



*The William A. Koons,  
Joseph A. Koons and John  
Koons Scholarship Fund*



William A. Koons



Joseph A. Koons



John Koons



Eve & Martin Lebowitz



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**T**his scholarship was created in 2005 by Dr. Martin R. and his wife, Eve Lebowitz, in memory of her three brothers, William A., Joseph A., and John Koons. Eve fondly recalls the integrity and diligent work ethic of her siblings who shared a familial bond that survived both economic hardship and life's unpredictable misfortunes.

Relying upon their own determination to get through the difficult times, all three brothers accepted employment as coal miners in the anthracite coal mines in northeastern Pennsylvania. Although a common profession during The Great Depression, coal mining was notorious for its associated physical demands and tremendous health hazards.

Most importantly, they also understood the importance of family and the value of hard work in overcoming adversity. William, the eldest, remained a bachelor until his death in 1993. Joseph and John married and had families. Joseph died in 1980, and John died in 2004.

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Eve was born in Shenandoah, PA. When reminiscing on her earlier years with her brothers, she affectionately recalls listening to live music at venues such as The Tommy Dorsey Band – natives of Shenandoah – and attending the summer theatre in the Tamaqua area.

Eve married Dr. Martin R. Lebowitz, a distinguished philosopher and critic from New York City. Dr. Lebowitz was a graduate of Columbia University. They traveled extensively, lived in Arizona, Rochester, MN, and shared many loving years together until Martin's death in 1993. Eve now resides in Ardsley, NY.

Not a graduate of The University of Scranton, Eve chose to establish a scholarship at the University because she wanted to make a donation to a school in this area to help fund the education of economically disadvantaged people (preferably of Lithuanian descent - her ancestry) from the Shenandoah area.





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