Elbow family remembers loved ones

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Elbow family remembers loved ones with an engraving of Anne the Bethlehem Cemetery, placed on the family plot in monument was recently member in the community. and Girl Scouts.; was an active piano, modern dance, ballet outside interests such as the and student government; with involved in the school paper Anne Elbow, who was a flight home after visiting school students who died in basis in Delmar.

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“Kids developed wandering feet. When they graduated they wanted to travel,” said Meg Elbow. “They found Delmar confusing after we lived abroad.” When news of the crash was heard in the United States, and that a local student had been involved in the tragedy, acknowledgements from state political body members, students and others who had never met Anne were sent to “Elbow” home. “People who never met Anne sent letters because they were so touched,” said Meg Elbow. “She had a twinkle and a sense of humor that brought people to her.” Meg Elbow remembers that the letters she received from friends and classmates of Anne said she was always smiling. “It brought the world to the steps of Delmar,” said Margaret Elbow Conn. She said that the monument was prompted by her father’s death, which also allowed for the opportunity to create a lasting memory for her sister. “The time is O.K. to remind people of what happened.” For the past 30 years, a scholarship in Anne’s name has been given out at the Bethlehem Central High School. The $2,000 award goes to a senior who has helped to promote human understanding and goodwill on a local or global basis. According to Margaret Elbow Conn, the creation of the scholarship was a new idea 30 years ago that has grown over the years and kept the memory of Anne alive in the community by helping the students in the community to forward their own goals. Recent winner Tresne Hernandez was presented the award in May. “I am very honored to be recognized in any way,” said Hernandez, who plans on attending Wesleyan University in the fall. When asked if she planned on studying abroad, Hernandez said, “Definitely, I’m debating between China and Spain.” Family and friends plan on having a small gathering at the monument on Saturday, Aug. 9, to remember both Anne and her father, whose birthday was the day of the crash. Margaret Elbow Conn said she wants to remind the community of two people who have made contributions to their hometown, “It’s an appropriate, permanent acknowledgement of two people who gave a lot in the community.”

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For Meg Elbow and her daughter, Margaret Elbow Conn, the memorial of a sister and a father who are buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery is a permanent acknowledgement of two people who gave to the community and made Delmar their home. In 2005, Margaret’s father, Matthew Elbow, professor emeritus from the University at Albany, died and was buried while his wife Meg Elbow was in the hospital recovering from a spinal injury, unable to attend her husband’s funeral or memorial services.

Matthew Elbow, who during the early 1960s taught on a sabbatical in Lebanon and Turkey, brought a global perspective early on to his young daughters, who were taught from a very early age that the world was bigger than what surrounded them on a daily basis in Delmar.

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Anne Gibson Elbow alongside other students and natives while she attended her foreign exchange program in Peru.

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