

ARTHUR T. ROSS

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

After finishing eighth grade in the early 1920's, Art worked on his parents' farm south of Murphysboro. He did not get the opportunity to go to high school.

In the 1930's and 40's, he worked as an auto mechanic in Carbondale. With the growing consumer interest in gasoline engine powered lawn mowers, he began a small engine and lawn mower business.



Art had the remarkable ability to warmly relate to others. Treating people right and doing the work right were important to him.

He enjoyed helping mentor young individuals to learn those same values and to continue their education. He hired a number SIU automotive students, mentored them, and watched them grow into some of our industry's leaders. Art's last student was his grandson, Jon Ross (pictured above), who became Director of Automotive Technology at Parkland College.

Art's family established this endowment upon his death to continue his mission of supporting young people of high moral fiber and great personal ambition.