

**Family & Pet Friends**

Both my parents are deceased. Both my sisters live in KS. One brother lives in OK; my other brother lives in Springfield, MO. (All four siblings graduated from MHS.) I have 13 nieces & nephews, 8 married with a total of 21 children).

*Pets like family:* Growing up, while my youngest brother was in FFA, I bottle-fed several piglets, two different times. When the family moved to Manhattan in 1950, we lived outside the city limits (Kimball Ave.) and had several animals at various times. After I started teaching, I didn't have pets.



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**Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Church**

*Sports:* When I was younger, I played tennis. I was also fairly good at archery.

*Hobbies/Interests:* Quilting, Crocheting  
Family History & Counted Cross-stitch

*Church/Volunteer:* Epworth United Meth. Church, Methodist Women & Quilters;  
Ret. Teachers of MO, Alpha Delta Kappa

**1950s Pop Culture**

*Favorite songs HS:* "April Love,"  
Yellow Rose of Texas," &  
"Some Enchanted Evening"  
*Favorite singer in HS:*  
Pat Boone, Perry Como &  
Doris Day

*Favorite songs/singers now:*  
Most of the \$1-million recorded  
songs of Readers' Digest, CDs  
& old gospel

*Favorite movie in HS:* Gone  
with the Wind.

*Favorites '50s movies now:*  
Doctor Zhivago,  
Sound of Music &  
Oklahoma.

**Career / Post High School Education**

*Career:* Elem. Educator, Chap. 1 Reading Teacher  
Smithton R-12 School Dist., Smithton, MO. I retired from  
Smithton in May 1997 and have volunteered as a Teacher's  
Aide at the Methodist Church Mission School, Beverly, KY,  
for various amounts of time for the past 10 years. Generally,  
I spend 5-6 weeks at the school in Aug. and Sept.

*Post HS Education:* Sch. of the Ozarks Junior Coll.,  
Assoc Ed.; Drury Coll., BA Educ.; KSU, Home  
Ec.; CMSU, MS Reading

**Travel**

I began teaching in '67 in Winona, MO. I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for 4 yrs. before moving to LaMonte to teach kindergarten at Pettis Cty. R-6 School, Houstonia. When my principal wanted me to get certified for Title I, I obtained a Master's degree in Reading. The Smithton Supt. called me and I taught Title I for 21 yrs.; some yrs Remedial Reading 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; others, K-Readiness and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Remedial Reading & Math. The last few years, I taught 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Remedial Reading. Mar. 1980, I bought my house on Sneed Ave. However, I did take a 3-wk. trip to the **Brit. Isles** and 2-wk trip to **Germany, Switzerland & Austria**. Since I retired, I have participated in 5 Elderhostels & several auided tours.

**Proudest Achievements**

While I was in the School of the Ozarks Jr. College, I worked in the Weaving Rm.

My first summer, my supervisor asked me to weave a baby blanket, which she sent to the Missouri State Fair. I won a blue ribbon. The second summer, I wove wool fabric and made a dress.

When I graduated from S of O in May 1960, I was unaware I had qualified for the Hyer Scholarship, which paid all my expenses at Drury College in Springfield.