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The Grice brothers would meet the Luman

sisters at Monroe Hall and escort them
to a movie at the Illinois Theatre, to the

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Giving Back to Western

Western Illinois University alumnus George Grice is no stranger when it comes to giving back to his alma mater.

Since 1985, Grice has established four Grice Family Education Scholarships, including the Wrenn R. & Evelyn J. Grice Scholarship, named in honor of his parents; the Jessie Fern Routh Grice Scholarship, named in honor of his grandmother; the Carol J. Grice Major Scholarship, named in honor of his older sister and the Leanne L. Grice Porch Scholarship, named in honor of his younger sister. Like George, each of these family members attended Western and became teachers. And the Charles William Sr. and Josephine Luma Grice Scholarship, in honor of his Uncle Bill and Aunt Jo. Similar to the other four scholarships, this new scholarship will assist Western students majoring in education, 40. She roomed with her sister, Evelyn. Valedictorian of her high school class, Jo studied education along with home economics. Bill joined his older brother, Wrenn, at Western attending from 1936-40. He combined his love of science with a passion for music.

married the following year. Bill accepted a teaching position at Wyand High School, where he taught science and worked with the band and choir. But his work would soon be interrupted by World War II.

On Oct. 23, 1944, Bill's mother, Fern, Wrenn and Jo took him to the CB&Q station in Galesburg IL, where he would begin the train ride to be processed for overseas duty. Wrenn would later remember this as "a last goodbye. On Nov. 6, 1944, the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise left Pearl Harbor with Bill aboard.

Mike R. Vining, SGM USA (Retired) wrote the following about the USS Enterprise, where Ensign Grice was assigned to the Mobile Explosives Investigation Unit:

At that time, the Enterprise was part of a task force supporting landings on Okinawa as part of Operation Iceberg. At dawn on May 14, 1945, the task force was attacked by about 28 single-engine planes as part of Japanese code name Kikusui (Floating Chrysanthemum). Six later, one suicide kamikaze Mitsubishi used from her stern. The kamikaze pilot crashed resulting explosion blasted most of the ship's forward elevator more than 400 feet in the air.

The Enterprise was put out of operation, but was able to maintain her place in the formation.



Bill Grice, Wrenn Grice and Harry Grice, May 23. Bill Grice was relieved and Harry Grice informing Jo that her husband had been killed in action on May 14.

"It is a way to honor the past and invest in the future," Grice said. "Scholarships enable us to recruit, retain and reward quality teachers. I can't

George Grice has been so generous to Western Illinois University. We are grateful for his desire to focus his giving on helping future educators," shared Brad Bainter, vice president for Advancement and Public Services. "By assisting current education majors, George's contributions will not only impact today's Western students but the students they will educate in the future. This is a gift that will keep on giving."

Retired Army Sergeant Major Mike R. Vining researched and published articles on Naval history and expeditions.

area needing help. This was a great opportunity to do my part," he said.

Tomlinson's family is Leatherneck-strong. His father, Bill, graduated from WIU in 1943, with a degree in mathematics, and he was a classmate of WIU alumnus and long-time WIU Mathematics Professor Joe Stipanowich.

"WIU was the source of our education and we were well prepared upon graduation," said Timothy Tomlinson, who has established two fully endowed scholarships to help Western Illinois University students. Tim wants to help grow another generation of "capable professionals," and he hopes the two newly created Tomlinson scholarships will do just that.

Tim, a 1971 and 1973 mathematics graduate, was commissioned in June 1971 through the WIU ROTC program as a Distinguished Military Graduate. He went on to a successful career in the Army, retiring in 1995 as a Lieutenant Colonel, and having commanded a battalion. His scholarship, the Timothy E. Tomlinson Mathematics Scholarship, will be awarded to a full-time undergraduate student majoring in mathematics with a career goal of teaching math to students.

"I had known since being in the Test and Evaluation Command that the military considered mathematics as a critically weak

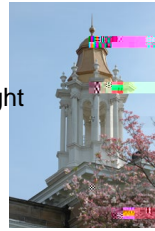


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"In these tight budget times, trips like this might not get funded or faculty might



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