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Gold Star sister uses yard sale to raise money for memorial

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Mike Ouellette died while serving in the Marines

MANCHESTER, N.H. —

A Manchester woman used a yard sale on Saturday to make sure her own brother's sacrifice is not forgotten.

Every dollar made from the sale of books, toys, clothing and other items helped Stephanie Ouellette and other Gold Star families move closer to building a monument at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

"The Gold Star Families Monument is the brainchild of a 94-year-old Medal of Honor recipient," Ouellette told WMUR. "He is the last surviving World War II Marine Medal of Honor recipient, and his goal before he passes away is to have one of these monuments in every state."

The monument will recognize Granite State families who have lost loved ones in service to our country.

"They had fathers, brothers, sisters, spouses, children, grandparents, and it's a physical representation of the total family

that lost their loved one."

Ouellette's brother, Corporal Mike Ouellette, died in 2009 while serving in the Marines in Afghanistan.

Ouelette said she hopes the monument will bring a sense of comfort to her family and other Gold Star families.

"Supporting the people who loved them and lost them is a great way to honor their memory," Ouellette said.

\$55,000 is needed to build the monument. You can donate through the [Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation's](#) website.

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