

Trudie & John Henchey Memorial Scholarship Endowment



Gertrude Onalee (Sherwood) Henchey was born November 13, 1928 in Wellsville, NY. In 1933, at the age of five, she was left homeless following the death of her mother Lucy. Trudie was the seventh of nine children, and she was the first to graduate from high school in Bradford, PA in 1948. Through the generosity of her employer, she was able to advance her education in Washington, D.C. at the Lewis School of Hotel Management. While in Washington Trudie met and married her “Johnnie” on February 18, 1950. They moved to Westfield where they built their own home and raised three children.

John Albert Henchey was born on October 11, 1925 in Westfield where he grew up on

Washington Street. He attended the elementary school on Washington Street and graduated from Westfield High School in 1943. John enlisted in the US Coast Guard and was a radar and loran operator in the Pacific. Upon his discharge in 1947, he attended the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute in Washington where he met and married the love of his life. They returned to Westfield and John, with the help and support of Trudie, started their own business, Henchey Radio and TV.

Trudie and John shared 63 loving years of marriage until John passed away on October 3, 2013. Almost six years later, Trudie passed away on August 9, 2019.

This scholarship endowment was established in 2020 by Robert John Henchey in loving memory of his parents. It is my way of saying thank you for my parents’ never failing love and support. My hope is that this scholarship will assist a Westfield student in furthering their education, and this will change their life for the better.

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