

LAWRENCE & GRACIA HERBERT

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gracia Lorena Smith was always adventurous. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa and taught school for four years. She went to France with the Red Cross after WWII to help servicemen before they returned home. After WWII she met her husband, Larry Herbert, a recently returned veteran. Larry was an excellent businessman who opened and operated a variety of businesses when they lived in Tampa, Florida and Lamoni, Iowa.

Travel was a special passion for them and they lived on the road several years, pulling an Airstream trailer, visiting almost every state - many of them twice. They had no children of their own, but everyone they met became a part of their family. After their travels, Gracia and Larry settled in Bolivar, Missouri for the remainder of their retirement years. Larry passed away in April 2013 at age 93 and Gracia passed away in January 2020 at the age of 100.

Although Larry had not been able to complete a formal education, they both knew the advantages and costs of having a college degree. To help with college expenses, Larry and Gracia provided a generous gift to the Missouri United Methodist Foundation which provides scholarships to students at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri or Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.



Gracia and Lawrence Herbert (Circa 1947)



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