

Ernestine Coleman

Ernestine was born September 23, 1928 in Ong, Nebraska, but spent much of her school-aged years in Wood River. She was the daughter of Wood River Schools' superintendent of many years, Ernest T. and his wife, Ella Mae (Thurber) Heim. Ernestine graduated from Wood River in 1946. She and her husband Claire Coleman were married June 5th, 1949.

After graduation, Ernestine attended Nebraska Wesleyan and received her B.A. degree. She received a graduate degree in Literature and a doctorate in Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Ernestine worked as a school psychologist at Lincoln Public Schools and was a lifetime member of the Nebraska State Education Association. She also was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church. She was very well known for her talent in needlework (maybe even more than her teaching!).

Ernestine passed away September 20, 2013 in Lincoln Nebraska. She is survived by her husband, Claire; sons Jerry (Vernette) Coleman of Canyon City, CO; Evan (Toni) Coleman of Lee's Summit, MO; daughter Alice Coleman of Lincoln, NE; foster-son Dan Conn of Lincoln; as well as grandchildren Daniel Coleman and Anna (Tim) Hanway; 3 great grandchildren and brother and sister-in-law Willis and Joyce Heim of Naples, FL.

The family established a Named Fund Scholarship for a graduate of Wood River Rural High Class of 2014 who plans to study education.