



Lower Gilmanton Community Club

The Lucile Hawkins Gilman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Lucile Hawkins Gilman, a fierce believer in the importance of education and in the inspired teachers who provide it. Lucile only lived from 1923 to 1957. Her life was brief, but her accomplishments were many. Lucile attended the one-room Kelley Corner Schoolhouse in Lower Gilmanton, graduated from Plymouth Teacher's College (now Plymouth State University), and taught at the

Lincoln Elementary School in Lincoln NH and the Gilmanton Academy.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Amy Osborne Hawkins, who was also a teacher, Lucile lived by the Hawkins values of family, farm and friends. In 1947, at the age of 25, Lucile married Paul E. Gilman, a descendent of the 24 members of the Gilman family, who in addition to 152 other grantees in 1727, were awarded land grants as compensation for defense of the colonies. Paul and Lucile had five living children together. Sadly, Lucile died unexpectedly of pneumonia shortly after the birth of her sixth child, who also passed away. Lucile's many friends and former students remembered her as "an angel on Earth."

This scholarship was established in 1958 by the Lower Gilmanton Community Club (LGCC), where Lucile actively contributed to creating the strong social connections that make Gilmanton a special place to live. Over the years, the scholarship went into a period of dormancy, but has recently been revived by Lucile's eldest daughter, Paula Gilman, in loving tribute to her mother and to continue the Gilmanton tradition of neighbors caring for neighbors.