Years before the children of Reynold and Lillian Peterson were old enough to attend college, their parents endorsed only Northwest Nazarene College as their choice of college for their children's education. Although not members of a Nazarene Church until many years later, they learned that NNC was a highly recognized institution of higher education. Confronted with obstacles prevalent during the Great Depression, college education was parent mandated with the assurance that God would "make all things possible." Daughter Louise enrolled in the fall of 1937 and graduated in 1941 with a Bachelor's degree which provided her secondary teacher certification. Her sister, Eddyth, enrolled in 1939 and also graduated in 1941 with a normal certificate qualifying her for elementary school teaching.

Reynold and Lillian were thoroughly blessed and rewarded when they arrived in a borrowed car to attend the commencement of their two daughters. The family is confident that the awarding of an annual scholarship to students engaged in teacher education study is an appropriate means of commemorating the memory of Louise Peterson Steen and her parents, Reynold and Lillian A. Peterson.

Criteria for the Award

1. Scholarship awards are to be divided equally between students majoring in elementary and secondary education.

2. The award is to be based on both scholarship and financial need, with preference given to students who have participated in campus life.

3. The student must have attained junior status and the award may be given for the subsequent year.

4. Nominations shall be made through the Education Department.

5. The general requirements for full-time student status and a minimum 2.75 GPA apply.

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, 523 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8842.