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## Bolton Historical Society

### Evelyn Halloran and Marguerite Flynn Memorial Scholarship

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With a hearty, almost boisterous, “Good Morning, Class!”, or “Good Afternoon, Class!”, Mrs. Evelyn W. Halloran taught generations of Bolton 7th Grade students on their first day of school that there was only one acceptable response to her daily greeting -- an equally rousing, “Good Morning!” or “Good Afternoon, Mrs. Halloran!” Nothing else would do. Once over the initial shock and the lesson learned, her new charges had to wonder what else this petite redheaded spitfire had in store for them.

Mrs. Halloran was born in 1908 in Waldoboro, Maine. After finishing high school, she went on to college at the Gorham Normal School in Gorham, Maine. Her first teaching position was in a one room schoolhouse in Waldoboro. She then moved to Rockville Connecticut, where she taught at Rockville Grammar School, and soon thereafter became assistant principal. Mr. and Mrs. Halloran and their two young children moved to Bolton in 1941. Mrs. Halloran began her long career in Bolton at the one room schoolhouse that once stood behind the Bolton Congregational Church. She taught 5th through 8th grades in the schoolhouse from 1942 until 1948. In 1949 she taught 7th and 8th grade in the old Bolton Hall and Library, which is now known as the Bolton Town Hall. Every year she was in charge of the Arbor Day program. When the Bolton Elementary School was built on Notch Road in 1949, she moved there with the 7th and 8th grades. Every year, until 1964, Mrs. Halloran organized and directed the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. When the new Bolton Junior-Senior High School (the present day Bolton High School) opened in the fall of 1964, she was offered the position of principal, which she respectfully declined. In 1966, during the first Student Awards Assembly in the gymnasium, Mrs. Halloran was surprised by faculty, staff and students with gifts of silver for her 25th anniversary as a teacher in the Bolton school system. With the completion of the new Bolton Center School in 1969, she once again moved with the 7th and 8th grades to the new building. Mrs. Halloran, who retired from teaching in 1974, passed away in 1994.

What Mrs. Halloran instilled in all of her students was both unforgettable and invaluable. As part of her American History course, she required her students to memorize a large portion of the Declaration of Independence, the entire Gettysburg Address, and the Preamble to the Constitution. She felt that developing strong memory skills and public speaking ability were important and what better vehicle than those stirring words of liberty and justice!

The Bolton Historical Society has established this scholarship to honor the memory of Mrs. Halloran and her contribution to generations of Bolton students. Her commitment to education, her lessons in American civics, and her stirring accounts of Colonial and early Federal history were a guiding beacon to many student teachers and budding historians alike. Her steadfast guidance and professional standing, combined with her 33 years of dedicated teaching of Bolton’s young citizens, are qualities that the Historical Society, grateful former students and her family wish to commemorate.

Marguerite Flynn, born in Manchester, CT in 1931, was the daughter of the late Frank and Margaret Chetelat. Marge was a graduate of Manchester High School's class of 1949. Married in 1950 to Robert Phillips, Marge raised her family in Bolton, where she lived for the remainder of her life. She worked at Friendly Ice Cream and the Treat Shop restaurants in Manchester for over 20 years, where she made many lifelong friends. Marge then worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Courtney Simpson of Manchester for 15 years until her retirement.

Marge was a founding Charter Member of the Bolton Historical Society. She served as their Treasurer from 1999 until 2014. She kept meticulous financial records for the society and made sure that the society was frugal and responsible. Marge was passionate about Bolton's heritage and the preservation of its history and Bolton's contribution to America's development since its founding as a town. She was instrumental to the success of many society social events, historical functions and to their annual Bolton Heritage Day celebrations.

Marge's greatest accomplishment and purpose in life was her family. She raised her children with loving care, honesty and integrity and was a constant source of support and encouragement throughout their lives. She loved her grandchildren as if they were her own and was an important part of their lives. Marge loved holiday gatherings, dancing, playing bingo and, in later years, traveling with her second husband Bert Flynn to places she never dreamed she would see.

For over 35 years, Marge was a grateful member of the Al-Anon program which significantly changed her life for the better. She was helped and in turn helped many others. Marge's Al-Anon friends remained close and supported her throughout the final months of her life. Marge passed away on November 2, 2018 as is deeply missed by those who knew her. The Bolton Historical Society amended this scholarship in 2019 to include Marge in their memorial award.