



## ROLAND W. EMPEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

OF SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Roland W. Empey Scholarship Fund is a new ministry from Springfield Christian Church in Rockville, Virginia (Hanover County).

We have chosen the Roland W.

Empey Scholarship Fund as one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds from our fundraisers for several compelling reasons. Donations were sent to the church upon his death, and the choir and Church Board agreed to create a lasting legacy of his service to the church's worship and fellowship life. The fund, established in recent years in memory of Major Empey, aims to provide scholarships to graduating seniors in Hanover County who are pursuing a career in the performing arts. Roland Empey's life story is a testament to the enduring power of artistic passion. Despite following a career path that led him to become a distinguished Air Force pilot, he was always at the ready for a little performance.

Since childhood, Roland was a true performer, showcasing his talent and artistry to the world. He graced the congregation of Springfield Christian Church with his musical and performing skills, both from the pulpit and on various stages for over 40 years. He was not only a gifted tenor but also the embodiment of an entertainer, a

source of encouragement, a devoted friend, and a cherished neighbor. His unwavering commitment to the performing arts and his ability to touch the lives of those around him are qualities we deeply admire and wish to honor.

By offering the Roland Empey Scholarship Fund, we aim to celebrate Major Empey's legacy by supporting young, aspiring artists on their journey toward careers in the performing arts. This choice is a tribute to his enduring spirit, a reminder of the power of following one's artistic interests fearlessly, and a way to ensure that his legacy lives on through the aspirations of the next generation of performers in Hanover County.

