



William J. Crean Memorial Scholarship

Bill Crean was born and raised in Westfield, and he lived in the city for most of his life. He died of pancreatic cancer in 1993 at the age of fifty-three. This memorial scholarship was established in his name by his wife and five children with two purposes in mind. The first purpose was to honor their husband and father in a way that would have been very meaningful and pleasing to him. Bill Crean always took great pride in his community. He would have been pleased to have his name associated with Citizens' Scholarship Foundation because of what it is based on: recognizing and promoting the potential of the students of Westfield. The second purpose was to give back to an organization that was so generous to our family over the years. Each of the Crean children received scholarships from Citizens' Scholarship Foundation during their four years of college. This memorial scholarship is a small way for our

family to express our gratitude to an organization that has been so generous to us and to other Westfield families.

The following is a heartfelt message from the Crean family to future recipients of this scholarship:

Our family would like to offer our sincere congratulations to you, the recipients of this scholarship. Additionally, we extend our best wishes for success in your future endeavors. It is our hope that you will go on to lead a life in a manner similar to Bill: with a love for life, an appreciation of others, an uncompromising integrity, and a commitment to being the best person you can be.

Written by: Pat Crean

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