The
Velda C. Hartley

SCHOLARSHIP

Velda Content Hartley was born in Jay County, Indiana in 1910 to Charles and Goldie Hunt Williams. She grew up on a farm, graduated from Poling High School, and attended Fort Wayne Bible College. In December 1929 Velda married E. B. Hartley. Velda was of Quaker background, and he was a Methodist; together, they joined the Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Hartley's shared more than 60 years of marriage and parented three daughters: Phyllis Perkins, Marilyn McKay, and Sharon Mowry.

Fifty years of ministry began in Berne, Indiana in 1933, followed by pastorates in Alexandria, Muncie, and Elkhart, Indiana, and in Moscow, Boise, and Duhu, Idaho. Mrs. Hartley was also a minister in her own right, holding revival services and supply pastoring a rural church. A 1966 car accident left Rev. Hartley, then pastor at East Bakersfield, California, Church of the Nazarene, with extensive injuries. Mrs. Hartley pastored the church for nine months during her husband's recovery. Also vitally involved with the missions program of the Church of the Nazarene, Mrs. Hartley served as District Nazarene World Mission Society President on both the Northeastern Indiana and Central California districts.

Rev. Hartley later served as an associate pastor at Santa Ana, California and Nampa, Idaho College Church, where Mrs. Hartley taught Sunday school classes and ministered in many ways. In 1971, Mrs. Hartley became Children's Pastor at Nampa College Church of the Nazarene, and was a frequent speaker at children's camps in McCall, Idaho. Well known for her counseling ministry, Mrs. Hartley continued to hold retreats and speak in seminars and services well into her 80's. She held a district minister's license on the Intermountain District until her death on April 19, 2000.

Velda Hartley was a woman of prayer who lived up to her name, Content in whatsoever state she found herself. If she struggled with some change or difficulty in her life, her family learned to wait while God talked and she listened. Her positive obedience always resulted in ultimate contentment. Perhaps her greatest gift was her ability to make each person feel special to her and to God. She portrayed God in her life and ministry as a kinder, more merciful Person than most people dared hope.

It is a fitting memorial to her life to honor Velda C. Hartley with a scholarship in her name at Northwest Nazarene University, to help women students preparing for ministry.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be women students of junior class standing or above with a minimum GPA of 2.75, or students returning to school after having been out for several years and who have indicated a desire and intention to serve in some form of ministry. "Ministry" may include an emphasis such as counseling, nursing, music or teaching as well as the more traditional ministerial course of study. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
2. Recipients are to demonstrate positive personal attributes such as spiritual development, leadership, personality, character, motivation and attitude;
3. Recipients are to receive the award in successive years, including years for graduate school, so long as the criteria continue to be met.