



Martha M. Hoyme

Martha M. Hoyme is recognized and admired as one of the most distinguished teachers at the South Dakota School for the Deaf. She is well known for knowledge in history and always encouraged Deaf students to read.

Martha Marie Johnson was born October 3, 1906 on the family farm in Hills, Minnesota. She graduated from Hills High School in 1925 and from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota in 1929. She married Kunte O. Hoyme on August 10, 1931 in Rapid City. They had two sons.

Martha started her career in teaching History at Fedora High School, Fedora, South Dakota for three years. She then joined the School for the Deaf staff as a History teacher in 1945 and remained in that position until she retired in 1972. She always treated students equally with dedication and love. In fact, some students admiringly looked up to her as their favorite teacher and still continue to do so today. She has been actively involved within the community and church. She was awarded the 50-Year Commitment Award as an American Association of University Women (AAUW) Honorary Lifetime member. She also served on the SDSD committee for naming each campus building.

Martha is an avid reader of many great books and has reviewed books for many clubs and organizations. She loves playing Bridge and she joined Bridge Clubs. Martha was asked how it is that she lived such a long and useful life? She replied, "Someone asked me if I ever thought I'd live to see 97 years of age. But really, as I think, I've had good health all my life, never been sick, that's a plus for anybody."