

Richard C. (R.C.) Bosley Scholarship

R.C. Bosley was born on April 17, 1934. He was born to Dick Claude and Ida Mae (Evans) Bosley in Gainesville, Texas. As R.C. described his childhood, he grew up in a loving, caring, nurturing, and strict home. His father, the eldest of seven children, was a truck driver, construction worker, and carpenter. His mother, one of eight siblings, was a home maker in the truest sense, canning fruits and vegetables from the garden in the summer and sewing and quilting during the winter. R.C. said his dad would say things once and expected him to pay attention. He learned early to follow that rule and had no problems. R.C. said they always had plenty of animals around, some for fun and some for food. R.C. milked the cows and sold milk, worked in the garden and sold vegetables. He was sure his dad hoed weeds for recreation. They always had plenty from the garden and would give large amounts away to friends and family. He was the first born in the family and was born at home. He had a younger sister, Geneva Ellen, and a younger brother, Burna Guy. During the War, 1941-45, the family would house soldier's wives. R.C. remembers his dad buying a thin, one-eyed horse, which R.C. named Traveler, not knowing at the time that was the name of Robert E. Lee's horse. He said his dad took good care of Traveler, and he became healthy and strong and was used to plow the garden. He was also used for riding entertainment on Sunday's when the relatives would come over for fried chicken and home-made ice cream. R.C. attended elementary and middle school in Gainesville and after the family moved to a 10-acre farm, he attended High School in Tulia, Texas where he played basketball and football. During his sophomore year, he sustained an injury that ended his athletic career so after schoolwork became a regular event. He worked for his uncle on a bread truck and sometimes in the bakery. He worked for a drug store stocking and delivering, and on occasion he worked the soda fountain where he could make homemade ice cream in a commercial machine. He attended Abilene Christian College. He needed to work to pay for school and averaged 45-55 hours a week on a variety of jobs, including working at a drive-in restaurant, then washing dishes at a café across the street from campus, promoted to waiting tables and finally became a short-order cook. He also worked at a clothing store next to the café and at a grocery store. During the summers, he worked on a farm, and during one summer he went with a friend to California and worked for the forestry service. That was August 1957 and the year he received his draft notice. After U.S. Army training at Ft. Carson, R.C. was selected to go to Ft. Myer, Virginia and was a member of The Olde Guard from 1957-59. Although trained as a "casket barrier," he shortly became the company clerk. The most memorable event during this time was meeting his future wife Ruth, who worked at the Pentagon. R.C. and Ruth reared two children, Brian and Annette and they have enjoyed spending time with grandchildren Lauren and Joshua Bosley. R.C. began his professional career in education in 1956 as a math teacher in Tulia, Texas. He arrived in Fairfax County in 1960 and began an illustrious career as a math teacher (Whittier Middle School), assistant principal (Luther Jackson 1965-1974), mathematics curriculum specialist (Area I, 1974-1979), elementary principal (Fort Hunt, 1979), middle school principal (Kilmer, 1979-84; Franklin, 1984-85; Lanier, 1986-88), area coordinator of instruction (Area III, 1985-86), and area administrator (Area III, 1988-89). Even after his retirement, R.C. served as interim principal at three high schools, two middle schools, and four elementary schools. In R.C.'s professional achievements, he was codirector of a research project in using handheld calculators as well as codirector of a pilot project involving algebra and trigonometry. He was the author of "An Information Bulletin for Administrators" for Ohio University. He was awarded the Human Relations Award at Kilmer intermediate and also at Area III. Additionally, he was also presented Superboss of the Year by the Fairfax Association of Educational Personnel and was awarded the Service Key Award by Phi Delta Kappa. R.C. belongs to a number of professional organizations including the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Teachers of Mathematics, Fairfax Middle School Principal's Association and Phi Delta Kappa (PDK). He served in a number of leadership positions in various organizations including president and vice president of PDK. After retirement, R.C. continued his love of sports by participating in a number of events: bowling, softball, community tennis competitions, basketball, and racquetball. He continues to golf and swim. Sadly, Ruth passed away in 2014. R.C. has served as president for NVADACA twice and as its vice president. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for NVADACA and Apple Federal Credit Union's Education Foundation. NVADACA is pleased to name a scholarship in his honor because of his numerous contributions to the field of education.

