



The Summers Family Educational Scholarship Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Cecelia Summers Grynsel created this scholarship in 2006 to provide college assistance to youth who are actively involved in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Upton.

Cecelia was born in Upton in 1927. One of eight children (four boys and four girls), Cecelia remembers “growing up in Fenway Park,” where her father was an American League Baseball umpire. Her family was very involved in St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, which was then known as Holy Angels Parish.

Cecelia married Edward C. Grynsel, and the couple moved to Westborough, where they lived for 50 years. They were active members of St. Luke the Evangelist Church. Every year, they awarded a \$500 college scholarship to a St. Luke’s student until turning the process over to Greater Worcester Community Foundation. When they moved the scholarship to the foundation, Cecelia started a second award for St. Gabriel’s students in honor of her parents and her Upton childhood.

For the first half of her career, Cecilia was a school teacher in Framingham. In 1968, she became an Itinerant Teacher for blind students in the Blackstone Valley Schools, and taught Braille until her retirement in 1983. She remained close with many of her students through her late ‘80’s. Cecelia was a 50-year member of the Westborough Country Club, where she was a 20-year club champion of the 18-Hole Women’s League. She also won the Senior Golf Olympics in Cleveland, OH in 2013. She was an active member of the Westborough Senior Center and loved to knit and spend winters in Florida.

Cecelia passed away in 2015 at the age of 87. This scholarship celebrates her enduring support of children’s educational development and church participation by helping students pursue their college dreams.

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