Reverend Kenneth H. White dedicated his life to his family, faith and helping others. The Community Foundation is proud to help his legacy continue through the Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship Fund.

“Kenneth was a man of self-sacrifice – working during the day to pay the day to day bills and then would tend his congregation in the evenings and off-time,” his wife Evelyn White said. “Kenneth never met a stranger and I believe people instinctively knew that my husband loved them – no matter who they were or what they did. He accepted them just the way they were. His life was too short – but his teaching and ministry continue to flourish through the lives he touched in church and in schools and hearts he helped change.”

Reverend White taught at New Boston School, Nokomis Junior High School and was appointed principal at Irving. During his forty years in the ministry, he pastored a number of churches, including: Donaldson, Wagner, Kincaid, Roanoke, and Eastview Baptist Church in Springfield. The fund provides a scholarship each year to a student from Lanphier High School who is pursuing a college degree in education.

“Kenneth was an educator and bi-vocational pastor. In both of those positions, he dedicated his life to teaching. While reflecting on my husband’s accomplishments, I wanted to provide others with the opportunity to serve others through teaching,” White said. “Since all six of my children attended (Springfield) Lanphier High School, two becoming teachers themselves, a teaching scholarship at LHS seemed the most appropriate avenue to accomplish this and simultaneously honor my husband.”

The scholarship committee looks for applicants that exhibit a dedication, perseverance, and a passion for teaching and learning.

“My husband never met a job too big or too difficult to tackle and he loved people,” White said. “As a teacher, he loved to teach students new things and he loved to see them mature physically and intellectually. He wanted to instill in them a hunger to learn. A fourth character trait I would like to see in each applicant is integrity. I’m not sure how you would measure integrity, but it would be nice to know that the applicant was even-keeled and had a moral compass to do the right thing and not just do things right.”

The Community Foundation is proud to be the steward of this scholarship fund in honor of Reverend Kenneth H. White.