

### **JOHN C. BAILEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

John C. "Jack" Bailey, Jr. grew up in Wadley, AL, as the oldest of four brothers. After the onset of World War II, Jack enlisted and was a B-24 Bomber navigator. Following the War, Jack opened a small home building business, and through perseverance developed and constructed homes in this area for the next thirty-five years.

Mr. Bailey was a man of high character and personal integrity. In spite of long hours and family commitments, Mr. Bailey held a strong belief in civic responsibility. His most admirable traits were his work ethic and his joy of accomplishment.

During a long-term family illness, Mr. Bailey experienced, first hand, a nursing shortage and the resultant deficient health care. He held those who seek and attain the position of Registered Nurse in very high regard, therefore a nursing scholarship in his memory is only appropriate.

### **GLADYS WHATLEY BLANTON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gladys Whatley Blanton nursing scholarship was established in 1987 by the Whatley Family of Lee County. Students applying for the scholarship (1) must be accepted in an accredited nursing school program, preferably located in Lee County, Alabama; (2) must complete the scholarship application and submit it along with requested official grade transcripts and requested reference letters to the EAMC Foundation Office and (3) must agree to work a minimum of one year with East Alabama Medical Center following graduation from the accredited nursing program. The scholarship funds awarded will be used by the student for tuition, books and other required supplies.

This nursing scholarship was established as a memorial to Gladys Whatley Blanton for her active role in early healthcare for the Lee County Community. Gladys Whatley Blanton was born in the Beauregard Community of Lee County, Alabama on November 30, 1912. She was one of thirteen children of Abner Taylor and Maud Moore Whatley. Mrs. Blanton graduated from Beauregard High School in June, 1929. She then entered the Lee County Hospital Nursing Program (now EAMC) graduating in 1931, and continued her nursing education, enrolling in the nursing program at the Mobile Infirmary where she graduated with a Registered Nursing Degree in 1933.

She was married in January, 1936 to John Arnold Blanton. They had three children. Mrs. Blanton continued in her profession working as a registered nurse at Lee County Hospital, the local Alabama Public Health Department and the local Red Cross organization. She was associated with a number of community activities and played active roles in her church, public schools, girl scouts, boy scouts, and civic groups. Gladys Whatley Blanton died in November, 1987.