The Thomas N. and Billie Claire Browning Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is given by their children in memory of Thomas N. “Tommy” and Billie Claire Browning, longtime Plainview residents and members of First Baptist Church. Both were strong believers in education. Tommy Browning was born December 18, 1929 in Clovis, New Mexico, and Billie Claire Mason was born October 17, 1929 in Wichita Falls. They both graduated from Snyder High School in 1947. She graduated from Baylor University in 1951, and he graduated from Howard Payne in 1952. They married on August 30, 1951, in Crystal City. Tommy was a farmer and owner of two Coca Cola plants, and Billie Claire was a life member of Texas PTA, a member of Chapter BL of PEO Sisterhood, Gamma Delphin Study Club, and the Ladies Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church and a past member of Junior Service League. Mr. Browning died August 27, 2008, and Mrs. Browning died April 5, 2009. Their children are Hollis and Susan Browning of Plainview, Bill and Jodi Browning of Waco, and Richard T. Devereaux of San Antonio. The Brownings also had nine grandchildren.