G. Donald Craker was born in Wisconsin on December 9, 1912. He graduated from Boise High School and earned a Bible Certificate from Northwest Nazarene College in 1947.

On October 5, 1934 he married Lydia Alice Malpass in Boise, Idaho. They had three children: Gilbert, Velma and Randall, all of whom attended Northwest Nazarene College.

Rev. Craker's forty years of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene, all in the state of Washington, included pastorates in Carson, Pullman, Goldendale, Zillah, Spokane Crestline and Spokane Valley. His commitment to the Northwest District included sixteen years serving as District Secretary in addition to his involvement on a variety of boards and working in the camping program.

He died on September 23, 1987 and is fondly remembered for his compassionate way with people of all ages, and for his faithfulness and loving service.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Scholarships shall be awarded to students who are preparing for full-time preaching ministry.

2. Scholarship and financial need are factors to be considered in making the award.

3. Candidates shall be nominated by the Division of Philosophy and Religion or by any other interested party.

4. Preference shall be given to upper division students and nominees from the Northwest District, Church of the Nazarene.

5. The general requirements for full-time student status and a minimum 2.5 GPA apply.