The
John & Ruby Mittleider
SCHOLARSHIP

Given by Al and Dorothy Anderson in memory of her parents, the John and Ruby Mittleider Scholarship is awarded with a strong preference given to individuals whose parents are not college graduates. The youngest of nine children, Dorothy was blessed by her parents' provision for her college education and realizes what an impact education can have on the quality of life.

A German born in Russia, John Mittleider emigrated to the U.S. with his family in 1899 at the age of four. The family homesteaded in North Dakota for a few years before moving to the Blackfoot, Idaho area. During army service in World War I, John incurred severe injuries and was reported killed in action. Even after receiving his death certificate, John's praying mother did not believe that he was dead. In fact, when picked up by the Germans, John's ability to speak the German language aided him in his transport to and care in the hospital.

 Upon his discharge from the military, John enrolled in business school in Boise, Idaho to become an electrician. It was in Boise that he met Ruby Squire, whom he married in 1923. Being fiercely independent, John preferred to be his own boss and returned to farming. What he lacked in education, he made up for by hard work.

Ruby Squire Mittleider did not have the opportunity for even a high school education. She became a domestic worker at an early age, then became a wife and a mother to nine children.

John and Ruby became Christians after they were married, and were dedicated leaders in their church. John served as a deacon and Ruby as an adult Sunday school teacher and leader for the women's missionary group. Ruby died in 1969; John died in 1980.

Because of John and Ruby's blessing in providing financially for a college education, Dorothy graduated from NNU in 1960. While teaching in California she met and married Al Anderson, a graduate of Oregon State University who earned a master's degree at the University of Santa Clara.

"It is our prayer that this scholarship will bless and benefit those selected recipients."

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. Preference in awarding shall be given to individuals whose parents are not college graduates.
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed 4 years.
5. 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 NNU'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 Office of University Advancement, NNU, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8772.