William Bert Tracy was born in Raven Den Springs, Arkansas on November 12, 1907. He married Chlo Brookshire in Oklahoma City in 1930. They had three children: Bill, Jo Ann and Tom. Two children attended NNC.

Bert Tracy was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and served on church boards for many years in Los Angeles, California and Richland, Washington. He was a supporter of a number of ministries and a contributor to colleges training minority ministers.

Bert established summer athletic teams for youth. He believed athletics offered a way to turn neighborhoods into brotherhoods. He is remembered for his generosity, friendly spirit and commitment to helping the needy. He encouraged everyone to help people encountering personal difficulties. He privately helped many troubled people.

Bert died on August 1, 1980. This scholarship represents his devoted family’s love. It reflects his love for basketball and baseball and his thrill in witnessing the personal achievement of young people.

Criteria for the Award

1. The recipient of this scholarship is to be a male athlete participating in basketball.

2. Recommendations are to be made by the basketball coach to the Financial Aid Committee for approval.

3. Athletic ability and financial need are to be two of the major considerations in making the selection of the recipient.

4. In the event that the intercollegiate basketball program at NNC is discontinued, the scholarship would be available to provide assistance to an athlete in some area of the sports program. In this event, recommendation would be made by the Athletic Department to the Financial Aid Committee for approval.

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