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## Ronald “Mickey” Mayfield

This memorial scholarship was established following the untimely death of “Mickey” Mayfield by his mother and step-father. Angela Knarr always knew her son, opera singer Michael “Mickey” Mayfield had a gift for music, but she didn’t know how many people had been touched by his talent until his death May 22, 2013, in Tulsa at the age of 32. The family has received condolence messages from around the world, she said.

Mayfield was in the middle of his career as an operatic baritone when he came back to winter in the home he maintained in Tulsa with his mother and stepfather, Dr. Robert Knarr. Mayfield was scheduled to return to Paris for the music season when he became ill.

Mayfield, a Tulsa native, always was interested in music, but first regarded it as a serious career possibility when he was cast as Captain von Trapp in a Memorial High School production of "The Sound of Music." He was a 1977 graduate of Memorial. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in music at the University of Oklahoma and furthered his operatic education at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia.

Mayfield's career included performances with Tulsa Opera, Cincinnati Opera, the Houston Gilbert and Sullivan Society and the Opera Company of Philadelphia. He sang in operas in France and Switzerland and in the International Corfu Festival in Corfu, Greece.

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