



Patricia Proko Morris Memorial Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Patricia Morris created this scholarship through a bequest in her will. First awarded in 2012, it is given to students from Wachusett Regional High School who will study science in college.

Patricia Proko Morris (1947-2012) was born and raised in Worcester along with two siblings. She graduated from South Community High School and received a Bachelor's degree from Anna Maria College. After obtaining a Master's in Education from Worcester State University, Patti became a science teacher at Wachusett Regional High School. A dedicated teacher with a kind and gracious manner, she taught at WRHS for 35 years.

Patti married Robert J. Morris, and they moved to Paxton in 1983. She was a tireless volunteer for her beloved parish, St. Mary's Albanian Orthodox Church in Worcester. She directed the church school for 12 years, ran the monthly Senior Social, served multiple terms on the Parish Council, chaired the Women's Guild, and helped organize the annual Albanian Festival. In 2010, the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese honored her with the Herald of St. Constantine & Helen Medal.

Patti retired from teaching in 2004 and expanded her volunteer work to include the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Worcester and St. Mary's Child Care Center. Robert passed away in 2007, and Patti moved "back home" to Worcester. She doted on her five nieces and nephews, treating them like her own children. Her family describes her as an extraordinary daughter, wife, sister, godmother, aunt and friend who was widely loved.

When Patti was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, she faced her illness with strength, courage and dignity. She passed away in 2012 at the age of 65, and her spirit lives on in this scholarship.

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