FACT SHEET

Rusty Mazzie Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established: 2011 by his family
Type of Endowment: Scholarship Fund
Honoree: The late Rusty Mazzie of Clarksburg, WV

About the Fund

A scholarship fund in memory of Rusty Mazzie has been established by his family at Your Community Foundation, Inc., a foundation serving North Central West Virginia. Each year, the scholarship will benefit a graduating senior who participated in athletics at Notre Dame High School. The scholarship is truly in Rusty's spirit, as it is awarded to students who have worked hard, overcome challenges and displayed goodwill toward others through participation in school, sports and community endeavors.

Russell John "Rusty" Mazzie was born June 10, 1968, and was a lifelong resident of Clarksburg, West Virginia. He grew up with five brothers and one sister. Rusty was a 1986 graduate of Liberty High School where he played football and baseball. He also attended DeVry Institute and was a graduate of Salem College.

Rusty was the Vice-President of the Harrison County Babe Ruth Association and the former President of the Clarksburg Jerry West League. He also served on the board of the Harrison County Parks and Recreation and Central WV Soccer Association. In addition to being involved in administration, Rusty was also a coach in all of these leagues. In 2004, Rusty coached the 13-year old West Virginia Babe Ruth State Champions. Rusty was also involved in other areas of local sports as the Sports Information Director at Salem College, the Sports Editor of The Shinnston News and the Assistant Sports Editor of the Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram. He was a previous member of the Knights of Columbus and the CWA Local 2011 Steward and Secretary. In addition to volunteering his time with the many leagues and organizations mentioned above, he was an engineer assistant for Verizon and a member of Immaculate Conception Church.

Rusty was a hard-working, intelligent, spiritual man with a great sense of humor. He was also a loving husband and father. As a father, he found himself dedicating his time to coaching numerous basketball, baseball and soccer teams through the years. He knew the value of a good education and always tried to instill this in his children and the community youth with whom he worked. Some of Rusty’s coaching endeavors included Notre Dame Middle School Girls Basketball; American Legion Post 13, Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball; Jerry West League Basketball; and youth soccer.

On May 22, 2009, Rusty passed away leaving a wife, Karolann; two sons, Seth and Noah; and two daughters, Olivia and Victoria. He made the most of his time on earth and touched the lives of each and every person he met. Rusty truly loved coaching and mentoring young people. This scholarship will continue Rusty’s legacy of having a positive impact on the lives of so many.

How Can I Donate?

The scholarship is managed by Your Community Foundation, which invests the funds to maximize their value. The net annual income from those investments shall constitute the amount of the scholarship award. Any individual, organization or business can make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund.

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