

University of Mississippi

eGrove

University of Mississippi News

6-23-2019

One Person Can Make a Difference

Mary Stanton Knight

Follow this and additional works at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews>

Recommended Citation

Knight, Mary Stanton, "One Person Can Make a Difference" (2019). *University of Mississippi News*. 3776.
<https://egrove.olemiss.edu/umnews/3776>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Mississippi News by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact egrove@olemiss.edu.

One Person Can Make a Difference

UM scholarship fund memorializes life of beloved niece

JUNE 23, 2019 BY MARY STANTON KNIGHT

[Fa](#) [Tv](#) [Li](#) [Er](#) [Co](#) [SM](#) [Pr](#) [St](#)



Bill and Lee Anne Fry have honored their late niece, Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, with a new scholarship in her name at UM. Submitted photo

OXFORD, Miss. – With a gift to the **University of Mississippi**, Lee Anne and William N. Fry IV are honoring the memory of their “bright and energetic” niece while helping other students experience her beloved Ole Miss.

Like many young people, the late Sarah Elizabeth Taylor grew up sharing her family’s love for the university and cheering on the “red and blue.” The Brookhaven native died in 2008 at age 20.

“Sarah was a young lady who was going to go places in this world,” said Bill Fry, an urban administration graduate of Ole Miss who also earned a master’s degree from Harvard Business School.

“We are establishing this scholarship primarily to honor our niece, and secondly to give someone a chance to be able to attend a great university without worrying about having so much debt while getting a terrific education,” said Fry, of New York and Nashville.

“In today’s world, the way to get ahead in life is through education and a strong work ethic. If a student wants an education and will work hard to earn it – and some financial support helps them to do that – this scholarship will help ease their burdens.”

Fry’s sister, Angela Taylor – who attended the university, as did her son, Wesley M. Taylor and his wife, Elizabeth – said her daughter was a great athlete who loved a variety of sports and was a regular participant at Ole Miss basketball and tennis camps.

“Sarah loved to play tennis and she had a great backhand that would scare anyone,” Taylor said. “She played with my adult tennis team through USTA, and all my friends loved being around her. Her spirit and competitive ways won the hearts of all the people she played with.”

Sarah Taylor was named the Mississippi Private School Association State Champion in Mixed Doubles and also in Girls Doubles during the 2007-08 season. Her athletic ability earned her a full scholarship to Copiah-Lincoln Community College, where she played at the No. 1 spot in singles.

“Not only was Sarah a good athlete but she wanted to be a psychologist or go into therapy to help other people,” Taylor said. “You would have loved her if you had spent any time with her.

“This scholarship means everything to me, and it’s such an honor for someone to get a scholarship in her memory. I know Sarah would be looking down on this and smiling. She would be so happy to help special individuals attend Ole Miss and be successful.”

Follow us on social



Campus Briefs

Civil Engineering Professor Receives Most-Cited Paper Award

OXFORD, Miss. – Peer recognition is a rewarding experience for anyone, but University of Mississippi researcher Amir Mehrara Molan was elated when an article he co-authored recently received the Most Cited Paper Award at the 102nd Transportation Research Board meeting in the nation’s capital. The International Journal of Transportation Science and Technology presented the civil engineering

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

Thank You To Our Donors

Young Alumna Gives Back to School of Accountancy

OXFORD, Miss. – Stephanie Jennings Teague, of Chicago, sees her commitment of \$100,000 to the Patterson School of Accountancy’s new building at the University of Mississippi as a means of saying “thank you.” “It is a way to show a small token of my appreciation to Ole Miss, the faculty and staff, and the accounting

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category

Ole Miss In the News

Reuters: Keep an Eye on the Money Supply

U.S. inflation roller coaster prompts fresh look at long-ignored money supply By Michael S. Derby NEW YORK – The amount of money sloshing around the U.S. economy shrank last year for the first time on record, a development that some economists believe bolsters the case for U.S. inflation pressures continuing to

Sarah Taylor kept many journals of her thoughts from childhood into her young adult life; these have comforted Taylor in the time since her daughter's passing. A deep thinker who could write like a journalist, she was full of personality and loved to laugh.

It's likely she would have a specific message of faith and perseverance for future recipients of the Sarah Elizabeth Taylor Memorial Scholarship.

"The message my Sarah would give to those who receive this scholarship is to always be true to God and turn on those right roads because going down the wrong ones is not worth it," Taylor said. "She'd also encourage them to always follow their dreams and never give up when things get tough, remembering that tomorrow is a new day to do great things in this life.

"Study hard and make a difference because it only takes one person to change a life or situation. And, of course, love the red and blue – the Ole Miss spirit – because it is an honor to go and make something of your life."

Fry said his family's love for Ole Miss goes back 40-plus years.

"Some of our best memories are from times spent with people and friends we met there."

First preference for the Sarah Elizabeth Taylor Memorial Scholarship will be given to students from the Brookhaven area. Anyone may contribute to the scholarship endowment by mailing a check, with the fund noted in the check's memo line, to the **University of Mississippi Foundation**, 406 University Ave., Oxford, MS 38655 or by visiting at <https://give.olemiss.edu>.

To learn more about establishing a scholarship endowment, contact Denson Hollis, executive director of development, at 662-915-5092 or dhollis@olemiss.edu.

 FILED UNDER: **NEWS RELEASES, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI FOUNDATION**

abate. The Federal Reserve's

[Read the story ...](#)

More Posts from this Category