



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## George & Margaret Maneggia and Joyce Bachl Scholarship Established 2018

This scholarship is being awarded to a BHS graduate in memory of our beloved parents and aunt; George and Margaret Maneggia and Joyce Bachl. Our family has a long history in Bolton dating back to the early 1900's.

Our family experiences and memories have deep roots that are the foundation for our lives today. They give us meaning and purpose. George, Margaret and Joyce lived their lives with a deep commitment to faith, family and community.

George was a lifelong resident. He was drafted at 17 years old and at age 18 was sent to serve on the front lines during World War II. He was a true patriot that valued and honored being an American. He loved nature and the outdoors, and he was a sports enthusiast. He especially loved playing baseball. He was a true caretaker that you could always count on. He was dependable and re-assuring. He brought calm to trying times and when he was present, you felt safe. He was a hardworking roll-up your sleeves type of person. His actions spoke louder than words. Dad was a gifted brick mason by trade and built strong and beautiful structures. Brick by brick he helped build a beautiful family. He left an enduring impression with all who knew him.

Margaret was a one-of-a kind spirit. Her faith and perseverance were present every day of her life. People were attracted to her natural gift of spiritual guidance and support, not just family and friends but people she encountered during the course of a day. She loved being with people sharing a laugh, a smile and joyous occasions. She could make you feel better during the worst of times. She loved the arts; music, dance and theater, and at 4 foot 9 inches she was quite the little athlete. By nature she was a "giver". If you needed something, she would do her best to fulfill that need. She was especially adept at giving gifts when you were not expecting them. She was loyal and hardworking. She worked at M&M in Bolton for 45 plus years, until she was 92 years old. She also believed in the power of forgiveness. She wanted everyone to be loved and cared for.

Joyce was a tremendous influence in the lives of her family and friends. She was a natural teacher, with a very hands on approach. She took time to show you how to do something. Be it making a homemade recipe, managing money, or gardening, she sent you away with skills that promoted and encouraged your personal independence. She was that "go to person" that you wanted to be with for guidance and advice. She was respectful and understanding. You walked away with greater confidence and feeling re-assured.

If you were family or friend and needed help, you could count on Joyce to be there. She did so without seeking fanfare or a pat on the back. A great organizer, Joyce put all the details together, and executed every detail whether planning a trip for the Senior Center, a church based activity, or one of the hundreds of family "get togethers" that she hosted. Joyce was one of those special individuals that silently led by example and her advice continues to guide our lives today.

George, Margaret and Joyce lived life to the fullest, always respecting faith, family and community. In their memory, we wish you every success and happiness in your years ahead. As your future unfolds, we hope you will find ways to make the world a better place by helping and supporting your family, friends & community.