects	\$625.00
Dunkirk Firefighters	Fire safety education materials for youth	\$700.00
Dunkirk Masonic Lodge #549	Annual Winter Fest	\$500.00
Epworth United Methodist Church	Youth Group Summer camp	\$500.00
Forest Area CIC	Community Committee Charlie Brown Christmas lighting display	\$1,000.00
Forest Fire Department	2.5" gate valves	\$1,050.00
Forest Firefighter's Association	Fire Prevention Week educational materials	\$500.00
Forest Police Department	Bullet proof vest	\$1,000.00
Forest Tree Commission	Trees	\$1,000.00
Forest United Methodist Church	Summer lunch program in conjunction with the Forest-Jackson Public Library's summer reading program	\$500.00
Forest-Jackson Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,250.00
Friends of the Alger Public Library	Assistance with the 5th annual art exhibition	\$750.00
Hardin County 4-H Council	4-H camp partial scholarships	\$1,000.00
Hardin County Agricultural Society	Fourth of July fireworks	\$3,000.00
Hardin County Agricultural Society	Digital sign for the fairgrounds entrance	\$2,500.00
Hardin County Agricultural Society	Junior Fair Board COSI's Science Spot exhibit for youth at the fair	\$600.00
Hardin County Armory Restoration Foundation	Front roof repairs	\$2,500.00
Hardin County Collective Youth Group	Local mission projects	\$750.00
Hardin County Common Pleas Court	12-step and self-help reading materials	\$325.00
Hardin County Council for Retarded Citizens (ARC)	Move and Learn program workshop	\$750.00
Hardin County Dog Shelter	Medical care assistance	\$1,500.00
Hardin County Family YMCA	HVAC installation	\$4,500.00
Hardin County Family YMCA	Youth summer camps	\$1,702.00
Hardin County Health Department	Miscellaneous projects	\$915.00
Hardin County Historical Museums, Inc.	Past Perfect software	\$1,000.00
Hardin County Humane Society	Emergency veterinary care assistance	\$500.00
Hardin County Humane Society	Spay/neuter program and starter kits for new pet owners	\$1,500.00
Hardin County Juvenile Court	Moral Reconation Therapy workbooks and other educational materials	\$325.00



Hardin County Players	Children's Theatre Workshop	\$750.00
Hardin County Poultry Banquet Committee	Signage for the Poultry tent at the fair	\$500.00
Hardin County Young Professionals Alliance	Playground equipment for Pioneer Park project	\$500.00
Hardin Hills Health Center	Updated lighting, front lobby chairs, bedside cabinets and wardrobe closets	\$3,613.00
Hardin Leadership, Inc.	Scholarships to attend Hardin Leadership	\$750.00
Hardin Memorial Community Outreach	Loads of Love program	\$442.00
Hardin Northern Community Center	Electric upgrade	\$500.00
Hardin Northern Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,250.00
Hardin Northern School	History Brigade Trip to Gettysburg student activities	\$1,250.00
Hardin Northern School	Library Reading programs throughout the year	\$500.00
Heartbeat of Hardin County	Sex Trafficking education and awareness programming and supplies	\$500.00
Heartbeat of Hardin County	Crib and car seat program	\$750.00
Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund, Inc.	Shoes for less fortunate children	\$5,000.00
Helping Hands Outreach Ministries	Summer Back to School project	\$4,500.00
Jackson-Forest Ambulance District	Lettering and graphics for new ambulance	\$1,000.00
Jackson-Forest EMS	Training equipment and educational materials for EMS week	\$750.00
Keep Hardin County Beautiful	Flowers and supplies for urns and Jackson Garden	\$1,000.00
Keep Hardin County Beautiful	Recycling program to teach children the benefits of recycling	\$500.00
Kenton Area Swim Team (KAST)	Flag strands and lane lines	\$500.00
Kenton City Schools-	Cafeteria Assistance to children who have exhausted their ability to charge their lunch cost	\$1,000.00
Kenton City Schools	Elementary The Book Room Project which would provide guided reading books for grades K-2	\$1,000.00
Kenton City Schools- Elementary		
Vocal Music Department	Sheet music	\$300.00
Kenton City Schools	High School Refrigerator and kitchen supplies to instruct special needs students living skills	\$500.00
Kenton City Schools	High School	
Vocal Music Department	Reading books for Leadership Course	\$250.00
Kenton City Schools High School		
Vocal Music Department	Smart Music and Total Tone Savvy subscriptions	\$750.00
Kenton City Schools	Third Grade Supplies for leadership clubs	\$500.00
Kenton Fire Department	King Vision LED Video Laryngoscope kit	\$1,000.00
Kenton First Baptist Church	Building Fund	\$866.00
Kenton Full Gospel	Bread of Life Food Pantry Food pantry supplies	\$1,000.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District	Downtown flower pot and hanging basket project	\$1,000.00
Kenton Historic Courthouse District	Maintenance of the Gene Autry Park	\$500.00
Kenton Little League, Inc.	Scholarships and maintenance	\$1,700.00
Kenton Police Department	Bullet resistant vests	\$1,000.00
Kenton Tree Commission	Trees	\$1,000.00
Lake of Lights	Light conversion to LED lighting	\$750.00
Love INC of Hardin County	Special needs requests	\$1,000.00
Master Gardeners of Hardin County	Garden description signs	\$500.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Youth group meals and programming	\$750.00
McGuffey Church of Christ	Summer Block Party event	\$1,000.00
McGuffey Volunteer Fire Company	Update emergency and scene lighting	\$1,000.00
Memorial Park Gold Club, Inc.	Youth golf program	\$896.00
Midwest Regional Educational Service Center	Educational supplies for preschool classrooms	\$500.00

E. STUART & WINIFRED ROGERS  
DESIGNATED TO YMCA

E. Stuart Rogers was born in Wood County and moved to Kenton with his parents at an early age. Graduating from Kenton High School, he entered the insurance business with his father at Rogers Nationwide Insurance. He retired after 33 years. Stuart was quite involved with the Kenton community in many areas. He was a member of the Airport Authority to help acquire an airport for Kenton and was its first manager. He was a past president of the board that helped establish the Community Improvement Corporation, Hardin County Genealogical Society and Farm Bureau Council. He was county commissioner from 1980-1984, past president of the Kenton Chamber of Commerce, director of the Hardin County Auto Club, and former president of the Ohio Northern Parents Association. Stuart received the 1981 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award.

Winifred Rogers graduated from the Riverside School of Nursing of Toledo and was dedicated to helping in the development of health services for the Hardin County community. A former president of the Hardin Memorial Hospital and Riverside Methodist Hospital, and was instrumental in the leasing of the Sullivan-Johnson Museum to the county. She was a member of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Guild, Hardin Home Health board of directors, Kenton Music Club, St. John's United Church of Christ, Kenton Garden Club, Latham Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Hardin County Farm Bureau Council and a charter member of the Sullivan-Johnson Museum. She was the 1987 recipient of the community service award from the Kenton Chamber of Commerce.



CHARLES H. SCHANAFELT TRUST

Mr. Schanafelt was in Real Estate Development in Kenton for many years and created several additions to the City of Kenton. He was also interested in children as indicated by his gifts of clothing for needy children at the Christmas holiday times.



RUSSELL SCHWEMER  
& WILLIS SCHWEMER

Willis Schwemer, born May 6, 1906 and Russell Schwemer, born October 26, 1907, were sons of Charles Schwemer and Elizabeth (Kroft) Schwemer, who were Cessna Township, Hardin County, Ohio farmers for many years. One brother, Clement, predeceased Willis and Russell.

Willis Schwemer continued to farm in Cessna Township until his death on April 6, 1986.

Russell Schwemer worked at Swift-Ohio for over 40 years.







**WILLIAM D. & KRISTA S. HART**

**William Douglas Hart was born the youngest child of Russell Hart, Jr. and Mae Louise (Eberhart) Hart on October 25, 1949. Russell was a decorated veteran of WWII and worked as a police officer, a fireman and as a foreman at Kenton Structural and Ornamental Iron. Mae worked various jobs outside the home such as North Electric and Essex Wire. They are also the parents of Charles R. Hart and Danny Lee Hart, both of whom are deceased, and Sherry L. Lewis.**

**Krista S. (Holtzberger) Hart was born the oldest child of Lewis and Rosella (Susie) Holtzberger on January 19, 1957. Lewis and Susie also are the parents of Jennifer Tynan, Timothy Holtzberger and Thomas Holtzberger. Lewis farmed and drove school bus during his work life, while Susie was a home maker and worked in a school cafeteria.**

**William (Bill) D. Hart graduated from Kenton Senior High School in 1967 and then graduated from Clark Technical School in 1969. After serving in the US Army from 1970 to 1973, Bill graduated from The Ohio State University in 1976. Bill then graduated from Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in 1980.**

**On May 16, 1981, Bill and Krista were married in Kenton. They are the parents of Andrew L. Hart and Emily M. Roy. Andrew and wife Amanda in 2016 gave birth to Harrison Douglas Hart.**

**Krista, while working full time outside the home, attended and graduated from The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business with honors. She obtained her CPA certification and opened her own accounting office. Later she worked for various governmental agencies from which she retired. Krista enjoyed time with her children and grandson, golf, knitting, reading and of course, Mahjong.**

**Bill started the private practice of law in November 1980 in practice with James L. Crates and Paul N. McKinney, Jr. During that time, he also served as an assistant city law director, an assistant county prosecutor, and child support enforcement attorney. In 1991 Bill opened his solo practice law firm and also was appointed judge of the Hardin County Municipal Court, a part time position. For a period of 14 years Bill served on the municipal court bench, until his election in 2004 to the Hardin County Common Pleas Court. He served in that position until his retirement on December 31, 2012. After retirement Bill served as a Director of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company for a few years.**

**Bill believed that giving back to the community was very important and therefore he gave freely of his time. His professional life led him to be involved in many community organizations such as: Hardin Memorial Hospital for ten years and serving as President for a year; Hardincare, Inc. board and President; Kenton Rotary Club; Hardin County Chapter American Heart Association; Hardin County Chapter American Cancer Society; Dollars for Scholars; Kenton Elks Lodge; Kenton Moose Lodge; Treasurer of Memorial Park Golf Club and Hardin County Sesqicentennial Committee. Professionally Bill was active in the Hardin County Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; Ohio Judicial Conference; Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association; and the Ohio Association of Municipal/County Court Judges. In his spare time Bill was a little league baseball, softball and soccer coach and was an assistant golf coach for his daughter’s high school team.**

**Bill’s greatest passion was always his involvement in the Hardin County Community Foundation. From being asked to help prepare the legal work to form the Foundation to serving as Vice President and then for 10 years as President Bill worked dilligently to see that the Foundation succeeded. During his 28 years of serving on the Board, Bill never considered the work as a burden but rather was a privilege to be able to help Hardin County become a more vibrant and caring community.**

Midwest Regional Educational Service Center	Smart Board, iPads, visual timers and classroom computers for the Little River Preschool at USV School	\$500.00
MLJ Hardin County District Library	Senior citizen and disabled patrons program and other adult programming	\$425.00
MLJ Hardin County District Library	Summer reading program	\$1,250.00
Mt. Victory Community Improvement Corporation	Old walking path removal and installation of a new walking path	\$2,000.00
New Creations	Program to teach veterans skills to learn a new trade	\$804.00
New Hope Ministry Park, LLC	Homeless shelter renovations	\$1,500.00
Northern Hardin Fire District	i Pads and software to track firefighters operations and locations at fire scenes	\$1,500.00
Not By Choice Outreach	Beautiful Warrior Program	\$2,500.00
Not By Choice Outreach	Chemo Bags of Hope program	\$1,500.00
Ohio State University, Hardin County OSU Extension	Water bottles and hands-on activities materials for the Healthy and Hydrated: It's in Your Hands program at the Hardin County Fair	\$250.00
Ohio State University, Hardin County OSU Extension	Girls' Group activities and programming for grades 4-8	\$250.00
Ohio State University, Hardin County OSU Extension	Cooking Matters program	\$1,000.00
Painter Creek Community Grange	Metal roof	\$750.00
Patterson United Methodist Church	Furnace for the sanctuary	\$1,000.00
Pawsitive Pals	Medical care assistance	\$1,000.00
Project Linus	Blankets for children going through illness, injury, trauma or loss	\$1,000.00
Quilts for Kids NW Ohio	Quilting supplies to make quilts for long term or terminally ill children	\$300.00
ReStore Community Center	T ape, wrapping paper and photo paper for their Christmas programming	\$150.00
ReStore Community Center	Various community meals	\$1,500.00
Ridgemont Public Library	Summer reading program	\$1,200.00
Ridgemont Youth Summer Sports Association	Shelter house at the Ridgeway ball park	\$750.00
Ridgeway Firefighters	Backup cameras for tankers	\$500.00
Riverdale Youth Soccer	Paint sprayer	\$1,500.00
Robert Reed, Jr. Genealogy Library and Hardin County Genealogy Society	Replacement computers and associated equipment	\$2,070.00
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio	Housing for families with hospitalized children	\$1,000.00
Roundhead McDonald Park Board	Playground equipment	\$1,250.00
Roundhead United Methodist Church	Wheelchair ramp	\$2,500.00
Safe Haven of Hardin County	Storage unit, shelving and totes to store donations for the domestic violence shelter	\$500.00
Saint Vincent dePaul Society of Immaculate Conception Church	Hygiene and cleaning items for the less fortunate	\$1,500.00
Silver Creek United Methodist Church	Various youth activities	\$750.00
Silver Creek United Methodist Church	Turn Around Outreach	\$750.00
Some Of Us People (SOUP)	Monthly meals for the less fortunate	\$3,000.00
Southeast Hardin Northwest Union		
Joint Fire District	SCBA carbon fiber air bottles	\$1,000.00
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church	Food for Kids Backpack Program	\$1,000.00
Table One Ministries	Tuesday night meal sponsorship	\$1,500.00
The Neighborhood Opportunity Center	Food boxes for the less fortunate	\$2,000.00
Tree Town Festival	Youth exhibits for the festival	\$2,000.00
Trustees of Memorial Hall	Ox Roast	\$750.00
Upper Scioto Valley School	Parental Read Aloud handbook for Title I participants	\$500.00
Upper Scioto Valley School	Summer literacy program for grades K-6	\$2,000.00
Upper Scioto Valley School	Middle School Student Council Backpack Blessings program	\$1,000.00
Upper Scioto Valley School	Music Department Speaker system for the marching band	\$500.00



USV Ambulance District- Alger Unit	Free county EMS training	\$2,000.00
USV Ambulance District- Alger Unit	CPR adult mannequins, new stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs, latex glove holders, and other CPR equipment	\$2,000.00
Veterans' Service Office	Annual Veterans dinner	\$1,000.00
Village of Dunkirk	HN Community Family Fun Day	\$500.00
Village of Dunkirk	Flowers and seasonal decorations	\$500.00
Village of Dunkirk	Trees	\$1,000.00
Village of Forest	Downtown planter flowers	\$1,000.00
Village of Forest- Recreation Board	Resealing of the walking paths at Gormley Park	\$1,500.00
Village of Mt. Victory	Trees	\$1,000.00
Village of Mt. Victory	Outdoor metal waste receptacles	\$750.00
Wolf Creek Center for the Arts of Hardin County, Ohio, Inc.	Art classes	\$750.00
<b>Scholarships</b>		
Jerry Jester	Kenton Dollars for Scholars	\$1,000.00
Catherine Lens	Kenton Dollars for Scholars	\$500.00
Mr. & Mrs. OJ Hogan	Kenton Dollars for Scholars	\$500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Spath	USV Student	\$2,500.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Spath	USV Student	\$2,500.00
<b>Total Awarded</b>		<b>\$157,698.00</b>

## MEMORIALS TO FOUNDATION BIOGRAPHIES

### PEG BALDWIN-MCVITTY MEMORIAL

Peggy Baldwin McVitty was born in Fairfield, Alabama. She married Mondo Baldwin on April 1, 1944 while he was serving in the US Air Force. Shortly thereafter they moved to Kenton where she lived until 1994. Peg was active in Scouting as she and Mondo had two sons, Wayne and Michael who were Eagle Scouts. She was the first woman in the area to receive Scouting’s Silver Fawn award for service to Scouting. She was active in Laureate Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi where she had held every office in the local chapter and in 1989 received the Reverned International Award of Distinction. She was a member of the Kenton Garden Club having held all offices and served as past director of Region Two of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs. She was past president of the Hardin County Council on Aging Board of Trustees. She was the recipient of the Hardin County Senior Citizen Award in 1997. She was a member of the Keep Hardin County Beautiful Commission and had written articles for the Commission’s Tricycle. She was a member of the Hardin County Ambassadors. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kenton where she was active in the United Methodist Women and had served as the first women chairperson of the Administrative Council. She was a Sunday School teacher for 48 years and a charter member of the Chancel Bell Choir.

Mondo died in 1992 and in 1994 she married James McVitty and moved to the Forest area. She became active in the Forest United Methodist Church and served on the Forest Jackon Library Building Committee.

She died March 16, 2002.



## HELEN A. SLACK

Helen Ann Hanawalt Slack was born 1920 in Kenton to Goerge and Ceclia Hanawalt. After graduating high school in Kenton she moved to Columbus to join her sisters and worked for many years at the U.S. Dept of Defense Construction Supply Center. After Helen's first husband passed away she moved to Florida. When Helen was again widowed she returnrd to Kenton in 1989. Helen enjoyed playing bridge and golf with her friends and was an avid Notre Dame football fan. She was also an active and supportive memeber of Immaculate Concveption Church. She read widely and followed current events closely and enjoyed talking politics. Helen spent much of her time in later years looking after her elder sisters who also returned to Kenton upon their retirement. Helen passed away at the age of 94 in August 2014and is buried in Kenton.

## RAY & MARY (HARRIS) THOMPSON

Ray Thompson(4-22-1919 to 1-30-2004) and Mary Harris Thompson (3-9-1920 to 11-13- 2002). Ray married Mary Harris in 1941. Both were born and lived their lives in Kenton, OH where they raised their family.

Ray graduated from KHS; attended Ohio State on a football scholarship; served in the US Army in WWII and fought in the European Theater. After VE day, his unit was sent to the Pacific as part of the force scheduled to invade Japan.

Ray served the Kenton City government over five different decades. His public service started in 1954 when he was appointed as First Ward Councilman and then won 2 subsequent elections leaving office in 1959. He returned as Council President for 3 -two year terms beginning in 1964. In 1975, he was appointed as At-Large Councilman and was elected for 2 more terms. He was elected as Mayor for 2 terms from 1984 – 1991. During the 1960’s, his tenure included building a new water treatment plant and in the 1980’s a new fire station and municipal building. In 1975, Ray was instrumental in starting the Kenton Rescue Squad (now known as BKP) and was one of the first to take the 400 hour medical training course to provide help on emergency runs.

Ray worked as a jeweler and watch repairman at Kraus Jewelers and retired at Rockwell International in Kenton.

Ray was very active in Kenton and Hardin County politics plus many civic and charitable organizations including Masonic Temple, Elks, and VFW.

Mary, as a housewife, loved to sew, crochet/handcrafts, and bake. She prepared and delivered meals to elderly in their neighborhood and supported Ray in his various community duties and civic activities. She was employed and retired from the Kenton Times.

They were members of the Epworth Methodist Church. Their work in the Church and the community was important to both of them as they always tried to improve life in Kenton.

Ray and Mary had 3 children, Sharae T. Bell (born in 1943), Connie T. Fruehan(born in 1947), and Ray Jr (Sept 1956 to Oct 1979).

Ray is a direct lineal descendent of James A. Thompson, a Patriot of the American Revolution. From 1700, each of his male ancestors served in the US military. Ray and Mary’s daughters, Sharae T. Bell and Connie T. Fruehan are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 2018, the Alan and Connie (Thompson) Fruehan Endowment was established in memory of her parents to support Kenton and Hardin County civic organizations most meaningful to Ray and Mary in such amounts as the Foundation Trustees determine.







## **ROBERT G. REED, JR.**

Bob was born in Kenton, Ohio on September 21st, 1936, and was reared on a farm in the Belle Center area. He graduated from Belle Center High School in 1954, where he was Valedictorian of his class. He attended The Ohio State University and received his bachelors degree in 1958. He then graduated from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1960. After graduating from law school, Bob entered the U.S. Army in 1961 where he served as a Captain and Legal Officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corp. Upon completion of a three year active duty tour, Bob returned to his home in the Hardin County area in 1964 to engage in the practice of law, and spent the next fifty years actively engaged in that pursuit. During his time of practice, he practiced law from time to time with Mark Hanna, with whom he was associated with for many years. At various other times his legal career also associated with Attorneys Michael Bernard, James Ansley, and

John Neville. Bob Reed was respected and held in high regard by his peers, and by the members of his community. Bob Reed was quiet in demeanor, and had the reputation of being an intelligent, dignified, honest, and courteous lawyer and citizen. Bob also served his community in a quiet and very generous manner. His good deeds to the community were always done without fan-fair or undue publicity. He was a faithful member of the Belle Center Presbyterian Church, and Lawrence Valley Grange. Bob was a long time member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mary Lou Johnson-Hardin District Library. Bob was especially generous in his financial support of the Hardin County Community Foundation, the Hardin County Genealogical Society, the Hardin County Humane Society, and the Mary Lou Johnson Library. Bob is survived by two brothers, John E. Reed and Joseph M. Reed, and a sister, Jane M. Lay. His family can be very proud of Bob for his long and respected legal career, and for the service that he gave to his country and to his community. Bob was truly a good person, and his family, the legal profession, and the community in which he resided were fortunate to have known his presence, and he will be greatly missed and remembered by all.

**A Memorial was established by The Mt. Victory State Bank**

**A Memorial was established by Home Savings & Loan Co.**

**A Memorial was established by Eula Doster Hirsch**

## **NED RICHARDS 1914 - 1996**

Ned Richards was a life-long resident of Kenton. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1932 and worked at the F.W. Woolworth store. He then owned and operated the "Corn Crib" at the corner of Detroit and Franklin Streets for many years before joining R.E. Allen Wholesale as a manager for over 25 years.



## **CARL R. LOTZ 1927-2003**

Carl R. Lotz was born August 24, 1927 in Hardin County to Henry and Mary (Willeke) Lotz. He graduated of Kenton High School in 1946. He was married to Kathryn Young who passed away September 1988. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Latham Masonic Lodge No 154 and a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of the Hardin County Shrine Club, Kenton Lions Club, Kenton Elks Lodge No 157, Hardin County Farm Bureau and Kenton Moose Lodge No 428.

Carl was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a farmer and Pleasant Township Trustee. He represented Pleasant Township on the BKP board of trustees and Grove Cemetery board.



## **Isabelle Rexin 1907-2004**

Isabelle Rexin was born July 12, 1907 in Hardin County to Howard and Della (Burdett) Huey. On August 28, 1933 she married Henry R. Rexin, who proceeded her in death February 1979. The Rexin's had a Mary Lou Knapp.

The Rexin's owned and operated Rexin's Furniture and Appliances in Kenton. Isabelle was a 1925 graduate of Kenton High School. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ and served on the Women's Guild and Naomi Circle at the church. She also was a member of the Culture Club and Alpha Honor Circle.

# Marilyn Green



## CATHERINE LENS

1888 - 1976

### SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Catherine Lens taught in the Kenton City Schools for many years. She taught Latin and French and established the First French Club at Kenton High School in 1923. Catherine was a graduate of Miami University and studied special courses at The Ohio State University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. Catherine's scholarship trust was established to help students achieve the ideals that higher education was something to strive for in life. A principal that she held dear to her heart.



## MAXINE AND JOHN F. LICHTY

### DESIGNATED TO HARDIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

John (Pete) Lichty was born in Bucyrus, Ohio on October 31, 1917 but spent most of his life in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School and The Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned home to continue his father's insurance work until 1986. Pete was very active in his community despite his paralysis due to polio in 1952. He was president of the little league baseball, a life member and past secretary of the Kenton Elks 157, a former secretary and life member of Ridgeway VFW, a member of the American Legion Post 198, and a 50 year member of Latham Lodge and the Scioto Chapter. He also served as a member of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees for 12 years, was a former secretary and member of the Kenton Chamber of Commerce, and a member of St. John's United Church of Christ.

Maxine Lichty was born in Goshen Township on July 16, 1921. She graduated from Kenton Senior High School and Bliss College. In 1942, she married Pete Lichty and raised three children, John Peter, Patricia, and Cynthia. Maxine was also very active in the community. She was a member and former president of the Hardin Memorial Hospital Guild. Maxine also volunteered at the hospital for many years. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Minerva Club, the Elks Ladies Bridge Club, and the Memorial County Bridge Club.

## DeWAYNE "BUD" RAMGE & VIRGINIA "JANE" RAMGE

DeWayne Ramge was born and raised on a farm in Goshen Township, Hardin County, and remained on the family farm until he retired. He met his wife, Jane Buchenroth of Bellefontaine, and they worked together to be successful in farming while raising four sons, two who have followed in their father's footsteps. Bud and Jane were lifetime members of Goshen Grange and very active and supportive of the St. John's United Church of Christ as well as other community organizations. Bud was a member of the Hardin Central School Board and also served on the Kenton City School Board. He was a director of the Kenton Savings Bank and, later, a long-time Board member of the Home Savings and Loan Company of Kenton.







## KEITH & LAURA KINNEAR

Keith Kinnear was born in 1945 in Kenton, Ohio. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1963 and received a degree in business administration from Ohio University in 1967. He married Laura Tighe of Ada, Ohio. Laura earned a degree from Ohio University and served the schools of Hardin County as a speech-language pathologist throughout her career. They had two sons, Jason and Andrew.

Keith was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, earning his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator in 1970. Flying, either for business or personal reasons, would prove to be a lifelong passion.

As a business professional, Keith spent much of his career in the manufacturing industry. He enjoyed extended periods with several local businesses including Imperial Cup Corporation and InnoPlas Corporation. Building and growing businesses through the development of people was always a focus. He valued listening, asking the right questions and being available whenever needed. His dedication to Hardin County stemmed from a sense of community with its residents. Though several assignments caused him to move from the area, he always made his way

back to Kenton...a place he loved to call "home".

Keith was committed to serving his community. He was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church and Elks Lodge #157. Throughout his lifetime, he served on a number of boards, among these were Liberty National Bank, the Hardin County YMCA, the Hardin County Airport Authority and the Hardin County Board of MRDD. Keith became a Community Foundation Board Trustee in 2007. At the time of his death in 2014, friends and family honored his service by providing this memorial fund to the organization.

## KIRK & HELEN KIRKLAND DESIGNATED MEMORIAL FOR RECREATION

Clyde W. "Kirk" Kirkland was born March 5, 1916, in Bellaire, Ohio, to Dr. C. Wallace Kirkland and Ona Jebb Kirkland. Raised in Bellaire, he was a 1940 graduate of North Carolina State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a lieutenant colonel in Army ordnance during World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy, and he received a Bronze Star. He worked for the Ohio Power Company for 38 years, and retired in 1978. He was a member of Elks Lodge 157, and of the Rotary Club, and he received the Paul Harris Award.

Helen Johnson Kirkland was born February 1, 1916, in Fromberg, Montana, to Van Elbert Johnson and Helen May Linn Johnson. Raised in California, she graduated from the nursing program at French Hospital in San Francisco in 1937. She received her flight nurse training at Bowman Field, Kentucky, in 1944 and served with the 813th Air Vac U.S. Army Air Corps as a 1st Lt. flight nurse during World War II.

Kirk and Helen met at Williams Field, Arizona, in 1942, and they were married in 1945. They enjoyed traveling, and made extensive trips together throughout the

United States. Later, they visited their children from Central America to Nepal. Their favorite sport throughout life was golf, and they enjoyed playing on many courses around the United States, and were active in local golf associations.

## HELEN KURT

Helen Eleanor Kurt was born September 1, 1912 to parents living on a farm in Pleasant Township. She attended Dunkirk schools until her parents built a home in Kenton. She then attended Kenton Grammar School and graduated in 1930 from Kenton High School where she was an honor student. After graduation, Helen enrolled at Findlay College where she completed the secretarial course of study in 1931.

After college, Helen worked at Champion Equipment Co., later known as Phillips and Davis Co. She retired in 1939 due to health problems.

She was a lifelong, faithful member of St. Johns United Church of Christ, being baptized there in 1914.

Helen was known as the lady who drove a 1951 Packard automobile into the late 1900's.

She remembered a number of charitable organizations in her will.



## ELINOR NASH BARRETT AND OLIVER WAGNER BARRETT

Both families have lived in Hardin County since the late 1800's.

Oliver (Ollie) Barrett (1925 - 2004) was born to Margaret Wagner Barrett and Ray Barrett, and graduated from Kenton Senior High in 1943, and immediately entered the army where he served until 1945, being awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. For many years he was associated with Western and Southern Life Insurance Company, until he joined North American Rockwell, ending his career as Director of Personnel. Activities included sports of all kinds, the Masonic and Elks Lodges, and the First United Methodist Church. He died in 2004.

Elinor Nash Barrett (1927-2018) was born to Irma Hamilton Nash and William Nelson Nash, also graduated from Kenton Senior High School in

1945 and attended Bowling Green State University. Activities included the choir of the First United Methodist Church, in which she sang for over 40 years, Eastern Star, and Minerva Club.

The couple was married on February 23rd, 1947 and had two sons, Stephen and Scott, and three grandchildren.

## PARL W. AND EUNICE I. BECK DESIGNATED TO HARDIN HILLS HEALTH CENTER

Mr. and Mrs. Beck were long time residents of the City of Kenton and owned a farm in Pleasant township.

Mr. Beck was primarily self employed and was the owner and operator of a garage and lawn mower repair shop in Kenton.

Mrs. Beck worked many years at the Woolworth Store and at the Farmers Livestock Barn in Kenton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beck were long time members of the Walnut Grove Church in Pleasant Township.

Parl Beck died January 23, 1998 and Eunice Beck died January 30, 2006. Mrs. Beck, who spent her last few years at the Hardin Hills Health Center, was interested in benefiting the home and residents therein.





## FRANK & RUTH BERLIEN

Frank Berlien was born to a pioneer family of Hardin County who believed in public service to their community and their country, as his grandfather, Peter, served his country in the Civil War and his father, George, was Hardin County Sheriff. Frank and Ruth Berlien were married in 1937 and were a couple very dedicated to their community. During their 54 year marriage, the Berliens participated in many charitable activities with groups that included the First Methodist Church, the Masonic Brethren and the Gideon Ministry. Frank, the President of the Huntington First National Bank of Kenton, was also city councilman for a number of years. Upon retirement from Huntington, he became very active with the Gideon Ministry and with Masonic work. While serving a number of years as church treasurer, Frank was the author of several articles on the long, rich history of the church. Ruth, born near Alliance, Ohio, worked 12 years for the Ohio Department of Agriculture in Columbus. She served as church secretary in the 1940's and was a member of the United Methodist Women and Sarah Circle. During World War II, Ruth was the executive secretary for the Hardin County Red Cross.



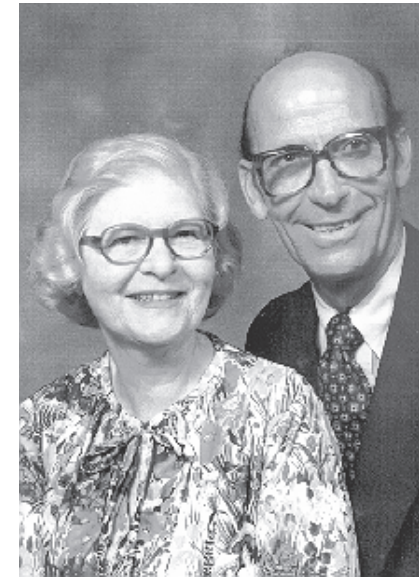
## THOMAS G. & HELEN (STEINER) JESTER CONSERVATION MEMORIAL

Thomas and Helen Jester were born and raised in Hardin County. Thomas was first a farmer and then turned to the landscape business where he spent almost 50 years. Helen was a homemaker and very interested in flowers and was a long time member of the Kenton Garden Club. She was also active in D.A.R. and both were lifelong members of the First United Methodist Church.



## JOHN & RUBY JESTER

John F. Jester was born and raised in Hardin County, graduating from Kenton High School. For over forty years, John was a designer, manufacturer and distributor of commercial Christmas decorations. He served on the Kenton City Board of Education and also served many years as a director of the Home Savings and Loan Company. He was a veteran of World War II. He held memberships in the Masonic Lodge, Kenton Elks Lodge #157, Chamber of Commerce and supported many civic projects including the beautification of downtown Kenton. He was a member of the advisory council of the Hardin County Juvenile Court. He received the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 1988. John served as President of the Foundation from 1991-2007.



Ruby A. Jester was born in Kenton and graduated from Kenton High School. After graduation she was a secretary at Frigidaire Corporation in Dayton, Ohio. From 1949 to 1962, she was a secretary for "Alaskan Artist," Fred Machetanz and his wife, Sara, the author of children's books. In 1965, she was employed in the medical records department at Hardin Memorial Hospital and retired in

1978. She was an active member of PTO and an active member of Beta Child Conservation League. She was also a volunteer at the Hardin County Historical Museums. Being long time members of St. Johns United Church of Christ, they have been involved in various areas of Church life.

## JERRY D. JESTER SCHOLARSHIP 1939 - 1966

Jerry was born and raised in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School where he was a member of the track team. Jerry graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1961 with a B.A. Degree in Geology. After a year he enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to the Operations Section as a Cartographic Officer with the Alaskan Air Command in Anchorage, Alaska. Cancer cut his career short in 1966.



## THE BERNARD FAMILY FUND

### DESIGNATED TO EDUCATION & MUSIC PROGRAMS & MARY LOU JOHNSON LIBRARY

This fund was established in 2002 by Leo J. "Barney" Bernard in memory of his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Fox Bernard and their son, Michael E. Bernard. It was created to enhance music programs in the Kenton City Schools which the Board of Education is otherwise unable to fund and to support the Mary Lou Johnson/Hardin County District Library in such amounts as the Foundation trustees determine.



Bernard is a name long associated with business and civic activities in Hardin County. Leo Bernard owned and operated the Bernard Furniture Store in Kenton from 1956 to 1974. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the former Kenton National Bank, Wilco Corporation and San Antonio Hospital. He was a member of the American Legion and the Elks and held leadership positions with the Chamber of Commerce, American Heart Association and the Knights of Columbus. Born in 1914, Leo, known as "Barney", graduated from Kenton High School in 1932. He served in World War II, as did his brothers, Jerome and LeRoy. LeRoy was the first Kentonite killed in the War. Until his death in February of 2005, Barney's lifelong love of golf and the pursuit of family history continued to occupy him as well as attending services at Immaculate Conception Church.

On June 2, 1941, Barney married Elizabeth "Betty" Fox, the daughter of Dr. D.C. and Katharine McArthur Fox. Kate Fox was a descendant of Donald McArthur who, with his son, Peter, was the first non-native American settler in Hardin County. Dr. Fox was a country doctor, farmer and businessman. Betty graduated from Kenton High School in 1932 and from the Ohio State University in 1936. She was active in church, charitable and cultural activities, including the San Antonio Hospital Guild, Catholic Ladies of Columbia, University Women's Club, Music Club, Fortnightly Literary Club, and was a lifelong member of the Immaculate Conception Church. Betty passed away in June 2000.

Mike was born in Kenton in 1946, graduating from Kenton High School in 1964. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1968, he served in the U.S. Army. Mike graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law and practiced in Kenton and Columbus. He was twice elected Hardin County Prosecutor and served this community with pride. Mike passed away in 1995.

Betty and Barney were the parents of five children, Daniel Fox Bernard, Michael Eugene Bernard, Mary Katharine Franzel, Marie Eleanor Sprang, and Anne Elizabeth Keller.

Daniel F. Bernard graduated from Kenton High School in 1960, Iowa State University in 1964 and earned his law degree from Duke University. After serving in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps, he began the practice of law in Colorado where he made his home. Highly respected in the legal and civic communities of Longmont, CO, Dan died on August 3, 2011 and is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dale, their two children and six grandchildren.



## OREN & MARY ALBERTA HOGAN

### DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP

Oren J. Hogan was born in 1902 and served 16 years with the U.S. Marine Corp. At the age of 18 he served with the Mounted Marine Detachment in Peking, China. He also served 5 years as a guard Lieutenant for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. In 1928 he married Mary Alberta Hogan who was from Hardin County. From 1946 until 1972 Oren served as the Hardin County Veterans Service Officer. Oren also served his local community by being President of Kenton City Council from 1950 to 1951 and was one of the founders of Veterans Memorial Park. He was an active member of Post 198 of the American Legion Post 3333 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Lodge 157 of the Elks.



Mary Alberta Hogan graduated from Kenton High School in 1924 and from The Ohio State University in 1929. Mary also attended Miami-Jacobs Business College. From 1933 until 1974 Mary was the owner/operator of M.A. Hogan Elevator in Grant. Mary was active in the community by being involved in the local PTA, the Northwest District of Ohio PTA as the Director and was a life member of the Ohio Congress of PTA. In her spare time Mary was also active by being local President of the Tuberculosis Association and serving in the auxiliary of both the American Legion and VFW Posts of which her husband was a member.

Together the Hogans made Hardin County a better place to live and their generosity after their deaths help make the lives of current students brighter.

## ALBERT & JUNE HORN

Albert H. Horn, Jr. was born October 3, 1922 in Huron County, Norwalk Ohio, to Albert H. Horn, Sr. and Ruth (Limbird) Horn. He is a graduate of the Tiffin Columbian High School and Tiffin University. He served with the United States Navy in the South Pacific and China during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. Upon his return to the United States, Albert became an agent with the Internal Revenue Service with offices in Toledo and Lima and then moved to Kenton to establish the IRS office in that city in 1951.



While residing in Kenton, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge #154, the Order of the Eastern Star Latham Chapter #364, the Kenton Elks #157, served as president of the Kenton Jaycees 1964-1965. He was also a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ serving as president of their Council in 1957.

In 1957, he married June Castor, daughter of W. Murray and Dorothy (Patterson) Castor. June was born in Kenton, Ohio and was a graduate of Kenton High School and the Lima Memorial School of Nursing. She was surgery supervisor at Lima Memorial Hospital before returning to Kenton where she was employed by the Kenton Physicians Group for several years. While in Kenton she was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Latham Chapter #364, Minerva Club, Kenton Music Club, and the Methodist Church chancel choir.

In 1966, Albert was transferred and the couple moved to Bryan, Ohio in May of 1967. Albert was a member and Paul Harris Fellow of the Bryan Rotary Club serving as its president 1983-1984. He has served on the Board of the Community Hospitals of Williams County since 1972, was a member of Zenobia Temple of Toledo and Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Toledo. Albert has served on the search committee to acquire and organize a YWCA in the City of Bryan and was instrumental in establishing the Bryan Area Foundation in 1969 and served as a trustee and treasurer for that group for 19 years. June was a member of the Association for Recognizing Talented Students for the Bryan High School. She was also a member of the Bryan Fortnightly Study Club and was a life member of the Community Hospitals of Williams County Auxiliary. They were both members of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Bryan, where they were active in the life of the Church.

In 1983, Albert Horn retired from the IRS and opened a private practice as a tax consultant with offices in Bryan, Ohio. Albert and June are the parents of one daughter, Jennifer, who resides in Dublin, Ohio.

## FRANK & BETTY BONDI

### DESIGNATED TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Frank Bondi was born and raised near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the borough of Aspinwall. He served in the European Theater during World War II with the First Army from Normandy to Germany. In 1945, he returned to the States as a hospital patient and assigned to the "Greenbrier" Hospital where he met an Army nurse, 2nd Lt. Betty Smith from Kenton, Ohio who would become his wife. After their marriage, they spent several years in Pittsburgh, then moved to Kenton where Frank became involved in the financial life of Hardin County. During the next 47 years, Frank served his community in many areas. He was treasurer of the Hardin County Fair when many improvements were made, including the Grange Building, the Gazebo, and the Community Building. As a member of the Kenton Board of Education, the new Senior High School and the Oaklief Elementary School were completed. As moderator of the First Baptist Church, the new



First Baptist Church east of Kenton in the Myers Addition was erected. While Frank was president of the Huntington First National Bank, the new bank building on the corner of Franklin and Main Streets was built in 1976, now known as the Liberty National Bank. Frank has been active in many fund raising activities. In 1971, the Kenton Area Chamber of Commerce named him Citizen of the Year.

Betty accepted a position as a school nurse at Mt. Victory and Ridgeway and later was staff nurse for Hardin Memorial Hospital until she retired in 1987. She continued working part time with Hardin Hospice Care until 1996. Betty was and is very active in many civic activities. At present a volunteer for the Sullivan-Johnson Museum and a member of the American Cancer Society board. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Kenton, where she has held many offices. She is currently church clerk and is active and has held offices in the Baptist Missionary Society as well as the Regional American Baptist Churches Association. Betty enjoys reading, sewing, travel, and her role as a grandmother.

**A Memorial was established by the family of Dr. Louis and Roberta Black**

## VICTOR & VIRGINIA COLMEY

### DESIGNATED TO CHILDREN & EDUCATION

Mr. and Mrs. Colmeyer were longtime residents and farm owners in Blanchard Township. Mr. Colmeyer was a professional engineer having graduated from the University of Indiana in 1935 and traveled world wide primarily overseeing bridge construction, including one project in the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Colmeyer was a nurse and also traveled extensively in her hobby of breeding, selling and showing of English Bulldogs.

Although not having any children, the Colmeyer family always maintained an interest in young people and their education.







## FRANK & RUTH COOK

Frank N. Cook was born September 27, 1910 in Kenton. He graduated from Kenton High School in 1928. He married Ruth E. Barrett who was born February 16, 1914 in Goshen Township. She graduated from Kenton High School in 1932. They were married October 16, 1932.

He worked as a mechanic and for Ohio Power before serving in the Navy from 1943 through 1946. Upon discharge from the Navy he started Cook's Garage and continued with that until 1964, when he became a Nationwide Insurance Agent.

He served on the Kenton City Council for several years and was Mayor of Kenton from 1965 thru 1975. He also served as secretary of Grove Cemetery from 1960 through 1975.

Ruth was a bookkeeper for Cook's Garage and Nationwide business. Upon their retirement in 1975, they moved to Cessna Township where Frank enjoyed farming, his boxer dog and his horses. Ruth continued her enjoyment of raising beautiful roses and country life.

## DR. J.C. & GRETCHEN CURTIS

Jesse C. Curtis, Jr. was born and raised in Hardin County. He graduated from Kenton High School and from Ohio State University in 1943 with a BS in Agricultural Economics. He served in World War II as a captain in Field Artillery. In 1950, he graduated from OSU with a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He returned to his home community and served as a veterinarian for 21 years with his animal hospital on East Columbus Street. Dr. Curtis then sold his practice, becoming President/CEO of Home Savings and Loan. He retired after another 21 years, having had two successful careers in his lifetime. He served as director emeritus for Home Savings. Being active in the community, he served as scoutmaster of Troop #150 of the First United Methodist Church. Dr. Curtis served as Ward 2 councilman for several terms, was past president and treasurer of the Kenton Rotary Club. He was a longtime director of the Hardin County AAA serving as president and treasurer.



Gretchen Ashba Curtis was born in Hardin County, but grew up in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. She was nurse manager of the Obstetrical Department at Ohio State University. Gretchen and J.C. Curtis were married January 23, 1944. After their return to Kenton, Mrs. Curtis was active in the daily operation of the Curtis Animal Hospital. Later, she became nurse manager of the Medical Unit of Hardin Memorial Hospital where she served 7 years. Mrs. Curtis was also active in the community, serving the Red Cross in nurse recruitment for 10 years. She also worked with girl and boy scouts. She served the First United Methodist Church as president of the United Methodist Women, program chairman and circle leader.

## A memorial was also established to honor the Curtis children

### *Children of Dr. J.C. Curtis, Jr. and Gretchen Ashba Curtis*

Gretchen S. - OSU Graduate, BS in Nursing and MS in Pediatric Nursing. She also has an MS in Management from Regis University, Denver, Colorado.

Craig A. - OSU Graduate, BA in Education and MS in Public Relations and specializes in Marketing.

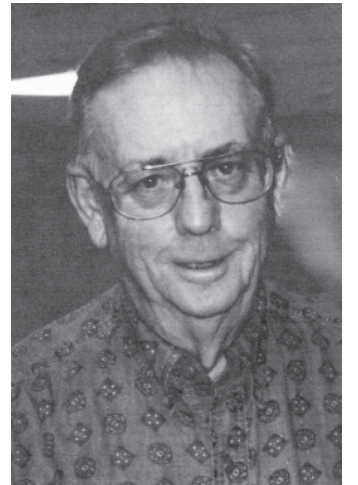
Lisa L. - OSU Graduate, BA in Theater and Design with an MS in Consumerism from Colorado State University.

Kent W. - Graduate of MIT with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

## THOMAS BRUCE EDDY

1947-2011

Bruce Eddy, was born in Kenton, Ohio to James D. Eddy and Betty (Moore) Eddy Schroeder. He graduated from Kenton Senior High School, and worked at various Kenton businesses throughout his lifetime, retiring from the Hardin County Engineer's Department. A US Army veteran, he served in the Vietnam War. Bruce was a Veterans Service Commissioner, member of VFW Post 3333 where he was a past judge advocate, Sr. Vice, a Trustee, and a Commander Pro Temp twice. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, a life member of Amvets, American Legion, and the Kenton Moose Lodge. Bruce will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his love of history, and his devotion to military and community service. The foundation thanks Bruce's family and the VFW Post for their donation to honor the memory of their loved one and comrade in arms.



## CHARLES & ESTA MAE MOOTS FOGLE TED C. & MARY J. FOGLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle were farmers. They owned and lived on a farm in Blanchard Township near Bridgeport.

Mr. Ted Fogle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fogle. He was a graduate of Oberlin College and he and his wife Mary J. owned and operated the A.E. Roby Office Supply and Printing Company in Kenton for many years.



## RONALD OWEN HARE

Ronald Owen Hare, one of the five children of Frank and Alma Hare, lived in Kenton his entire life. Born in 1933, his early life on the farm developed his ethic for hard work. He carried this lesson to his adult life. Ron and one of his brothers acquired Williams Transfer, a company engaged in moving heavy equipment in and out of factories as well as moving complete buildings from one location to another. Ron sold his interest in Williams Transfer to his brother in 1976, but longed to be back in the driver's seat. In 1980, he formed Industrial Movers, Inc., and operated it until he retired in the late 1990's. His mechanical problem solving ability drew clients seeking his ability in northern Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. He oversaw moves of everything from the old equipment and file cabinets from the Courthouse when the records were computerized to huge metal forming presses at the Rockwell factory in Kenton.

He designed and manufactured an attachment which allowed his towmotors to do the work of a crane in factories where a crane could not get inside.

Most of all, Ron was a "people person". After retiring to his farm outside of Kenton, many people will remember sharing a story and cold drink while enjoying the view of his pond. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kenton, where he made sure the snow was cleared from the drives for the other church members. Most people will remember him passing through town in his GM pickups, his half chewed cigar in his mouth. But his most enjoyable moments were enjoying a sunny afternoon cruising in his 1926 Dodge.