

Lealon M. Vassar Scholarship Established

Family and friends have established the Lealon M. Vassar Scholarship at Southside Virginia Community College in his memory and to recognize his contributions to the community, service to others, leadership skills, work ethic, and honesty.

The fund will assist students from Charlotte County who attend SVCC. Preference will be given to students exhibiting characteristics such as dedication to community service, hardworking, kind-hearted and willingness to help others as was Mr. Vassar's legacy. The scholarship will be used for tuition, fees and other related costs of the recipients.

According to an article in the December 1, 2017 [Southside Messenger, A Tribute To A Life Well Lived](#), "The Vassars are not the first family or the last to lose a husband, a father, a grandfather, but this man was a shining light in a family and community lucky enough to have strong leaders and wonderful people who take care of each other. Charlotte County and the surrounding areas are a different place now without Lealon Morris Vassar."

The article continues, "No one knows how many kids are playing baseball, softball, tennis, running cross country, participating in travel ball, shooting basketball, and more with uniforms they provided, travel expenses covered, land for fields, buildings for indoor opportunities, and on and on. We have come to learn that there seem to be endless people he helped with extra work when they needed it, a hand up during tough times, loan of equipment, a vehicle to drive, maybe most impactfully, a listening ear, advice, and an honest course correction when necessary. A quote from someone these last few days was that he believed in people few others would; he gave second chances to people no one else would."

Mr. Vassar, a resident of Charlotte Court House, passed away peacefully on November 22, 2017, surrounded by his family. He loved supporting youth activities in the community, especially athletics, and enjoyed coaching his beloved Dixie Youth Charlotte Court House Red Midgets and Minors. If he was not coaching, he was attending athletic events in the county, according to family. He was devoted to New Hope United Methodist Church serving in many capacities there. He was a charter member and president of Knock Down Hunt Club since 1972, was known for his generous heart and was dedicated to the Truckers Parade Against Cancer and the American Cancer Society. He was third of five generations in the logging business and was owner of R&V Mill, R&V Trucking and Pulpwood and Logging, Inc.

Shannon Vassar Feinman, his daughter, notes, "He was an extraordinary person in too many ways to count. He has been quietly helping people through education and training for years and believed strongly that it changes lives. We honor him now by formalizing that characteristic through this scholarship."

For information about the newly established scholarship, contact the SVCC Foundation, Inc., at 434 949 1008. Contributions in Mr. Vassar's name may be made by in person, by mail or online at <http://southside.edu/college-foundation>.