



## Marie Bishop

August 26, 1911 - June 6, 2006

Marie Bishop, age 94, of Bemidji, MN, died Monday, June 5, 2006 at Neilson Place in Bemidji, MN. Born August 26, 1911, in Fort Smith, AR, she was the daughter of Ray and Pansy M.L. (Younger) Bishop. She was raised and educated in Arkansas graduating from high school in Siloam Springs in 1930. She attended Oklahoma Northeastern State Teachers College in Tahlequah, OK earning her Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Elementary Education and Biological Sciences and also earned minors in mathematics and Physical Science. She felt called to additional education and chose to pursue Childhood and Elementary Education. She began teaching and her early career found her at rural schools in Arkansas and Oklahoma and also schools for American Indian youth in various communities in Oklahoma. After the end of World War II she also taught evening classes to discharged servicemen helping them to earn their GED. In August of 1949 after several summers of class work, she was awarded her Masters Degree in Kindergarten and Elementary Education from University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Co. She was hired by then BSU president C.F. Sattgast in 1950 and taught Kindergarten/Elementary education retiring in 1976 with the title of "Professor Emerita of Education". During the 1952-1953 academic year she participated in a Fulbright Teacher Exchange with the Infant Education Professor, Salisbury Teacher Training College Salisbury, England (a learning as well as teaching experience). Marie was very active nationally in promoting a stronger education base for aspiring kindergarten and elementary teachers

as well as promoting kindergarten class as a legitimate education experience to begin elementary education. Her reward for many years of hard work came in 1968 when her curriculum model for a minor in Early Childhood Education was accepted by BSU's Curriculum committee as well as by the Minnesota State Department of Education. This course of study would lead to certification to teach in Nursery Schools, Day Care Centers and Head Start programs. She was active in many professional and civic organizations. These would include BSU Curriculum Committee, Minnesota Department of Education's Kindergarten and Elementary Curriculum committees, the Minnesota Education Association, the National Education Association, National Education Association of Young Children, Minnesota Literacy Council, International Day Care and Child Development Council of America, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women's Club (Past President), Bemidji Chapter 171, Order of Eastern Star, Paul Bunyan Retired Teacher Association (Past President) and the United Methodist Church. In Lieu of flowers contributions in honor of Marie can be give to the Marie Bishop Early Childhood Elementary Education Scholarship at BSU or the United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, AR. Funeral Service were held June 9, 2006 at the United Methodist Church, Bemidji, MN with Rev. Eric Hucke officiating. Local funeral service will be 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, AR. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Siloam Springs, AR under the direction of the Wasson Funeral Home of Siloam Springs.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Northeastern State University Foundation was fortunate to have Ms. Bishop establish the Marie Bishop Early Childhood Elementary Education Scholarship Endowment at our University in 1989 and it has helped countless students. We were saddened to hear of her passing. Her family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Northeastern State Univ Foundation** - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

PE

“ *I had lost track of Ms. Bishop over the years and often wondered what had happened to her. I was in her first grade class in the late forties and she was my favorite teacher - after she moved to Minnesota, my grandmother would take me to visit with her when she was in town visiting her parents. I would imagine that all of her former students have fond memories of their time in her class and each one thought they were her favorite pupil - because they were! What a wonderful educator, a wonderful person, and a wonderful mentor to all who had the good fortune of knowing her.*

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**Pat Bantuelle Ewald** - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ *A fine lady well be missed very much.  
I'm sure if my folks were alive they would morn her also.  
God will be grace by her in Heaven.  
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**Don McKinney** - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

WC

“ I am saddened by the loss of Ms. Bishop. She was my first grade teacher and she took so much interest in me that I have always remembered her as my favorite teacher. This was in the early forty's when she was just beginning her career. As I look at her accomplishments in life it shows the type of educator she was. I thank her for starting me in the right direction. I am certain that many more of her students feel as I do. She was a wonderful person as well as a Teacher.

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**William Carter** - September 19, 2012 at 11:36 AM

BJ

“ I got to know Marie when my Mom, Nadine Younger and I visited her in Bemidji for a few days. I will always remember the good time she showed my Mom and I. We drove around Minnesota and had a wonderful time. Marie was very hospitable. She made good wild rice. I have always planned to make wild rice since then. I will always have fond memories of Marie and of my visit to her home in Bemidji with my Mom.

*Beverly Younger Joyce*

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