Margaret Ann Johnson was born in Batesville, Arkansas in 1910 to Asbury and Elizabeth Thompson Chinn. She passed away on November 3, 1997.

Margaret’s grandfather, an early settler in the Batesville area, built the first church and established the first school in the county. Two guiding influences from her parents impacted Margaret in a profound way: a deep faith in God and a strong belief in education.

After high school Margaret married Hale Johnson. Soon four children brightened their union: Francis, Harmon, Norman, and Holland. A fifth child, Carolyn, died as a baby.

Life was not easy for Margaret and her family. In 1943 the family left their Arkansas roots and moved to California to work as farm hands in the San Juaquin Valley. Eventually settling in San Jose, Margaret began a career of thirty years with the Del Monte Canning Corporation, bottling pickles by hand.

Margaret Johnson lived a humble and simple life. God blessed her with an extra measure of thanksgiving and humility, and it took very little to make her happy. Margaret was a very giving person who loved her family and her church and constantly reached out to others with great love. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho, and very active in the Esther Carson Missionary Chapter.

It is a fitting memorial to her life to honor her with a scholarship in her name which will help young people further their education at Northwest Nazarene College.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed 4 years;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

* A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived. Gifts to NNC's Endowed Scholarship Program become a "helping hand" to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Development Office, NNC, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8842.