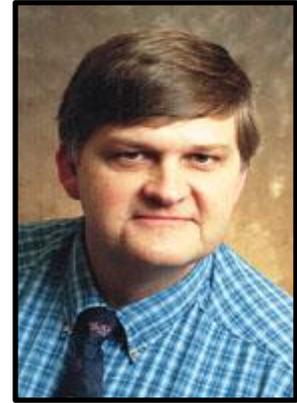


The Tony Hare Scholarship Fund

Anthony "Tony" Hare was born in Logansport in 1953 to Gordon and Alice Hare. He later moved to Monticello and graduated from North White High School. While in high school, Tony discovered his love of photography when a newspaper offered to publish some pictures he took of an accident.

After graduating from high school, Tony attended Ball State University studying photojournalism. He married Linda Chilcutt in Peru in 1994 and started working for Murphy's Photo Service. In 1975, Tony started working for the Peru Tribune where he remained until his death in 2004.

In addition to his work for the Peru Tribune, Tony was a member of the Church of the Brethren, the National Press Photographer's Association, and the Indiana Press Photographer's Association. He received many awards including being named Outstanding Photographer of the Year and President of the National Press Photographer's Student Association. Tony also travelled often and submitted photographs to travel magazines and other national and local publication.



In his free time, Tony enjoyed spending time with his step-children and grandchildren, camping, hiking, and travelling.

"He really enjoyed getting out and seeing what was over the next cliff," said Linda. "He always had his camera ready when the lighting was just right."

Tony also enjoyed coin collecting, wood working, and supporting the arts. He enjoyed all forms of art and even took his wife, Linda, to see her first Broadway musical. News and current events were always important to him, and he would often read multiple newspapers a day.

While he was a man of many hobbies and talents, Tony was particularly passionate about education and often worked with high school students at the Peru Tribune. He always stressed education and loved to see kids taking up photography.

"He was just a really great man," said Linda. "He was always thinking of other people."

Sadly, Tony passed away on October 8, 2004 at the age of 51.

In 2005, Linda Hare established a scholarship fund in honor of Tony to carry on his love of education. The Tony Hare Photojournalism Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to qualified students who are graduating, or have graduated, from Cass, Miami, or White County High Schools and plan on studying photojournalism at an Indiana college, university, or trade school. Students must maintain a C or higher GPA; however, students in the top 5 of their class are **not** eligible. Through this scholarship, Tony can continue to support students in their education and love of photography.

Today, Linda still lives in Peru where she is very active in her church and community. She still travels and enjoys hiking, but her real passion is spending time with her four children and four grandchildren.

To contribute to the scholarship, you may do so by sending a check to the Miami County Community Foundation or by visiting nicf.org and clicking on "Make a Donation". Get more information on Tony's scholarship, or find out how you too can fulfill your charitable wishes by contacting Connie Cutler, MCCF Director of Development, at 765-475-2859.