Monty and Marieta (Mathison) Lee are native North Dakotans. Both came from large families; nine brothers and sisters in Marieta’s family and seven in Monty’s family. All but one of Monty’s brothers and sisters attended Northwest Nazarene College, establishing a connection which would extend from generation to generation.

Monty and Marieta met in 1937, nurtured their relationship in the fruit orchards of Yakima, Washington, and accepted the Lord through the ministry of Yakima First Church of the Nazarene. They were married at Marieta’s family home in Jamestown, North Dakota on January 1, 1940. Monty and Marieta moved to Nampa in 1941 where they both attended NNC and began an association with the college which has left a rich heritage. Monty taught at NNC from 1946-53 and coached basketball, baseball, track and field, and cross country.

The Lee’s have two children: LeiLani Jackson, elementary principal in Tacoma, Washington, and LaMont Robert, clinical psychologist in Temecula, California.

Criteria for the Award

1. Earnings from the scholarship will be used to provide assistance for student athletes participating in sports other than men’s and women’s basketball. Men and women are to be given equal consideration for this award;

2. Financial need should be considered;

3. Recipients shall have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above;

4. Total annual awards shall not exceed 90% of earnings on the fund;

5. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Athletics for approval by the Office of Financial Aid.

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