

Bud and Wanda Smalley Memorial Scholarship Established at SWOSU

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It is scholarship season at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation in Weatherford, and among the newest scholarship funds established is the Bud & Wanda Smalley Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will benefit SWOSU students studying business at the junior and senior levels.

Earl Weaver “Bud” Smalley, Jr. was born November 19, 1932, north of Eakly (OK). His parents—Earl and Mary (Woodward) Smalley—were life-long residents and farmers in Caddo County. Wanda Lou Seymour was born on October 5, 1932, in Alamosa (CO). Wanda grew up in Oklahoma City with parents William Randolph “Colonel” and Cora Adina Seymour. Cora was a resident of Eakly throughout the latter years of her life.

Bud & Wanda were married on January 17, 1953, and their union of 63 years was a joyful one. The Smalleys raised a family of four daughters in Eakly where the family farmed wheat, peanuts and cotton and raised cattle. The Smalleys were also commercially involved in the Eakly Farmers Cooperative Gin, Eakly Propane Company, Southwestern State Bank, Bank of Hydro and Stanley-Lee Funeral Home. The Smalleys were devoted members of the Eakly United Methodist Church.

The Bud & Wanda Smalley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Judy (Smalley) Wilkes (SWOSU Class of 1976) and her husband, Mike Wilkes (SWOSU Class of 1975 and past president of the SWOSU Alumni Association) of Oklahoma City. The fund will provide much-needed scholarships to SWOSU students with a preference given to those students who are natives of Caddo County, Oklahoma.

“It is our hope that this scholarship fund will be instrumental in providing students from Oklahoma the opportunity to benefit from a quality higher education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University,” said the Wilkes family.

The Smalleys were champions of higher education and took great pride in the fact that all four of their daughters, all four of the Smalley sons-in-law, and seven of their ten grandchildren are SWOSU alumni.

“Speaking both personally and professionally, it is a tremendous honor for us to be able to pay tribute to Bud and Wanda Smalley,” said SWOSU Foundation Executive Director Garrett King. “They and their entire family have been steadfast, enthusiastic supporters of SWOSU.”

Contributions to the fund may be made by visiting www.GivetoSWOSU.com and designating gifts for “Smalley Memorial”. Contributions may also be made payable to SWOSU Foundation with “Smalley Memorial” in the memorandum, and mailed to: SWOSU Foundation, Burton House, 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford OK 73096.

The SWOSU Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information please call 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.