

# PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

## ROSEMARY LOKEY RAITT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Established 1968



**Rosemary Lokey Raitt**  
1920-2011

Pepperdine Life Regent Rosemary Lokey Raitt was among the pioneering friends who rallied support for the University's transformative move to Malibu in the 1970s. The first woman elected to the Board of Regents, Rosemary and her husband, John, were generous benefactors of the Raitt Recital Hall and established the Center for the Arts Guild, serving as its founding chairs.

A 10th-generation Californian whose ancestors arrived during the 1769 Portola expedition, Rosemary grew up on a farm. Her family owned 64,000 acres, spanning northern Orange County to the Pacific Ocean.

Rosemary established the first scholarship for the new Malibu campus in 1968, while married to her first husband, Hulse Lokey. Following Hulse's passing in 1980, a surprise phone call rekindled Rosemary's 40-year acquaintance with legendary Broadway performer John Raitt, and the two were married in a backyard ceremony conducted by Pepperdine's Chancellor Charles Runnels. Together, Rosemary and John became ardent ambassadors for the arts at Pepperdine and enthusiastic fans of campus musical and stage productions.

Her fondest memory of Pepperdine is being asked to have lunch with President Howard A. White and Chancellor Runnels. She was invited to President White's home on campus, and during the meeting was asked to join the Board of Regents. Rosemary wholeheartedly accepted and became a vital part of the University's progress. In the early 1990s, she proudly served as a co-chair of Pepperdine's \$300 million Challenged to Lead campaign alongside Jerve Jones and Chancellor Runnels.

Rosemary loved students, who in turn appreciated her boundless generosity. By 2012, Raitt scholarships had been awarded to more than 1,000 Pepperdine students—and will continue to fund a life-changing education for future generations of young people.

**Working with young people is a continuation of life. They are the future. ~Rosemary Raitt**



### SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

*The Rosemary Lokey Raitt Endowed Scholarship is given annually to Seaver College students in good standing in all areas of the University.*