

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
**CARL AND VIRGINIA NEMETHI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Established 2006



**Virginia Nemethi & Carl Nemethi**  
1911-2006      1912-2010

Southern California natives and longtime Beverly Hills residents Dr. Carl Nemethi and his wife, Virginia, lived exciting lives. Together they experienced Carl's two years as a combat surgeon in World War II, his successful medical career in emergency medicine and hand surgery, travels to Japan, Virginia's passion for singing and entertaining friends, and the affection of many young people, who knew them as "Aunt Ginny and Uncle Carl."

Carl and Virginia were married in 1939, making Southern California their home. During their early years, the young couple was stationed in Georgia, where they were charmed by Southern hospitality and customs. During World War II, Carl served as a U.S. Army flight surgeon in the Pacific. While stationed in Burma, Carl flew bombing missions to better understand the stress that the pilots and crew members experienced.

After the war and back in Los Angeles, Dr. Nemethi began specializing in hand injuries and surgery because many of his patients worked at nearby manufacturing plants, where hand injuries were common. Encouraged and always supported by his wife, Dr. Nemethi opened several clinics and was instrumental in opening the first emergency room at California Lutheran Hospital.

Virginia, known for her lovely singing voice, concentrated on making a pleasant home life and being supportive of her husband's career. She was also a wonderful hostess and was known for giving splendid dinner parties. It was Ginny's love of books and her diligent charity work for the Children's Club that led to the couple's close friendship with Chancellor Charles Runnels and his wife, Amy Jo. Ginny and Amy Jo were both members of the Bookworms of the Assistance League of Southern California, and it wasn't long before the two couples became close friends. The Nemethis and Runnels spent many delightful evenings together, and Carl and Ginny expressed a desire to share their resources with students at Pepperdine University.

Ginny passed away in 2006 and Carl in 2010. They are remembered for their extraordinary love for each other, their family, and friends. Through the Carl and Virginia Nemethi Endowed Scholarship, the Nemethi legacy continues to inspire and support Pepperdine students for generations to come.



**SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

*The Carl and Virginia Nemethi Endowed Scholarship is awarded annually to a student at Seaver College who has financial need.*