



Marilyn M. and Russell S. Fox Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Marilyn Fox created this scholarship through a bequest in her will. First awarded in 2012, it is given to students who plan to pursue a career in nursing.

Marilyn and Russell met while working at City Hospital in Worcester, where Marilyn was a dietary aide and Russell was a cook. They admired the nurses they knew and felt great respect for the field of nursing. Marilyn often said that she would have become a nurse if her education had continued beyond high school.

Marilyn (1932-2008) was born in Worcester. She studied sewing and cooking at Girls Trade High School (now Worcester Technical High School) and then began her career at City Hospital. In 1962, at age 30, she married Russell. They settled in Cherry Valley, west of Worcester. Marilyn left City Hospital after 30 years and worked for the next 20 years at Washburn House, a nursing home in Worcester. She enjoyed gardening and many close friendships.

Russell (1938-2005) was also a Worcester native. He graduated from South Community High School and was a cook at City Hospital for over 40 years. After retiring, he volunteered for 10 years at the Pleasant Acres Rest Home. He and Marilyn often entertained the residents during the holidays. He enjoyed dancing and was well liked.

After Russell's death, Marilyn decided to create this legacy to provide financial assistance to nursing students. Her bequest created two scholarships: one for high school seniors and one for adult students at Worcester State University. Marilyn and Russell's warm hearts, kindness, and appreciation for the nursing profession live on in this investment in the next generation of nurses.

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