Barbara Holmquist was born in Sheridan, Wyoming. She moved with her mother to Phoenix, Arizona where she grew up and attended grade school. In 1967 they moved to Boise, Idaho where Barbara finished junior high school and graduated with honors from Capital High School.

Barbara enrolled at Northwest Nazarene College (now University). Her desire almost from the beginning was to devote her life to teaching. Barbara's love for literature of all types and a passion to help others see the value in "reading well" set the course for her future as a teacher. Graduating from NNC in 1972, Barbara went to work immediately, teaching at Lakeview Elementary School in Nampa. She later transferred to the Boise School District and taught at Garfield Elementary. For more than sixteen years, Barbara taught reading and journalism at Boise South Junior High where she was really in her element.

While at NNC Barbara met Robin Holmquist, and they were married in 1971. While teaching and raising children Jenifer and Jonathan, in 1981 Barbara earned her Master's Degree in Education. Jenifer followed her mother in becoming a teacher, graduating from NNU in 2001.

Barbara's strong faith and trust in her Lord and Savior guided her in all walks of life. She was active in her church and an inspiration to all who knew her. Her heart's plea to family, friends and associates was that each one would know and serve the Lord faithfully. Barbara's lifetime scripture was Isaiah 40:28—31; her Hope was surely in the Lord.

Barbara Holmquist went to be with the Lord on October 2, 2003. This scholarship has been established by family and friends to commemorate Barbara's life and her love of education.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion.
2. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
3. Preference in awarding shall be given to students pursuing a teaching degree in Language Arts.
4. Recipients may receive the award in up to four successive years.
5. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Teacher Education in consultation with the Office of Financial Aid.

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