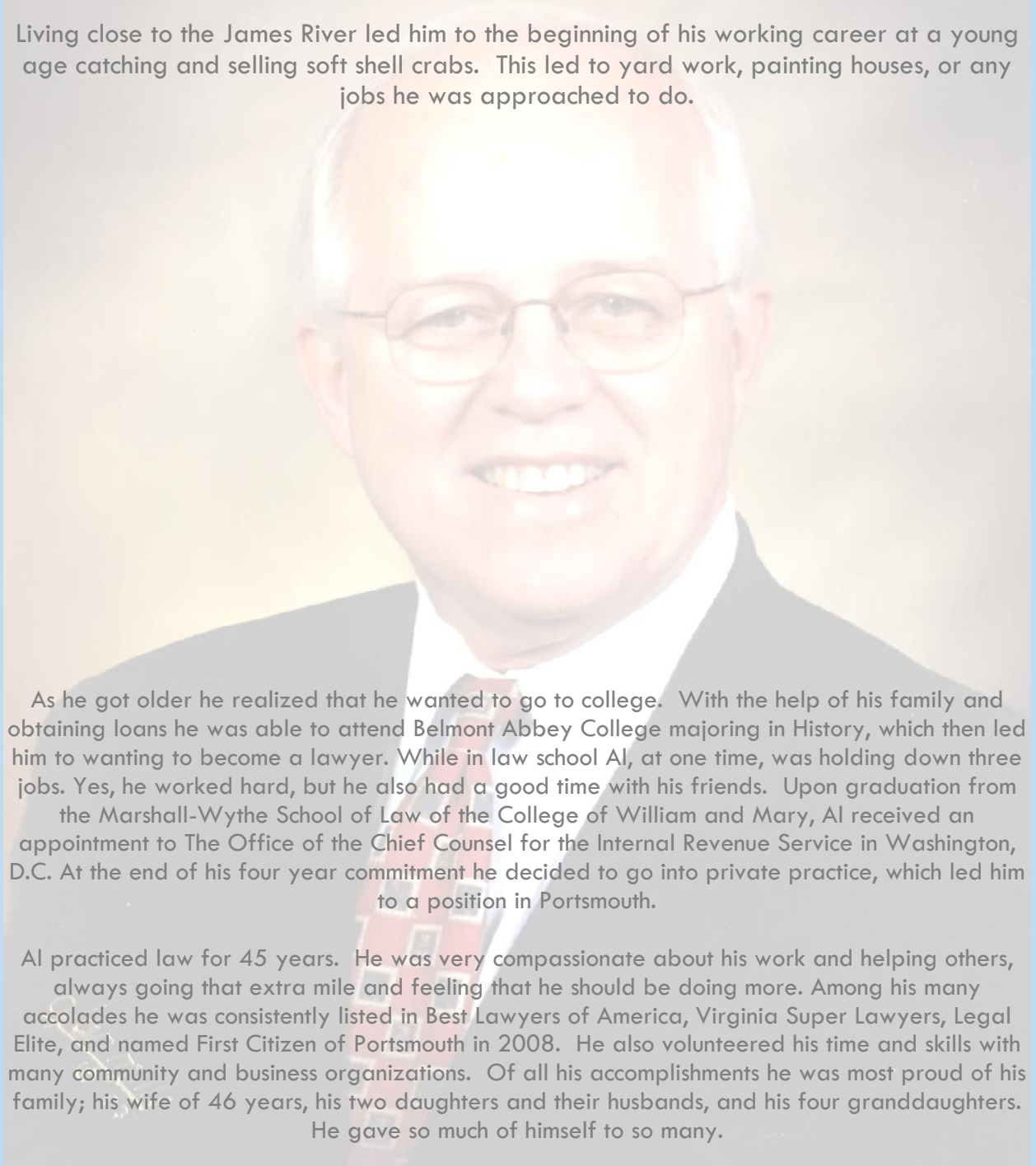


# AL TAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Albert Joseph Taylor, Jr., but as he would always say, "Call me Al", was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia, and had two younger sisters.

Living close to the James River led him to the beginning of his working career at a young age catching and selling soft shell crabs. This led to yard work, painting houses, or any jobs he was approached to do.

A portrait of Al Taylor, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

As he got older he realized that he wanted to go to college. With the help of his family and obtaining loans he was able to attend Belmont Abbey College majoring in History, which then led him to wanting to become a lawyer. While in law school Al, at one time, was holding down three jobs. Yes, he worked hard, but he also had a good time with his friends. Upon graduation from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, Al received an appointment to The Office of the Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. At the end of his four year commitment he decided to go into private practice, which led him to a position in Portsmouth.

Al practiced law for 45 years. He was very compassionate about his work and helping others, always going that extra mile and feeling that he should be doing more. Among his many accolades he was consistently listed in Best Lawyers of America, Virginia Super Lawyers, Legal Elite, and named First Citizen of Portsmouth in 2008. He also volunteered his time and skills with many community and business organizations. Of all his accomplishments he was most proud of his family; his wife of 46 years, his two daughters and their husbands, and his four granddaughters. He gave so much of himself to so many.