

# John Jude Bolin Memorial Scholarship



Friendly, civic minded, hardworking, a true friend are words that come to mind when you hear the name, John Jude Bolin. He served as a school board member, a volunteer fire fighter, ambulance attendant, Vice President of the Wyoming Fire Department and a member of the Wyoming Free Library Board of Trustees. Shortly after his death the Butler Street Park was renamed the John Jude Bolin Memorial Park as a testament to his character, memory and service. It was one of his favorite places in the borough. At the naming his long time good friend and fellow school board member, John Marianacci said: "I will always remember our friendship and all the times we spent together. He was a good friend and we confided in each other on many issues. He was something. He was a great man."

John lived life to the fullest and his lifelong goal was to help others as is evidenced by the organizations in which he was an active member.

In his early years he lived in Exeter with his parents, Lucille and John Bolin and his brother Carmen and his sisters, Ann Marie and Catherine. Loyalty to each other, hard work and a strong Catholic faith were very important values they all learned from their parents.



John's grandparents, Catherine and Carmen Mauriello were the founders of Carmen's Flower Shop on Wyoming Avenue in Exeter.

The Mauriello name has been associated with the floral business for many many years. John's brother, Carmen operated Floristry by Carmen Bolin in Kingston and John and his mother, Lucille, operated Flowers by Lucille in Forty Fort. His sisters Ann Marie and Catherine helped out with the floral business whenever and wherever needed. When John's mother retired he and girlfriend, Danielle, moved the shop to Wyoming.



It was here in Wyoming that he began his active role in the community. He joined the Wyoming Hose Company #1 on Eighth Street. He also served as a

volunteer firefighter and a member of the EMS team. No matter the time of day or night he was always listening to his scanner and pager. He always arrived to the calls for service. He enjoyed being part of the team at the fire house.

He became interested in politics and was a ten year member of the Wyoming Area School Board, having served some of those years as President of the Board. He was totally involved in the mission of excellence of the Wyoming Area School District. He loved visiting the schools and taking part in the student's education.

He was a founding member of the Wyoming Recreation Board also serving as President. He spent countless hours planning and organizing the Farmer's Market, the Halloween parade, the Christmas tree lighting, the Easter Egg Hunt and movie night in the park. He loved being involved with the children in this town.

John loved life, his family and his community. Unfortunately, John was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in September, 2011 but he never let his failing health stand in the way. He was determined to fight this disease. He died unexpectedly June 05, 2014 at the age of 45.

In memory of John's love and commitment to his community, John's family has established a \$500.00 scholarship which will be awarded to a graduating Wyoming Area senior who intends to continue his/her education at a 2 year community college or 4 year college or university,

Applicant must be a Wyoming Area graduating senior who is a well-rounded student with community involvement and proven academic success and has been accepted to a 2 or 4 year college or university. Preference will be given to an active volunteer in his/her community as an EMS, fire fighter, library volunteer, a member of the ambulance crew of his/her community, etc. Since John dedicated so much of his time to his community, church and our school district, special ATTENTION will be given to applicant's **ACTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE** and it will be closely looked at during the selection process. Be sure to note your service in your essay and resume.

**Essay required:** In a solid essay of at least 500 words, tell the selection committee how your community service has impacted/influenced your life. Also include why you should receive the John Jude Bolin Memorial Scholarship.

