



The Heather Schols Memorial Scholarship

The Heather Schols Memorial Scholarship was created in 2013 to provide financial assistance to Sedro-Woolley and Burlington-Edison High School students planning to continue their education post-graduation.

Heather grew up in Skagit Valley, attended Lucille Umbarger Elementary and graduated from Burlington-Edison High School in 1982. She received an AA degree in Health Information Services from Shoreline Community College in 1984. She worked at Providence Hospital in Everett, WA for several years before joining with her mother, Peach, in forming H&P Copy Service at Skagit Valley Hospital and NW Orthopedics where she took pride in her career as an Accredited Record Technician and business owner.

Heather married Kelly Schols in 1992 and the two made their home in Sedro-Woolley, welcoming their two daughters, Alysa and Amy, who both graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 2013 and 2015. Heather was very involved in the community where she had a passion for helping others. She was involved in both the American Cancer Society, as well as being a founding member of the Vala Youngquist Guild, a regional group in support of Seattle Children's Hospital. In these capacities, Heather never missed an opportunity to contribute at the highest level, giving her time, energy, creativity and genuine compassion for a cause.

As a kind and loving mother, Heather enjoyed every opportunity to be involved and support her daughters' activities. She volunteered countless hours of her time helping out wherever there was a need and provided a warm, safe, loving and fun environment in her home for her daughters' many friends. Heather was the most loving, caring, nurturing, generous, and supportive wife, mother and dear friend to all that were fortunate to know her.

Heather passed unexpectedly at the age of 48 due to heart complications. Shortly after, family and friends worked together to name the Heather Schols Cardiac Rehabilitation Center at Skagit Valley Hospital in her honor. This scholarship also stands in memory of Heather and her love for service and community involvement. The recipients are meant to be models of service and compassion in the Sedro-Woolley and Burlington-Edison communities.