Famous Surgeon Memorialized with Scholarship

John and Henrietta Simeone had long planned to create a memorial to honor the memory of John's brother, Fiorindo Simeone, MD, who died in 1990. After learning about the need for scholarships at Upstate Medical University, they decided to donate $108,000 to establish a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to medical students who might be inspired by Dr. Simeone's distinguished surgical career as a prominent vascular surgeon and former chairman of the Brown University Section of Surgery.

In addition to an international reputation for his clinical research, Dr. Simeone was known as a compassionate physician and teacher, dedicated to his patients, as well as junior colleagues and students. The scholarship will be awarded to fourth-year medical students who plan to pursue a career in surgery.

The Simeones also chose the Upstate scholarship as a way to support their local community as well as "give back" for the excellent care Mrs. Simeone received as a patient at University Hospital. They have also funded an endowed scholarship at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, where John Simeone was a professor of entomology for 35 years.