A GIFT THAT HONORS A LIFE OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND SERVICE

A LEGACY THAT WILL SING FOR *Generations*

"*The scholarship doesn't merely remember Robert and Evelyn Cabaniss; it extends their influence into the future.*"

– Mark Cabaniss

Music filled the home of Robert and Evelyn Cabaniss in Cleveland County, North Carolina. They listened to a wide variety and sometimes sang along. Their faith, their love of people, and their commitment to education shaped not only their family, but their entire community.

To honor their parents' enduring legacy, their children—Mark Cabaniss, Garry Cabaniss, and Michele Cabaniss Peraldo—have established the **Robert and Evelyn Cabaniss Music Scholarship** at Gardner-Webb University.

Their story is one of faith, family, and service—and a belief in the transforming power of music.

FAITH | EDUCATION | MUSIC | COMMUNITY | LEGACY

A LIFE INSPIRED. A LEGACY IN ACTION.

The encouragement provided by his parents and Cleveland County teachers helped launch Mark into a career that has influenced musicians and music educators around the world. Mark serves as president and CEO of Jubilate Music Group and has enjoyed success as an ASCAP composer and arranger. He is also an accomplished author, broadcaster, and educator. His published works have been performed nationally and abroad, and his concert musical "Triumph of Faith" (co-written with Mark Blankenship) received its world premiere at Carnegie Hall. A multiple recipient of ASCAP's Popular Music Award, Mark is also a Dove Award- and Angel Award-winning producer.

Reflecting on the family's decision, Michele said, "Our family is deeply honored to support the music department at Gardner-Webb through this endowment in memory of our parents. Music was a meaningful part of their lives, and we hope this gift will encourage and inspire students for generations to come while honoring the values they cherished."

"*My parents believed deeply in the value of education, as does the larger Cabaniss (and Evelyn Woodall) family. Our parents encouraged us to pursue higher education and supported us every step of the way, financially and otherwise. Looking back, I realize how much of my professional journey—from teaching to publishing to writing books—rests on the foundation they helped create. They encouraged discipline, curiosity, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence.*"

– Mark Cabaniss

Whether through professional leadership, church involvement, volunteer service, or caring for their family, Robert and Evelyn invested in friends, neighbors, church members, and countless others throughout the community. Their legacy was not defined by a single accomplishment, but by decades of faithful service.

A LEGACY THAT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE.

Investing in Tomorrow's Music Educators

SUPPORTING PURPOSE. INSPIRING POTENTIAL. HONORING A LEGACY.

The Robert and Evelyn Cabaniss Music Scholarship supports students preparing for a life of music teaching and ministry—individuals who will carry forward the power of music into schools, churches, and communities for years to come.

Gardner-Webb University's Department of Music combines academic excellence with faith and purpose, empowering students to grow as musicians and as people of character.

A LESSON THAT CHANGED A LIFE

At age eight, Mark Cabaniss was asked a simple question by his mother: "Would you like to take piano lessons?" That conversation changed the course of his life.

"*I fell in love with the process of making music. It led me to a degree in music education and a lifetime devoted to music, teaching, publishing, and inspiring others.*"

– Mark Cabaniss

A scholarship like this becomes a living memorial. It honors the past while shaping a future filled with music, faith, and purpose.

A LIFE WELL LIVED

Robert G. Cabaniss was a respected business executive and civic leader, deeply involved in the Lions Club and honored with the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the organization's highest distinction.

Evelyn Cabaniss devoted more than forty years to caring for children in the First Baptist Shelby nursery and served quietly in many other volunteer roles.

Together, they invested in friends, neighbors, church members, and countless others with kindness, humility, and faithfulness.

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Learn more about the Robert and Evelyn Cabaniss Music Scholarship and the Department of Music.

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