

SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGACY FUNDS



Above: David's father, W.G. Colwell, David Colwell and David's mother, Marguerite "Peg" Colwell.

Right: David with his favorite pet, Victoria.

Below: David while serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in Anchorage, Alaska.



What Remains

David B. Colwell is remembered by all as "a kind and generous man." When he died in 2014 words of appreciation flowed. "He was always kind and good and worked to the end." "He was generous, helping numerous nonprofits to the best of his ability." They could well have praised David for his professional skills. He was a talented investigative reporter and journalist. When multiple sclerosis limited his travel, he switched to tax collection which he conscientiously performed from his Montrose home. But it was his goodness that most moved mourners and remains in their memories.

Despite health challenges and his modest means, David pledged his estate to support the charitable work of the Community Foundation. That endowment, prudently invested, is now over \$345,000. Each year, for the last 12 years, the Foundation has ensured that six Susquehanna County school districts plus Abington Heights receive grants from the David B. Colwell Memorial Fund supporting journalism, forensics, or theater activities.

David was impressed by the Foundation's solution to offset lost Montrose tax revenue caused when our building was converted from a private residence to a tax-exempt nonprofit. The Foundation established The Montrose Fund to generate grants to the borough that compensate for any tax loss. This turned David's attention to the work of his "good neighbors" on Lake Avenue and led to his quiet inclusion of the Foundation in his Will. Let us help your goodness to remain.