Peter DeWaard came to the United States, from the Netherlands, in 1902 at the age of 12. The family settled in Corsica, South Dakota. There Peter met and married Jessie Plooster. They farmed in the Corsica area their entire lives.

The DeWaard's daughter, Elizabeth, came to NNC in the fall of 1934. In 1936 she earned a teacher's certificate from NNC's Normal School. In 1935 she met fellow student Earl Coryell. They were married in June 1939.

Elizabeth taught school at the elementary level for 43 years, all in the Meridian School District. Earl, meanwhile, schooled at NNC for three years until an automobile accident forced a withdrawal. Subsequently, he entered the plumbing vocation and operated his own business for 20 years.

Elizabeth and Earl have one son, Marshall, who graduated from NNC in 1965, and now has a successful law practice in Anchorage, Alaska. They also have one grandson, Marshall Bryce Coryell.

The Coryells are proud to say, "We have attended the Meridian Nazarene Church continuously since 1934."

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Awards are to be made to incoming freshmen who plan an elementary education teaching career.

2. The student shall have maintained at least a 2.5 GPA through his/her high school career.

3. The award will be renewable at the completion of the freshman year and may be continued for subsequent years upon recommendation of the Department Head of Education and approved by the Scholarship Committee.

4. Nominees must be full-time, have a minimum 2.4 GPA and meet other general scholarship requirements.

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