

# Scholarship's namesake believed education key to better life

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Raymond K. Miller was committed to education. He attended Berea College and, upon his return from a tour of duty in the United States Air Force, enrolled at Eastern Kentucky State College, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree. After teaching industrial arts for six years, Miller earned his Master of Arts in education from Eastern Kentucky University. He then accepted a teaching position in mechanical drafting at Western Piedmont Community College, where he remained for 30 years, until retiring in



1996.

Elinora Brittain Miller, wife of Raymond, established the Raymond K. Miller Scholarship in 2007 with the Community Foundation of Burke County.

Elinora and her family chose to honor the memory of her late husband by continuing his legacy of giving Burke County students help, hope and encouragement.

The scholarship fund

was initially established to provide scholarships to qualified applicants attending WPPC with an interest in mechanical engineering. Elinora and her family have expanded the purpose of the fund to include not only mechanical engineering, but civil, computer and electrical engineering.

The Miller family recognizes that many individuals, already in the workplace, are returning to enhance their skills in multiple areas in order to remain competitive in the job market.

Raymond Miller was involved in many diverse

activities, but his love was teaching and counseling students to continue their education. His philosophy was, "Education is the key to a better life." Learning was an everyday experience and joy for him.

The Raymond K. Miller Scholarship has been established to assist those students who share Miller's hunger for knowledge and desire to learn. For more information on the Raymond K. Miller Scholarship, call Nancy W. Taylor, executive director at the Community Foundation of Burke County, at 828-437-7105 or go to [www.cf-burkecounty.org](http://www.cf-burkecounty.org).



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The late Raymond K. Miller, WPPC instructor, for whom a scholarship was established, held the philosophy that education is the key to a better life.