Clyde and Mary Belle Ping Memorial Scholarship

Clyde and Mary Belle (Gregory) Ping were both life-long residents of Somerset, KY where they both graduated from Somerset High School, Clyde in 1940 and Mary Belle in 1943.

In 1942, Clyde joined the US Navy and served in WWII in the South Pacific as a gunner on a PT boat. After graduation, Mary Belle moved to Akron, OH where she worked as a secretary and took secretarial classes at the University of Akron. After WWII, they both returned to Somerset and married in 1949.

Mary Belle worked for the Farmer's Home Administration for 13 years until the birth of her only child in 1962, when she became a full-time Mom. When her daughter started school in 1967, Mary Belle went to work for the Somerset School System, first as a teacher's aide at Hopkins and the bookkeeper for SHS where she worked until her retirement.

After returning from war, Clyde went to work at M.L. Gover's clothing store as a sales associate. He eventually opened his own business, Clyde's Men's Shop in downtown Somerset. He later moved to Tradewinds Shopping Center and opened Clyde's Men's and Women's Apparel, which he owned and operated until his retirement.

Clyde and Mary Belle both passed away in 2017. This scholarship has been established in their honor by Clyde and Mary Belle's daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Michael Maurer.

Please go to the Guidance office to get an application.