

## Baxter/Pollock Family Engineering Scholarship

Ernest Parke and Frances Baxter were leaders both civically and by example who helped build a better and passionate community. The Baxter family were founding members and supporters of the Northern Indiana Community Foundation and created several funds that benefit the Fulton County community. Before Fran passed in late December of 2020, she sat down with her daughter, LeeAnn Pollock, to create one, final fund.

Sadly, Fran passed before the fund was able to be established. However, LeeAnn carried out her mother's wishes, and in January of 2021, the Baxter/Pollock Family Engineering Scholarship Fund was established. The fund is both in memory of Parke and Fran Baxter, as well as in honor of their grandson, Dr. George E. "Chip" Pollock IV, Ph.D.

In a previous interview with the community foundation, Fran pointed to a photo of her grandson dressed in academic robes. "That's when Chip received his doctorate," she said with a smile. Fran and her husband, Parke, adored their grandson and all of his accomplishments. Dr. George Pollock IV, commonly known to the Rochester community as Chip, is the associate director of the Astrodynamics Department at the Aerospace Corporation in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His successful career started off as a 2001 cohort of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship program. Continuing his education, Chip earned his undergrad, masters, and PhD all from Purdue University.

LeeAnn shares she hopes the creation of this scholarship encourages anybody to pursue the engineering field. She smiles as she talks about how her son was "just a bashful, shy kid who always wanted to learn, and now he is grown up and in a very powerful position." Scholarships specific to engineering are scarce in the area, despite the growing popularity for the career choice. The Baxter/Pollock Family Engineering Scholarship will provide financial support for graduates of Caston, Rochester, or Tippecanoe Valley high schools, or residents of Fulton County, with interest in the engineering field. Particular attention will be given to those students enrolled in an engineering bachelor's degree program.

Through this scholarship and other funds, the Baxter family will always be remembered within the Fulton County community. Their dedication, kindness, and loving hearts will live on forever.