



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## The Lani M. Kerr Memorial Scholarship

Established 2022

Lani Kerr was a graduate of Glastonbury High School and Manchester Community College. She was a small businesswoman and a committed volunteer to many organizations including the Bolton Women's Club and the Bolton PTA. She spearheaded numerous events including the BWC's Toast Our Town fundraiser, where she could be seen out on the dance floor with a big smile on her face as she danced to her favorite music. She helped spearhead two projects to build playgrounds in Bolton, one of which was a playground accessible to children with special needs. Lani was a proud member of the Bolton Breast Buddies, walking for a cure for breast cancer. If you needed help with something, Lani was your go-to person who was always the first to volunteer with her endless energy and ideas. Lani's life purpose and greatest joy were her children. She enjoyed every moment with them, and her face would light up at the mention of Taylor, Kylie or Josh. Family trips to Hilton Head or Disney World brought her great joy. Girls' trips with her best friends were another blessing in her life. Whether it was a cruise, a quick visit to the casino or a faraway flight to Mexico, her time with her friends was very important to her. She had a mischievous side and the sparkle in her big blue eyes would let you know that it was going to be a day or evening of a lot of fun!

Lani's "Happy Place" was the ocean, watching the tide ebb and flow. She could be found playing in the waves with the enthusiasm of a little girl. The sea provided her with a sense of tranquility and peace. Whether she was barefoot in the sand at Watch Hill or sailing in Stonington Harbor, her enthusiasm was contagious. New England clam chowder and a glass of Champagne were the treats when the day was done.

Lani was an amazing hostess, well-known for her Memorial Day parties with friends, food and some very competitive dodgeball. It felt like a privilege to be invited into her home. If someone was sick or in need, she was the first to organize help. If she brought you her stuffed mushrooms or manicotti, you knew that you were someone special to her.

Lani had an inquisitive mind, a quick intellect, and would challenge people to think differently. She was always open to new experiences and appreciated debating with friends who approached her with new ideas. If you could get Lani on board with a project, you could be assured that she would help put together the best team possible and that your goals would be completed. Most importantly, Lani loved her children, her friends, and her God. She was baptized as a Catholic when she was an adult and she truly believed in God's power to save and His love. We know that she is with Him now and we are grateful that she is at peace. She will be remembered for those big blue eyes, bright smile, and her generosity, love and kindness.

This scholarship was created by Lani's dear friends to honor her memory and hopefully inspire the recipient to work hard, give back to your community, and cherish time with the ones you love.