James and Geraldine Love were each born and reared in the mid-west. They were married, and in 1942 moved to Oregon with their daughter, Merridee. Members of the Oregon City Church of the Nazarene for over thirty years, they supported NNC through donations, attending all NNC-sponsored events in the Portland area, feeding and housing Crusader Choir members, and sending Merridee to NNC.

James and Geraldine, known to many on campus as "Roe and Mem", often visited NNC from 1954 through 1958 while Merridee was pursuing her A.B. in Elementary Education. Although James was not seen as a great leader, the light of his Christian life gave forth a small but constant glow. Geraldine was a doer, active in box work for missionaries as a way of expressing her love for Christ.

The Loves were both rural school teachers in Iowa. They were firm believers in the value of a Christian education, and in the value of the influence of a dedicated Christian teacher.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. This scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Elementary Education, who shows ability and interest as a prospective, dedicated teacher.

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

3. Nominations are to be submitted by the Education Department for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

4. The general award requirements, including a minimum 2.0 GPA, apply.