Brian Lee Plopper was born in Nampa, Idaho, on January 29, 1968. His family moved to Spokane, Washington, when Brian was a child. Active in school and church, he was also close to his family and had many family memories. After high school Brian attended Northwest Nazarene College and underwent serious spiritual growth as well as feeling God's call to church ministry. He graduated from NNC in 1990 and became a youth pastor in Hood River, Oregon.

In 1992, Brian began seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He became reacquainted with Julie Horschel, whom he met at NNC, and they were married in July 1994. Stephen was born in 1997 and Trenton in 2000. Brian was a family man who loved his boys and his wife. He took them to ball games, parks, vacations, and museums. Brian loved the great outdoors, hunting, fishing, and sports - especially football. In 2003, Brian led his family in a faith move to Staples, Minnesota, and God was faithful in supplying all of their needs.

On his way to work November 22, 2004, Brian died in a single car accident on an icy road. At the time of Brian's death, he was planning to take home study courses to become an ordained minister one day.

Brian loved God and all of God's people. He had a heart for those going into church ministry and an understanding of the huge financial cost for education and the low salary many ministers receive. Brian wanted to help others complete their education without the burden of school loans. It is his family's wish to honor Brian by awarding this scholarship to students preparing for lives of service in ministry.

**Criteria for the Award**

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

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

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

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

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