The
Inez Tomlinson Smith

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Inez Tomlinson Smith, the oldest of five children, was born in Carbon, Texas in 1920 to Ada and John Burns. A farmer who raised cotton and corn, John Burns moved his family to west Texas when Inez was a young child. Life was very hard on the farm, and it took the efforts of the whole family to make ends meet. Ada Burns died when Inez was eleven years old.

In 1933, during the worst part of the Depression, the family moved to California. Life was a little better there, and Inez was taken to Sunday school and church at the Church of the Nazarene in Ojai, California. There she gave her heart to the Lord as a young teenager and has remained a Nazarene all of her life.

Inez graduated from Lompoc High School in June of 1940. It was there that she met Pratt Tomlinson. After Pratt and Inez were married in October 1943, Pratt joined the Navy and was sent to active duty in Guam, where he remained for the next three years. After returning from Guam and leaving the military, Pratt and Inez moved to Fresno, California.

Inez has one daughter, Janice, married to Lanny York.

Inez has always had a place in her heart for education, having worked as a teacher's aid in a Christian school and taught Sunday school for over 25 years. This scholarship has been established for the benefit of NNU students who also have a passion for helping children learn.

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. Scholarships awards will be given to students who are majoring in Elementary Education;

3. This scholarship may be renewed for a maximum of four years, renewable annually upon the maintenance of a 3.0 GPA;

4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Education and/or the Office of Financial Aid.

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