Elizabeth Kissee List was born September 5, 1923 in Mt. Zion, Missouri, one of ten children in the family of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Kissee. Her father was a minister in the Methodist Church who later transferred his ministry to the Church of the Nazarene. The family moved often as Rev. Kissee accepted different church assignments. Rev. and Mrs. Kissee moved the family to Nampa, Idaho so the children could attend Northwest Nazarene College.

Elizabeth graduated from the Academy High School in 1941. She enrolled in Pasadena College in the fall of 1945 and traveled with a ladies trio representing the college. One of their concerts was at the Upland Church of the Nazarene. It was a historic event, for it was there she met a young man named John List. John was so impressed with Elizabeth that he left Chaffey College and enrolled at Pasadena to be near her. Since Elizabeth was planning to be a nurse, John decided he would become a doctor. It was the fall of 1946.

John and Elizabeth became engaged after dating for three weeks and were married June 15, 1947. That fall John and Elizabeth transferred to Northwest Nazarene College so Elizabeth could enroll in the nursing program at Samaritan Hospital. John graduated from college in 1949 and Elizabeth from nurses’ training a year later. She put him through medical school by working as a nurse. To their marriage were born three sons: Richard, Douglas and Bradford. Together John and Elizabeth opened a medical practice. In 1965 they moved to Long Beach so John could specialize in surgery. In 1968 they adopted their daughter Deanna. In 1979 the Lists moved to Auburn, California where John became a respected surgeon.

In 1971 Elizabeth began a women’s Bible study at the Long Beach Church of the Nazarene, with more than 300 women in attendance. When she came to Auburn she did the same thing, launching a women’s Bible study that continues to be effective. Elizabeth will be greatly missed.

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. Recipients are to be nursing students, either undergraduate or post-baccalaureate, with enrollment status of half-time or above.
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Nursing and the Office of Financial Aid.

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