

Scholarship to benefit WPCC nursing students

On May 28, 1999, members of the Naomi B. and Oval Jaynes Family met with officials of Western Piedmont Community College and the Western Piedmont Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of establishing an endowment to benefit at least three nursing students annually while attending Western Piedmont Community College.

The "Naomi B. and Oval Jaynes Nursing Scholarships in Memory of Naomi Brandon Jaynes" were created by the Jaynes Family to assist deserving nursing students in meeting educational expenses as a tribute to the late Naomi B. Jaynes who served Burke County for 32 years as a nurse working at Grace Hospital, Valdese General Hospital and Broughton Hospital.

Naomi Brandon Jaynes died on Dec. 25, 1998, following a period of declining health. Naomi attended Appalachian State Teachers College and taught public school before choosing a life-long career in nursing. Following her retirement, Naomi continued to serve others as a volunteer for the Red Cross bloodmobile and as a member of the Grace Hospital Guild for 15 years.

Oval Jaynes shared his wife's passion for giving to others and also worked as a volunteer for the Red Cross and as coordinator of distribution of commodities for the Burke County Department of Social Services. In 1987, Oval received a National Community Service Award from the Association of Retired Persons.

Oval and Naomi are both recipients of the North Carolina Governor's Humanitarian Award. Naomi was also honored in 1983 as the Burke County "Woman of the



Shown (l to r) are: L. Oval Jaynes Jr. (son) and wife, Priscilla S. Jaynes; Dr. Jim A. Richardson, President of WPCC; Oval Jaynes, Sr.; Laura Page (daughter) and husband, Richard Page, and Cynthia Callaway, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at WPCC.

Year." While serving as President of the Burke County Chapter of AARP in 1982, Naomi was instrumental in establishing the AARP Nursing Scholarships at WPCC and served as the Chapter's scholarship committee Chair until her death.

The endowment created by the Jaynes family with the Western Piedmont Foundation, Inc. becomes the single largest such endowment the Foundation administers to date. Investment income from the endowment is expected to fund at least three scholarships per year worth up to \$1,000 each. As the endowment grows, additional nursing scholar-

ships may be awarded. The first scholarships are planned to be awarded for the 2000-2001 academic year.

To make tax deductible contributions to this endowment, or for fur-

ther information regarding the establishment of scholarships for WPCC students, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at Western Piedmont Community College, at 438-6011.