

## **Kate Swift Reese Scholarship**

Watauga Education Foundation is so grateful to the family of Kate Swift Reese, for allowing us to expand our reach and offer this financial gift to a college-bound Watauga High School student. The endowment was established with the Foundation in 2009 by the surviving children of Asa and Kate Swift Reese, long time Beaver Dam residents. Much admired, Miss Kate was best known for showing kindness to all she encountered and for being a natural born educator.

“Our mother understood that education was key to a successful future,” said Clint Reese, who lives in Raleigh, NC. “During the depression, Miss Kate cooked three meals a day, tended a garden, made clothes for the children, washed their clothes with soap that she made, and canned meat and vegetables that were raised on the farm. She made certain that everyone attended church on Sunday and she even found time to prepare and teach Sunday school for more than thirty years.”

Miss Kate also served as the regional director of the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Service and shared her knowledge for running a tidy and efficient home with many.

The Reese family is well known throughout the state of North Carolina and especially in the High Country. Many of the family members have worked for the Watauga County school system, including former WHS principal and school board president, Andy Reese, who passed away in December 2009. Other Reese siblings are Asa L. Reese (deceased), Norman Reese (deceased), Kathleen Reese, Richard Reese (deceased), Gladys Shoun, Betty Shoun, Clint Reese, Dorcas Hodges and Lance Reese (deceased).

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