The Cole/Repetto Scholarship has been endowed with funds provided by two different families

Clara Cole was a native of Nebraska and a graduate of the Methodist School of Nursing in Omaha. Clara worked as the Public Health Nurse in Loup County for ten years before moving to Denver, Colorado, to work at St. Luke's Hospital. She also nursed in California and in Eugene, Oregon, before moving to Nampa, Idaho, to retire. Clara spent her last years in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, where she died in 1985 at the age of 89.

Clara loved the outdoors and spent hours working in her yard. She also enjoyed traveling and photography. Clara became a member of Christ's Church as a young girl and served as a church school teacher and youth leader. She joined the Church of the Nazarene in Eugene and was a member of the Scottsbluff Church at the time of her death.

Walter R. Reppetto was born March 24, 1903, in Higgins, Texas, and grew up in Higgins and Fargo, Oklahoma. Walter farmed for a few years before entering the Southern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He returned to farming later and also taught Sunday School and was a lay speaker in several churches. Walter attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and also took an auto mechanics course. Shirley (Stites) Reppetto was born February 12, 1927, in Union County, New Mexico. She grew up and attended schools in New Mexico and Dalhart, Texas. Shirley went to work as a switchboard operator for a military installation near Dalhart in 1944.

In 1946 Walter and Shirley met and were married in Clayton, New Mexico. They lived in Dalhart, Texas, and were active in the Southern Baptist Church. They moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1951 and attended the First Baptist Church, where they were active on the church board, in their Sunday School class, and served on various committees. Walter was also an usher, serving until four months before his death in 1982.

Walter worked at a Buick agency for several years before joining the Auto Mechanics staff at the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) in 1967, where he was employed until his death. Shirley was a stay-at-home mom for several years and spent time at her daughters' schools, Camp Fire, and Girl Scouts. In 1977 Shirley began her career at CSI as the switchboard operator and was known as the "Voice of CSI" until her retirement in 1995. Shirley passed away on July 2, 2006.

Walter and Shirley had two daughters, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Their daughter Cindy graduated from NNU in 1985 and resides in East Wenatchee, Washington, with her family. Their daughter Carol and her family live in Kimberly, Idaho.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and worthy character who have financial need and who show promise of future service.

2. Students may apply by using Departmental Scholarship Applications.

3. Nominations are to be made by the Director of Financial Aid for Scholarship Committee approval.

4. The general requirements for full-time student status and a 2.00 minimum GPA apply.

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