Donald (Don) Edward Keller was born on May 1, 1949, in Woodburn, Oregon. He graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. While at NNC, Don was involved in many music groups including the Northwesterners, Crusader Choir, and Concert Band. He also was a member of the Crusader Cross Country and Track teams. Don met Libby Moench, an elementary school teacher, at NNC and they were married in 1972. He went on to teach junior high and high school choirs and elementary school music in Burns, OR; Kelso, WA; and Grand Ronde, OR. He earned a Master’s degree in Music Education and Administrative Certificate from Portland State University in the 1980’s. Don served as a principal in the Willamina (Oregon) School District for 18 years, most recently at Willamina Elementary School.

Don had a passion for music and education. He was involved in church choirs and orchestras throughout his life. Music was important to Don at his school as well, and kids remember him as the principal who faithfully sang “Happy Birthday” to every student in the school! Don loved having a career in education and was proud to be a graduate from Northwest Nazarene University. He believed that all of us should be “life-long learners.” His children, Sara and Tim, both graduated from NNU.

Don was involved in his church and community. He enjoyed traveling and taking vacations (especially to the beach) with his family.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients must be junior or senior students majoring in Education.
2. Recipients are to be students who are involved in music on campus and/or in a local church.
3. Recipients are to be people of strong Christian commitment and character.
4. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.
5. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
6. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Education in consultation with the Office of Financial Aid.

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