REMSBERG SCHOLARSHIP ADDENDUM

Donors’ Statement

The Smiths see their gift as a way to “pay it forward” for undergraduate students who are devoting themselves to the field of education. Their own parents were their first teachers, so the Smiths wish to honor their parents – Dudley and Verta Smith and Charles and Elizabeth Remsberg – all of whom were trained as teachers, with this scholarship named for Mrs. Remsberg.

Elizabeth Remsberg had a long history in early childhood education in Frederick County. She was born in 1906 and for five years attended Mt. Phillip, a one-room rural school at the foot of Braddock Heights in Frederick Valley. She walked the two miles from Braddock Heights Park to and from school. Her parents were superintendents of the park for the Potomac Edison Company. At age 12, she transferred to Middletown schools, riding the three miles on a trolley. As a senior in high school, she substituted for teachers in the primary grades. After high school graduation in 1925, she attended Maryland State Normal School (today Towson University), graduating in 1927. The next year she served as principal/teacher at Mt. Phillip School, where she began her education years earlier. The following summer she married Charles H. Remsberg, the Middletown High School agriculture teacher. At that time, married women could not teach in public schools, so she continued teaching Sunday School youth for 53 years (1927-1980) at her home church in Middletown. Over the years she returned to Towson University for several class reunions, the last being with her 65th in 1992. She and Charles raised four children on a dairy farm in Middletown Valley, where they innovated in soil conservation practices.

Dr. Dudley Smith grew up on a tobacco-beef farm in Southern Maryland. Angela was raised on a dairy farm in Middletown Valley. Both attended the University of Maryland. After receiving graduate degrees from Michigan State University, they moved to Texas. Dr. Smith worked at Texas A&M University in agricultural research and administration for 35 years and in classroom teaching for 10 years. Angela taught at Texas Tech University and public schools. Both continued to assist Angela’s mother in the management and rental of her farm for 35 years.

In retirement the Smiths still live in College Station, Texas, and have two children and a cow-calf/ranch operation. In recognition of the education and opportunities they received, the Smiths wish to provide financial support for young people attending Towson University as a way to support and encourage those preparing for careers in teaching math and science.