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# G. & E. McPherson Family Scholarship

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(Provided by Maurice and Kathryn Mitchell of Turpin, OK)

The G. & E. McPherson Family Music Scholarship is in honor of Guy and Edith McPherson. Guy and Edith McPherson, as well as family members, had a deep love and appreciation for music. Two of the family members graduated with degrees in Music, one from PAMC in 1951.

Family members are as follows:

Norman McPherson, San Antonio, TX – B.S. Business from Phillips University (deceased)

Patricia McPherson Williams, Indio, CA – Music Education, PAMC, 1951

Kathryn McPherson Mitchell, Turpin, OK - Elementary Education, PAMC, 1956 – wife of Maurice Mitchell

James McPherson, Muskogee, OK–Master degree, Phillips University–Music-Instrumental, 1960-retired Band Instructor



Kathryn McPherson was born October 16, 1934 in Snyder, TX. Her parents were Guy and Edith Foster McPherson. Her father was a minister and served churches in Snyder, TX, Hobart and Claremore, OK. In 1947, her parents moved to Hooker, OK and she graduated from Hooker High School in 1952.

She enrolled at PAMC in the fall of 1952. While at PAMC, she sang in the college choir for 4 years.

She also completed 2 years of organ instruction. She graduated with an elementary education degree in the spring of 1956 from PAMC.

Kathryn McPherson and Maurice Mitchell were married June 15, 1956.

As an elementary teacher, she taught school at Gruver, TX, Beaver, OK and Buffalo, OK. She taught school for 17 years.

Kathryn has been a church organist since she was a high school freshman. Currently she is serving as the church organist for the First Christian Church, Hooker, OK.

Kathryn is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma (teacher's sorority) and the Eureka Denim and Lace, homemakers club.

Maurice Mitchell was born April 25, 1931 in western Beaver County, OK. His parents were James L. and Thelma Sherrill Mitchell. He attended Adams schools in Adams, OK. He graduated from Adams High School in 1950.

He enrolled at PAMC in Goodwell, OK in the fall of 1950. While at PAMC, he played the trombone for 2 years in the PAMC band. He also participated in the soil and crop judging teams and represented Panhandle State in state and national contests. Maurice graduated from PAMC in the spring of 1954 with a degree in field crops and soils (Agronomy).

He was employed by the Soil Conservation Services (USDA) from 1955 to 1966. He worked for SCS as an engineering aide, soil scientist and soil conservationist. While at SCS, he helped complete and publish standard soil surveys for Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma (1956-1960). He has also served Texas County Farm Service Agency as a county committeeman for 9 years.

Maurice has been actively engaged in farming for 66 years. He and his wife Kathryn farm 3,000 acres in northeastern Texas County, OK. Their farm headquarters is located 1 mile south and 2 miles west of Baker, OK.