

Scholarship Funds

Jeanne R. Butcher Memorial Scholarship Fund of The Luzerne Foundation



Throughout her lifetime, Jeanne Butcher was known for her lighthearted sense of humor and her quirky laugh. What many people did not know was that Jeanne was a quiet force who worked behind the scenes to help many children beyond her own brood of six. Her love of children inspired her to help kids. A gesture as simple as driving mothers and their children to doctor's appointments was second nature to Jeanne.

Education was important to her as well. Her husband Joe recalls, "When our kids completed their undergraduate studies, she quietly encouraged them to pursue an advanced degree or continue studies in their chosen profession. She gave the same encouragement to her young grandkids."



Last March, when Jeanne passed away, it only seemed fitting to honor her memory through the establishment of the Jeanne Butcher Memorial Scholarship Fund. Although Jeanne typically avoided recognition for her efforts and altruism, Joe believes that Jeanne, would have given her stamp of approval to this scholarship fund that helps make college possible for students who are active members of St. Ignatius Church in Kingston.

This is the inaugural year for the scholarships to be granted from the fund. Joe Butcher, who has been a chairman of the Luzerne Foundation Grants Committee and who has served on the Foundation board for 16 years, says he hopes the fund will grow over time so that it can continue to honor the legacy of his wife, whose memory will live on through generations of scholarship recipients.

