

The Russell M. Pry Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Russell M. Pry Endowed Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 through the leadership of the City of Akron Mayor Daniel Horrigan and Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, along with the support of family and friends and members of the City of Akron and Summit County communities. It honors the memory of a brother, great friend, loyal Democrat, incredibly smart man and genuine good guy who worked hard to make his community a better place, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry

Russ was a dedicated public servant who was committed to improving local economic development outcomes and transformational leadership, while serving the needs of constituents. He was a lifelong citizen of Summit County, earning his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Kent State University and Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law in 1984.

During Russ's lifetime, he enjoyed success as an attorney, two-time Mogadore Village Council member, chair of the Summit County Democratic Party, member of the Summit County Board of Elections and for the last nine years of his life served as the Summit County Executive' Russ was a leader, advocate, conciliator and friend to many.