



The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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David A. Dreselly Memorial Scholarship

Established 2022

David Andrew Dreselly was a Bolton resident for over 50 years. He excelled in Track & Field in High School and College and received a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Northeastern University in Massachusetts in 1960. He moved to Bolton, CT in 1965 with his wife and children and worked as an engineer at Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, CT for many years. He was especially proud of his contributions in developing and testing materials used to create the heat shield for the re-entry vehicles used by NASA in the Apollo space program. He worked in the Assessor's Office for the Town of West Hartford until his retirement.

In addition to having an engineering mind, and having the ability to fix just about anything, David had a very artistic and creative side. He was a consummate photographer and built his own darkroom studio in his Bolton home. He became an expert at developing and printing photographs and took many pictures of events, people and places in and around Bolton. Later, he took classes at Manchester Community College in drawing, sculpture, ceramics and pottery. He even obtained his own pottery wheel and kiln and created many wonderful pieces for family and friends.

David loved living in Bolton and felt it was a great community and a wonderful place to raise a family. All four of his children attended Bolton Public Schools and graduated from Bolton High School. He felt it was important to be involved in the community and became a member of the Bolton Charter Commission, which created the first Charter for the town in 1976. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee for many years and served as a Selectman in Bolton from 1973 to 1977 and as First Selectman from 1975 – 1977.

David lived a good life and felt that having a good education was key to success. David passed away on August 31, 2021, and his family would like to honor his memory by providing this scholarship to help further your education and build a foundation for a great life.