

Raymond L. & Frances I. Jackson Veterinary Scholarship:

The Raymond L. & Frances I. Jackson Veterinary Scholarship was established in 2019 by Brenda and Sam Brown and Eddie and Kathleen Jackson in honor of Brenda and Eddie's parents, Raymond and Frances. The family says, "There will always be a need for a veterinarian just like there is a doctor."

Raymond and Frances raised their three children on a farm in Miami County where they tended to livestock including hogs, cattle, sheep, and more. Growing up, Raymond always had the desire to become a veterinarian. He did not have the money to be able to attend Vet school, but he was always working with the animals on the farm. People saw him as an amazing veterinarian despite his lack of schooling.

Brenda and her two siblings grew up doing fieldwork and chores on the farm and learned so much from the hardworking example that their father and mother set. Their father, Raymond, was a well-respected man and will be remembered by the community forever. The hard work that Brenda's father did led to a great life full of prosperity.

Along with Raymond, Frances showed her kids the power of hard work by helping on the farm and teaching her kids valuable skills like how to garden and can. These skills were a source of income and helped establish good work ethic and a drive to succeed. Together, Raymond and Frances taught their kids many life lessons that they will have with them forever.

The Jackson Veterinary Scholarship provides students with financial support to be able to attend an accredited college of veterinary medicine to further their education in the field that Raymond was so passionate about. The hard work that Raymond and Frances demonstrated will live on forever through this scholarship and all the opportunities that it will provide as students pursue a career in veterinary medicine. As Sam and Brenda say, "Don't be afraid to work hard."