



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## Winkler Family Scholarship in Memory of Gunther H. Winkler Established 1988

This scholarship was established in 1988 in recognition and appreciation of the unique quality of education offered at Bolton High School that encourages academic and social growth with concern for each student as an individual. It is now being awarded in memory of Gunther Winkler, who died July 8, 2016 after a 10 year struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Gunther and Helen Winkler were married in 1958 and moved to Bolton in 1961. Their sons, Jeffrey and Brian graduated from BHS in 1978 and 1980. Mrs. Winkler was Bolton's first Spanish teacher and has served on the scholarship committee for over 40 years.

Mr. Winkler was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (BS Electrical Engineering 1956, MS Management 1958) and was instrumental in acquiring the Rensselaer Medal given annually to a BHS junior who excels in math and science. After his retirement from Hamilton Standard, he volunteered his expertise to BHS as engineering advisor for the Solar Bolt, working and traveling with the team which enjoyed several successful competitions throughout New England. He also established his own computer based business, offering services that included web page development and photograph restoration.

Gunther loved the town of Bolton. He served on the Conservation Commission for many years, working with that group on the development of Herrick Park and the acquisition of the property that is today Indian Notch Park. He was also a member of the scholarship committee.

Indeed, this man was multi talented with countless diverse interests. He was an avid fisherman, pursuing his love for the sport close to home and on memorable trips to Alaska, Northwest Territory, Venezuela and Brazil. Gardening was another of his favorite pastimes and he grew everything from Asparagus to Zucchini. He was also a 50 year member of the CT chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and was awarded that organization's Bronze Medal for his service and horticultural pursuits. He was an accomplished bird carver, furniture builder and even crafted his own fishing flies. His love of music was eclectic but he had a particular fondness for Dixieland Jazz.

If you have wondered by now if – or – how one man could accomplish so much, the answer lies in his simple philosophy – he would say “If someone else can do it, I can learn.”