Marvin Eppes was born in West Fork, Arkansas September 23, 1926. During his childhood years he moved with his family to Idaho and Oregon.

Geraldine (Gerry) Taylor was born in Spokane, Washington October 26, 1927, and grew up in Sandpoint, Idaho. She moved with her family to Roseburg, Oregon in the 1940's where she and Marvin met while both were students at Roseburg High School.

During World War II, Marvin served in the U.S. Army in Europe where he was a personal bodyguard for Generals Collins and Mark Clark. On his return from the service, he and Gerry were married on December 26, 1946.

They have four children, D'Ann (Waggoner), Darlene (Brasch), Dixie (Nash) and David. Marvin, Gerry and their children all attended Northwest Nazarene College. In addition, their sons-in-law, Carl Waggoner, John Brasch and Jim Nash, are NNC alumni.

In 1951 Marvin and Gerry moved to Alaska to assist Lee Hopkins in starting a new Church of the Nazarene in Seward. Shortly thereafter they started fishing commercially. Their operations now include set net salmon fishing near Kenai, Alaska, boat fishing at Bristol Bay, and salt water fish farming in British Columbia. Throughout the years, they have provided summer employment to many NNC students.

Both Marvin and Gerry are long-time active members of the Church of the Nazarene where they have served in a variety of leadership assignments.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. This scholarship is to be awarded for the recruitment and/or retention of students whose athletic ability will enhance the Girls Volleyball Program.

2. Financial need shall not be a factor in the award.

3. Nominations shall be made by the Volleyball Coach to the Athletic Department for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

4. General scholarship requirements, including a minimum 2.0 GPA, apply.

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