Bailey endowment is underway  

A newly-created endowment at Beaufort County Community College will memorialize a student who died shortly before her graduation from BCCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program this spring.

Proceeds from the endowment, being established in memory of Shereda Tremaine Bailey, will eventually be used to provide a scholarship for a nursing student at BCCC. Bailey, 21, of 115 Juniper Drive, Washington, died Sunday, April 30, 2006 following a brief illness.

She was a senior in BCCC’s nursing school and was scheduled to graduate with her class on May 12.

Bailey’s mother, Sheila Brooks, said that Shereda always wanted to be a nurse because she enjoyed helping people and that Shereda loved the clinical work she did as a student nurse at BCCC.

Brooks said she wanted to establish the endowment not only to continue Shereda’s memory, but also to help a deserving student pursuing a degree which her daughter so clearly loved.

Bailey was born in Beaufort County on August 30, 1984. She was the daughter of Sheila Gibbs Brooks and William Gray Bailey, Jr. A 2002 graduate of Washington High School, Bailey worked as a teacher’s assistant at the Children’s House of Washington from February 2001 to September 2005 and as an advanced nursing assistant for Pitt Memorial Hospital from October 2005 until her death.

She also gained work experience while still in school through clinical rotations at Brittany Nursing Home in Washington, the Howell Center in Greenville and Beaufort County, Washington County and Pitt Memorial hospitals.

Bailey was a member of The Temple of Jesus Christ United Church, Washington, where she served as a youth choir member, third Sunday nursery coordinator and worked with drama presentations.

The endowment was established by Bailey’s mother, her brother, Jermain Gibbs, her aunt, Harriett Hickey, and other family and friends.

Contributions to the Shereda Tremaine Bailey Endowment are welcome and can be made to the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 1069, Washington, N.C. 27889.