

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the family of the late Mrs. Rose Dillon thanking them for asking the community to donate to Carroll-Oakland School in Mrs. Dillon's memory. The school's principal, Carol Ferrell, also shared the letter with The Wilson Post as a way to also thank the family publicly.

To the Rose Dillon Family:

On behalf of Carroll-Oakland School, I want to extend my condolences over the recent loss of Mrs. Rose. During my years at Carroll-Oakland, Mrs. Rose was a wonderful neighbor to the school and I considered her a sweet friend.

Our school was greatly honored when you selected us to receive donations from community members wishing to remember Mrs. Rose. We've received several donations and have been carefully deciding how best to use the money. I hope you will be pleased with our decision.

We have a high poverty rate at Carroll-Oakland and we spend a lot of time and money helping students with clothing, as well as personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, etc... During the same week, we received monetary donations from friends of Mrs. Rose, we also received a wonderful donation from Gladeville Baptist Church of much needed items such as socks, gloves, soap and deodorant. We immediately thought of a great idea. With the money we will purchase a metal cabinet and fill it with the donations and we will call it ROSE'S CLOSET! This fulfills a great need for the Carroll-Oakland community and will prolong the legacy of the Dillon family, namely Mrs. Rose.

We want to thank the wonderful donors who have made this possible: Robert and Faye Dedman, Neal and Deborah Oakley, Melanie Dillon, William and Kristina McKee and Gladeville Baptist Church. And we especially thank you, the Dillon family, for being wonderful neighbors to Carroll-Oakland School.

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