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Edith Toomey Clark and Lauren Clark Steadward Memorial Scholarship Established 2018

Edith Toomey Clark, the daughter of David and Olive Hutchinson Toomey, was raised in Bolton. She was educated in Bolton schools until high school. At that time, Bolton did not have a high school so Edith attended Manchester Memorial High School where she graduated in 1962. After high school, Edith entered nursing school at Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Medford, MA. While at nursing school, Edith joined the U.S. Army Reserves, which helped pay for her college tuition.

Upon graduating nursing school, she was committed to join the Army for three years. She was a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and was on full active duty. Her tours of duty included Fort Sam in Houston, Texas, Letterman General Hospital in California, and Vietnam where she volunteered for duty during the war in 1966. She served a year's tour of duty and was stationed at a field hospital for the wounded in emergency situations and worked in the operating room. It was while stationed there that she met her future husband, Jim Clark, a combat medic himself. They were married while in Vietnam.

In 1967, Edith and her husband returned stateside to Fort Dix in New Jersey. Edith was forced to resign her commission while stationed there because at that time, women were not allowed to serve during pregnancy.

Edith continued her nursing career in the operating room and in dialysis and spent the remaining 25 years of her career in the cancer research program. The field of nursing and medicine was her passion and her love. She never regretted for one moment working in medicine. Edith Toomey Clark was an inspiration to everyone who met her or was cared for by her.

Lauren, Edith's daughter, was an X-ray Technologist at Hartford Hospital. Her big smile brightened her patient's and coworkers' days. Lauren was an avid motorcyclist and enjoyed rides with her husband and motorcycle family. She treasured time with her family and her dog, Bear.