A TRIBUTE TO EARL F. MORRIS

Earl F. Morris, Wittenberg University, Class of '30, lives in perpetuity as an individual whose tireless dedication to excellence personified the finest traditions and values of independent higher education. Through exemplary service to his cherished profession of law, his alma mater, the community and government, his contributions and leadership touched the lives of many thousands of people from all walks of life. His total commitment to service knew no boundaries, as he gave with utmost generosity of his vision, wisdom, skills and self.

He joined the corporate volunteers of OFIC in 1951 just after its incorporation in 1950 and was elected a Trustee in 1957, a position he held until his untimely death. Earl logged over 41 continuous years as a volunteer to the foundation — the longest continuous service in its history. He was always a participant, never just a bystander — in countless civic, educational, religious and professional activities. To all of them he brought the qualities of commitment, enthusiasm, intelligence and industry that mark the true and effective leader. We, at OFIC, will miss not only his leadership but his friendship as well.

Mr. Morris’ colleagues of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, his wife and friends have established “The Earl F. Morris Scholarship” in honor of this distinguished American. Future generations of promising students at Ohio independent colleges will benefit directly from the outstanding qualities of one of Wittenberg’s and the independent higher education system’s most beloved graduates through this ongoing fund.

EARL F. MORRIS
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