Bill and Della Solomon Hopkins were both born in the mid-west, but soon moved west. They met on the Oregon coast and were married January 24, 1927 in Tillamook.

Bill and Della were converted to Christianity in the early 1930’s. They became members of the Hemlock Church of the Nazarene, East Beaver, Oregon in 1945. They were very active in the church during their membership. Bill and Della, neither one having an education beyond the eighth grade, believed in Christian education. They sold out a lumber business and dairy farm in Cloverdale, Oregon, and moved to Nampa in 1950 to place their children in a Christian high school and college.

Bill and Della had five children. All five attended College High School and/or Northwest Nazarene College. Three of the children graduated from NNC. The youngest child, Martha, has been a professor at NNC since 1966.

Bill was a realtor and owned a service station in Nampa. He died on August 10, 1956. Della worked at the Simplot Food Processing Plant for 20 years. She is presently retired in Nampa.

Criteria for the Award

1. Nominees must be sophomore status and above, and must exemplify high Christian and moral characteristics.

2. Full-time student status with a 3.0 GPA is required.

3. Student must be a female athlete in basketball or volleyball.

4. Nominations are to be made by the Athletic Department for approval by the Scholarship Committee.