

Beatrice Larson Memorial Endowment

— 1908-1994 —

Beatrice Larson was a life-long educator in the Lake Region who spent untold hours working to make sure her students received only the best.

Beatrice was born February 13, 1908, in rural Devils Lake, the daughter of Ole and Anna (Hegg) Larson. She graduated from Devils Lake Central High School and eventually earned her teaching degree from Valley City College.

Beatrice's career and love of teaching children began in Coleharbor, North Dakota, and took her to Southam, North Dakota, and Lake School just north of Devils Lake before she finally settled in Devils Lake. She taught elementary school and history at the senior high school, and during summer months she earned a Master's Degree in Library Science

through Western Michigan University which prepared her to work as librarian for the Carnegie Public Library.

Beatrice's career, however, did not conclude there.

She became librarian for Lake Region State College in 1966 where she remained until retiring in 1973.

Although retired from the college, she continued her role as librarian for St. Olaf Lutheran Church until illness forced her to retire completely.

On November 3, 1994, Beatrice Larson passed away.

The Beatrice Larson Memorial Endowment was established by her nieces and nephews as a loving tribute to her life in education. It will be awarded annually to an exemplary student attending Lake Region State College. ✦

