



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## Robert W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship

Established 2024

Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force after high school and served both stateside and in Morocco. While stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts, Bob met Kay, another Air Force enlistee and his future wife and best friend of 65 years.

Bob was all about service to his country, community and family. Following his military service, Bob entered the Connecticut State Police Academy and served as Bolton's first Resident State Trooper for the majority of his 20-year career. His strong relationship with the Bolton Public Schools was evident the year he retired when the BHS graduating class dedicated their yearbook to him.

Bob was an active member and Life Deacon of the Bolton Congregational Church and enjoyed being part of the congregation. He was a Mason, belonging to the Manchester and Colchester Masonic Lodges, served on the Bolton Zoning Board of Appeals, was a Justice of the Peace and performed many Bolton weddings, and was a long-time active member of the Bolton Lions Club.

Bob is fondly remembered as "such a nice guy" by almost everyone he met – something that was especially significant to him. Bob's family always remained the most important aspect of his life. He was happiest when the entire family was together, often stating during gatherings that "it doesn't get any better than this."

Bob's two sons and two of his grandchildren are BHS alumni and were recipients of Bolton Scholarship awards. Bob's family and friends created this scholarship to honor his memory and encourage you to dedicate your life to helping others and becoming an active community member. Best of luck to you.