

Jim Dobson Memorial Scholarship



*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Work left undone must stay that way
Goodbye my friends, I'm on my way.*

These words from the chorus of "I'm On My Way," were written and sung by Jim Dobson. Known to many as the owner-operator of Jim Dobson Ford Mercury in Winamac, Jim was also recognized as a musician and a man who loved God, his family, and community.

Jim and wife Delores were married in 1954 and had 4 children, and later 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren. Over the years, Jim's regular support of local organizations and county schools became customary. An active member of Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and NADA, Jim gave back to the community in a number of ways. Each year during Fair week he donated a Mustang convertible for the Pulaski County 4-H Queen. He also donated a car for the DARE program.

Jim's passion for music brightened nursing homes and local jam sessions. He wrote and recorded two albums, attributing his inspiration to his faith in God. In 2008, Jim was inducted into the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame.

With his death in the fall of 2010, Jim's family searched for an appropriate way to memorialize his life. Ultimately, the **Jim Dobson Memorial Scholarship** was created in the Pulaski County Community Foundation. The scholarship provides annual awards for students pursuing higher education in the music or automotive fields.