



Lt. Colonel Irving A. and Colonel Marie C. Lepore Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Irving and Marie Lepore created this scholarship through a bequest in their will. First awarded in 2012, it is given annually to a student pursuing a career in aviation or aerospace science, with preference to active Civil Air Patrol cadets.

Irving (1914-2012) was born in Worcester, and Marie (1911-2008) in New York City. They met while serving in World War II. Irving was a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Britain during the bombing of London. Marie was a Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, one of the first female pilots in Worcester and a commanding officer of its Worcester Squadron. They married in 1946 and lived on June Street in Worcester throughout their 62-year marriage.

The Lepores belonged to St. Charles Borromeo Church. Irving worked for Hadley Furniture and Kay Jeweler's before settling into a career with American Supply Company. Marie worked for the City of Worcester as a social worker for children and later as the head social worker for the Department of the Aged, retiring in 1975. She was active in the Massachusetts Aeronautic Association, the International Organization of Women Pilots, the Worcester Art Museum, and Arts Worcester. She was a gifted artist and gardener.

Irving and Marie established their legacy through two philanthropic funds at the Foundation: one to support meals for the elderly through Elder Services of Worcester, and one to provide college tuition assistance to Worcester County students who share their passion for aviation and civil service.

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