

Hamilton Community Foundation

The McFarland Family Creates Legacy of Giving

Meet the McFarland Family

Ken and Karen McFarland were the type of parents who were always there for their three daughters Lynne (Archdeacon), Colleen (Schuster) and Kathleen (Pendergest). They were active and engaged in their lives and active and engaged in the community. Both Ken and Karen were employed and spent their non-working hours devoted to family life. Ken coached and refereed the girls' games. Karen supported the family in all ways. And both parents were active members of Sacred Heart.



Ken and Karen McFarland

The McFarland daughters recount funny family stories, anecdotes and lessons they learned along the way from their remarkable parents. They talk of how they were always there – both equally involved in their lives. When the girls met their spouses, they became welcome members of the family and were dubbed “The boys”. Once grandchildren came along, the focus of Ken and Karen’s time and affection was for them. They were completely dedicated to their grandchildren, leaving them with memories and wonderful stories.

This is a family that loved and laughed and gave back to the community and they did so as a strong family unit. As the McFarland girls became the matriarchs of their own families, Ken and Karen continued to provide constant support.

You can still feel the enormity of the loss that Lynne, Colleen and Kathleen feel from losing their parents, first Karen in 2014 and then Ken in 2016. In the true McFarland way, each of their spouses came together to

create a scholarship in the McFarlands’ name as a surprise to their wives.

The Ken and Karen McFarland Memorial Scholarship came as a complete surprise to Lynne, Colleen and Kathleen but perhaps it shouldn't have. In establishing the fund, their spouses had honored Ken and Karen in the most perfect way – by giving back, by keeping their name alive and by highlighting their innate generosity and selflessness.

The charitable legacy of Ken and Karen McFarland will live on through the Ken and Karen McFarland Memorial Scholarship Fund and the McFarland name will forever be synonymous with goodness.



Pictured L to R, front: Kathleen Pendergest, Colleen Schuster, Lynne Archdeacon. L to R back, Brian Pendergest, Andy Schuster, Dr. Michael Archdeacon.

Scholarships are an incredible gift to the community. To create a scholarship fund is to make a declaration of support for education and to be determined to assist students on their journey toward their true calling. This is a gift that keeps on giving in the lives of recipients. We've seen it time and time again.

For nearly 70 years the Hamilton Community Foundation has been providing scholarships to graduating seniors, college upperclassmen and adults who enter the college scene later in life.



Without the incredible generosity of donors, the scholarship program simply wouldn't exist.

It is not uncommon for a scholarship fund to be created in honor or in memory of a loved one. Scholarship Funds provide a way to remember someone special by memorializing them as givers to the community, someone who cares for others. With an endowed scholarship fund your loved one will be remembered for years to come.

To create a Scholarship Fund, call Katie Braswell, Vice President, at 513-805-0220 or email her at kbraswell@hamiltonfoundation.org Katie will ensure that your charitable goals are met.
