



Anne Carey Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

Anne Murphy taught English and drama at North Brookfield High School (NBHS) for 28 years. Anne's children established this scholarship in 2001 to celebrate her career in education and her service to the youth of North Brookfield. It is awarded to NBHS students who plan to become teachers or to major in English or dramatic arts.

Anne was born in North Brookfield in 1904. Raised by her mother and two aunts, she was drawn to books from an early age. As a teen, she acquired her love of Shakespeare and produced plays starring children from her neighborhood. She attended NBHS and graduated from Bridgewater State University in 1925 with an English degree. She took her first job as a teacher in New Britain, CT for an annual salary of \$900.

In 1930, Anne married Joseph Carey, a classmate from NBHS who graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and the Yale School of Medicine. They lived in New York City and had two children, John and Sara. Anne taught English in Laurence, NY, and John opened a medical practice. In 1939, Joseph died of tuberculosis at the age of 37. Anne moved home to North Brookfield and began teaching English and drama at NBHS in 1940. She married George Murphy in 1944 and eventually became the Assistant Principal at NBHS. In 2000 she passed away in North Brookfield at the age of 96.

Anne inspired generations of students to appreciate the pleasures of literature. Through this scholarship, additional students are touched by her legacy and assisted toward their academic and professional goals.

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