



This fund provides college scholarships for Brandywine High School graduates. It was created in 2005, in honor of Samuel Jacob McCombs, Jr. (2/23/1898 - 9/5/1987) & Cecile Katherine (Kizer) McCombs (5/23/1902 - 7/25/1987), by their children and grandchildren. Mr. McCombs was known as Sam to some, as Jay to others, and as “Pap” to his grandchildren. He and Cecile were married December 28, 1918.

Jay & Cecile moved to what is now the Brandywine school district in 1918, before Brandywine Schools existed, and lived here the rest of their lives. They had seven children and 26 loving grandchildren. As young adults they loved to dance; in older years they went fishing and camping in northern Michigan; throughout their lives they loved to play euchre and other card games with friends and family.

Jay spent most of his working career as a union carpenter, finding factory work when building was slow. Cecile was a consummate homemaker, offering a dinner table that drew guests like a magnet, and a house whose cleanliness was second to none. If an unexpected guest arrived at dinner time, there always was enough food and space at the table. Some years she also worked outside the home. When they died in 1987, they had been married nearly 69 years.