The
Rev. Percy James Bartram

Percy James Bartram, the fifth of seven children, was born on August 27, 1899 in London, England. At age 13, he made public witness to his faith in Christ during a Methodist revival in Niagara Falls. He moved to Calgary, Alberta in 1916, where he testified in a union church rally, “Percy Bartram is my name, Canada is my nation, Calgary is my dwelling place, and Christ is my salvation.” Christian faith and the Church of the Nazarene were great factors in his life.

Percy was associated with Canadian Nazarene College and graduated from Northwest Nazarene College (now University) in 1926. His senior year Percy served as student body president, and married Annie Kerr on October 2, 1925. At the time of his death on January 9, 2001, Rev. Bartram was the oldest living alumnus of Northwest Nazarene University.

Rev. Bartram pastored Nazarene churches in Weiser, Idaho; Lethbridge and Rimbey, Alberta; Jamestown, North Dakota; Oakland, California, First; Wichita, Kansas, First; and Spokane First and Vancouver Hillcrest in Washington. He also served four months as interim pastor at Portland, Oregon, First Church. Rev. Bartram became a member of Portland Central Nazarene in December 1997. Throughout his years of ministry, Rev. Bartram served on District Advisory Boards, the General Board, and many department committees of the general church.

Percy Bartram was well loved by his two daughters, Gladys Borden and Lois Dikes, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren, and his church family over the years.

Throughout the forty-seven years of his pastoral ministry, Rev. Bartram often quoted King David, “The lines are fallen to me in pleasant places; indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me;” and “We have set the Lord always before us! Because He is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.” (Psalm 16:6,8)

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

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4. Nominations for this award shall be made through the Office of Financial Aid and/or the Department of Religion.

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