The John & Ruth Hocker

SCHOLARSHIP

John Hocker was born in Clarkston, Washington, December 14, 1920. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in Yakima, Washington. He then enrolled in the United States Navy and was stationed in Glenview, Illinois.

Ruth Drapeau was born in New Milford, Connecticut, March 10, 1924. She attended St. Mary's College, a Catholic women's college located adjacent to Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana.

John and Ruth were set up on a blind date by their best friends. They were married on April 29, 1944, at St. Victor's Church in Calumet, Illinois. They have five daughters, Elaine Stone, Karen Erickson, Marsha Lachelt, Jan Robertson and Jeannie Nordquist. Along with their five daughters, they have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Both John are Ruth have been faithful servants of the Catholic Church.

In 1996, John and Ruth Hocker helped their granddaughter, Lisa (Erickson) Sliger, attend Northwest Nazarene University on a volleyball scholarship. Thanks to her grandparents' financial, spiritual and emotional support, Lisa graduated from NNU in 2000. She and Jared returned to NNU in 2005 to coach the women's volleyball team.

On February 9, 1999, John Hocker passed away from complications associated with prostate cancer. Ruth Hocker resides in Olympia, Washington near family and friends. This scholarship was established by Jared and Lisa Sliger in remembrance and appreciation for John and Ruth's encouragement and love.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students who will participate in the women's intercollegiate volleyball program at NNU.
2. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion.
3. Preference will be given to an education major.
4. Financial need shall not be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
6. Nominations for this award are to be made by the head Women's Volleyball Coach to the Athletic Department in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid.