



Helmuth William Pfennig, Jr. and Claudette Freeman Pfennig Scholarship Fund

The Helmuth William Pfennig, Jr. and Claudette Freeman Pfennig Scholarship Fund was established by Merichem Company with the endorsement of Mrs. Claudette Freeman Pfennig to recognize the leadership and dedication of Helmuth William (H.W.) Pfennig, Jr. on July 16, 2003.

H.W. Pfennig lost his father at an early age. His mother then had to provide for the family. With sound family values and dedication, H.W. obtained his college education. Through this experience, H.W. knew firsthand that a good education could be an arduous goal for many deserving candidates.

H.W.'s friends and associates at Merichem Company benefited from his contributions from 1957 to 2003. He began as Plant Engineer, with promotions to Plant Manager, Vice-President of Manufacturing, Executive Vice-President, President, and a member of the Board of Directors, continuing to serve in this capacity after his retirement in 1995 until his death in 2003.

After his retirement, H.W. dedicated a great deal of his efforts to Texas Lutheran University, where he served on the Board of Regents. H.W. took on a mission to assure that the families of his parents, the Pflugers and the Pfennigs, did their share to support TLU. He had found that in this greater family connection, approximately 200 family members had attended Texas Lutheran. Through his leadership, this great clan was gathered at TLU and the plan to establish scholarships in the names of the heads of the families was formed.

H.W. not only dedicated his time and wealth to TLU, but he also inspired giving that greatly expanded the effects of his dedication.

