

Ulysses and Irene O'Connor Family Memorial Endowment



We would like to present this scholarship to honor the deceased members of the Ulysses J. O'Connor family and demonstrate the value the family places on education. Born in 1893, Ulysses was a lifelong resident of Westfield, married Irene Gosselin in 1917, and parented 15 children who predominately settled in Westfield and the surrounding area. Although three children died young, 12 of Ulysses' children added 40 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, and many fourth generation descendants.

Together, the O'Connor family made and continues to make many contributions to the Westfield community and its youth. Ulysses and Irene worked countless hours to support and mentor their large family on Ulysses' salary as a well-known and beloved custodian at WHS. He left as his legacy what he considered his greatest accomplishment – his children. In each he fostered a love of education, hard work, and community service. Those values continue to influence the Westfield community through his many descendants who

sought employment in social service fields, such as police officers, nurses, doctors, social workers and many educators. In addition, many serve on various community and church councils and participate in youth organizations in Westfield.

Today, there are five living members of Ulysses' immediate children: Agnes Lyons of Barnstable, Donald and James O'Connor and Mary Bates of Westfield, and Doris Conery of Hampden. All the living descendants of Ulysses and Irene wish to establish this scholarship to remember the special gifts each deceased family member gave to the City of Westfield, a town they loved so well.

Ulysses and Irene O'Connor

Ulysses O'Connor Jr., Edward O'Connor, and Rita O'Connor

Eleanor O'Connor married Daniel Mahoney and had 6 children.

Margaret O'Connor married Chester Patryak and had 1 child.

Gerald G. O'Connor married Margaret, had 4 children and served as Chief of Police.

Joseph J. O'Connor married Barbara, had 4 children and was Prospect Hill Principal.

Therese O'Connor married Walter Miller and had 4 children.

Virginia O'Connor married Robert MacKay and had 5 children.

Victor O'Connor married Sandy and had 2 children.

Grandchildren include Patrick O'Connor, Jamie O'Connor and Gabriel O'Connor



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