



honoring a remarkable life

WHEN 33-YEAR-OLD CRAIG BLUNTSON SUFFERED A FATAL HEART ATTACK IN 2000, HE LEFT BEHIND A LEGACY OF CARING, A COMMUNITY DEVASTATED BY HIS LOSS, AND A TWO-YEAR-OLD SON WITH HIS FATHER'S INFECTIOUS GRIN.

A graduate of St. Andrew's, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Law School, Craig had a well-deserved reputation for helping others. The successful Jackson attorney spent hours counseling inner city children, building houses for Habitat for Humanity, and surprising work crews on the street with hot coffee on cold mornings. In a final demonstration of his giving nature, Craig was playing basketball with a group of neighborhood children when his big heart failed him.

When their grief lifted enough for them to consider the future, Craig's parents, Juanita and Frank Bluntson, his widow Barbara, and his brother Eric decided that though Craig was gone, his generous spirit should live on. The Bluntson family has established a need-based scholarship at St. Andrew's in Craig's honor.

"Craig loved St. Andrew's," Juanita Bluntson says. "The students and teachers there were like family. We knew the best way to honor our son would be to help another child experience the same values, academic standards, and sportsmanship that meant so much to Craig."

Craig's son Connor, whose vivid memories of his father include Saturday morning breakfasts at McDonald's and visits to his daddy's law office, is now a pre-kindergarten student at St. Andrew's.

"Even at five years old, Connor is so happy to be at St. Andrew's, where his father went to school," Craig's widow, Barbara, says. "When he's old enough to understand what the scholarship means, I know he'll be proud that his father is living on at St. Andrew's."

"We want Connor to know his daddy was someone who went out of his way to help people when he was alive," Frank Bluntson says, "and that he's still helping people today."

Asked what the scholarship will mean to the rest of the Bluntson family, Frank pauses for a moment. Then, blinking back tears, he replies, "The child who receives that scholarship will be keeping Craig alive."