Raymond Kratzer was born on March 15, 1911, in Denver, Colorado. His family were vital members of Denver First Church of the Nazarene. Rosamond was born in College Mound, Missouri, on March 7, 1911. Her father was preparing for ministry when he became ill with tuberculosis and passed away at a very young age. She moved with her mother and sister to Denver, Colorado. Raymond and Rosamond attended the same high school and say it was “love at first sight” when they met at age sixteen. They were married on May 3, 1932 - a marriage that lasted seventy-two years.

The Kratzers began their pastoral ministry in 1938 in Arlington, Oregon. They moved to Moscow, Idaho, in 1943 and then to Nampa First Church of the Nazarene in 1952. At Nampa First, Rev. Kratzer had a group of young men called into ministry which he called, “Young Theologs”. This group included his son, Ron. He encouraged them in many ways and often gave them an opportunity to preach. In 1960, Raymond was appointed to be the District Superintendent of the Northwest District, where he served for nineteen years. He served for twenty-five years as a regent for Northwest Nazarene University.

The Kratzers had a passion for ministry. They influenced many young pastors and wives by their dedication and example of what it means to serve God and the Church - the highest calling.

Criteria for the Award

Recipients are to be students who are preparing for lives of service in ministry.

Recipients are to be students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who meet the additional criteria of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund Program.

Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.

Nominations for this award are to be made through the School of Theology and Christian Ministries and the Office of Financial Aid.

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