

## **The Cecil and Kathleen Turner Music Endowed Scholarship**

The Cecil and Kathleen Turner Music Scholarship was established in 2002 by their four children, who are all Wayland Baptist University graduates. Vicki Hicks graduated in 1971, Eddie Turner in 1972, Kathie Jackson in 1974 and Terri Burke in 1978. All four were members of the International Choir.

Cecil and Kathleen moved to Hale Center, Texas in the spring of 1951 and, soon after, began a relationship with Wayland College. Kathleen enrolled in religion classes and she and Cecil also began opening their home to foreign students during the holidays. They were members of the First Baptist Church in Hale Center, where Cecil was a Deacon and Sunday school teacher. Kathleen taught Sunday school and was the associational and district YWA director for many years. The Turners loved music, and Cecil sang in the church choir for over 30 years. Although Kathleen never sang in a choir, she raised one. Her four children and nine grandchildren all became singers. For many years she took all four of her children to piano lessons and children's choir, and while at Wayland, two majored in music and one minored. During their children's time at Wayland, they provided a nice piano for the students to practice on.

Kathleen was the director of nurses for the South Plains College LVN program on the Wayland campus for 10 years.