Glenna and Jack Burress

Glenna and Jack Burress loved and served Salem and the Roanoke area for all of their married life, beginning in 1932. To say that Jack loved V.M.I. more than anything except his family, leaves Salem out of the equation! There they raised four children: Sue (Wall) Nancy (Pinkard), John and Daniel.

Together and separately over the years they served on boards or as chair of: St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Red Cross, Community Fund, Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke Community Fund, Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke Community Hospital, Needlework Guild, Roanoke College, V.M.I., various PTA’s, The Airport Commission and the American Cancer Society.

In Glenna’s obituary the writer paid tribute to her volunteer work, especially during World War II when she was Chair of the Rationing Board. For the Red Cross, she called on bereaved families, often as the bearer of the news that a family member was lost in action. For this service, she was honored by the Red Cross.

It is our great pleasure to award this scholarship in honor of Glenna and Jack Burress.