



PERCY & BETTY MORRISON

Memorial Scholarship

Percy and Betty Morrison were one of the founding families to begin Mount Vernon Nazarene (College) University. They loved the school and felt they were called by God to move to Mount Vernon, Ohio, to help begin this great school. The story of how the Morrisons came to MVNC is an example of finding and following God's will.

Percy and Betty were residents of Irwin, Pennsylvania, for many years. Their first date was attending a revival service where they went to the altar hand in hand and gave their lives to Jesus. They never looked back from that commitment. They were married and raised their family of six children. They were founding members of the Circleville, Pennsylvania Church of the Nazarene. Percy served many years as a church board member and Betty was the church organist and a Sunday School teacher.

Scholarship Criteria:

Established in 2000 in memory of Percy Morrison, this scholarship is awarded to students who are unable to attend without financial assistance. The student must be deemed worthy, as determined by the Awarding Committee. If no one meets qualifying criteria, the scholarship will be awarded to someone who most closely meets the criteria.

The church built an addition in 1966 and asked Dr. Stephen Nease to be the speaker for the dedication service. Dr. Nease mentioned that the denomination had asked him to begin a new college in Ohio. Percy told Dr. Nease to call him if he ever needed a builder. Dr. Nease did just that. By May 1967, the Morrisons had made the move to Mount Vernon where Percy became the first superintendent of buildings and grounds. Percy's experience as a general contractor made him a jack of all trades. He built the first President's home and supervised the construction of all the buildings on campus until his retirement in 1983. Betty became the first telephone operator and continued in that job until she retired in 1983. Betty often testified to family, friends and students: "I'm thankful that Percy and I obeyed the Holy Spirit. When God calls you to do something, obey no matter the cost. God will provide whatever you need to do His will. Follow Jesus and never look back."

