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Automatic Musical Instrument Collectors' Association

Honor Roll

Emmett Ford (1914 - June 2009)



"Emmett M. Ford, son of Emmett Ford, who was custodian of the Englewood Grade and High Schools for twenty-five years, has made a deferred gift in the amount of \$150,000 to the College of Fine Arts of Wichita State University for an Emmett M. Ford Piano Scholarship for students pursuing the study of piano.

Emmett, known to Englewood people as Melvin, was born in Englewood in 1914 and graduated from the schools in 1933. He resides in Wichita and is a research writer for AMICA News Bulletin."



In 1996, he was awarded Honorary Member in AMICA for his numerous significant contributions to AMICA over many years, starting shortly after he joined in 1973. His is best remembered for his huge archives which live on within AMICA, partly in AMICA Bulletins of the past, and currently in my possession awaiting development of a Published Heritage Archiving initiative, which I'm planning. His archives need to be digitally archived and made freely available to researchers anywhere. - Terry Smyth, Editor, The AMICA Bulletin 2009.

After his death, He will be remembered most for his Love of Music and the many publications that he wrote for. He will also be remembered for his Love of Antiques, especially Servers porcelain. Emmett was willing to share his knowledge with anyone who truly wanted to learn. He was proud of his service record with The Beech Aircraft Company, working there 40 years as an inspector and traveling for the company. He was also proud of his unique style of handwriting and he possessed an unlimited zeal for learning. Emmett had a long and full life, and he was 94 years old. He will be missed by his many Friends. Interment will be in the Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Kansas next to his parents.