Ralph S. Crum and Lou B. Strahm were married June 16, 1939 at the Strahm Dairy family home near Arlington, Oregon. Rev. Raymond Kratzer performed the wedding ceremony and later, the renewal vows for their 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Ralph and Lou moved to Ione, Oregon in September 1946 with their two children, Bonnie and Jack. They became wheat ranchers and added Bob, Monte, and Kathy to their family. Bonnie, Jack, Monte, and Kathy all attended Northwest Nazarene College. The ranch continues to be owned and operated by the family.

In 1953, Ralph and Lou helped establish a Nazarene Church in the Ione area. The Rev. Wilfred C. McKay's were the first to pastor at Ione and became lifelong family friends. The Nazarene Church moved to the neighboring town of Heppner where it is still serving almost 50 years later. Ralph and Lou also supported the Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Umatilla and Juniper Districts by serving on the board and Lou teaching after-school classes.

Ralph and Lou were privileged to travel abroad, visiting the Holy Land and many other countries. Ralph represented the U. S. Agricultural Program under President Eisenhower's People to People plan. Ralph and Lou visited our capitol in Washington, D.C. and attended wheat conferences in a number of states.

Both coming from large families, the Crum home was a gathering place for many wonderful occasions. Ralph and Lou always felt blessed by the Lord through their years. They shared these blessings by their generosity in sponsoring children to camps, conferences, and colleges, and their commitment to Christian guidance and education for young people.

**Award Criteria**

1. Recipients are to be students who have a desire and intention to use their education in some form of ministry. "Ministry" should be interpreted to include preparing for ministry as a pastor, teacher, nurse, physician, counselor, or musician and include ministry as a Christian partner, parent, and homemaker.

2. A freshman student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 to obtain the scholarship award. A student who has already attended college should have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in the college courses to be eligible for the award. Students receiving this scholarship must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 as of the end of each academic year and maintain full-time student status.

3. Recipients are to be students with positive personal attributes, character motivation and attitude, and show potential for involvement in extracurricular activities. Recipients shall receive the award in successive years (not to exceed undergraduate) provided the initial selection criteria continue to be met.

4. The Financial Aid Office shall evaluate eligible students to determine if financial need criteria is met.

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