

The Mollie Young Memorial Scholarship

The Mollie Young Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide financial assistance to students planning on going into elementary education.

Mollie grew up on a small farm in South Dakota and attended a one room school house with her mother as the teacher. The farm house she lived in did not have indoor plumbing until she was in eighth grade, so it was no wonder that she did not enjoy camping in her later years! She met her future husband, Dave Young, while in high school and after getting married, took care of the home and kids while Dave worked on his teaching degree.



After Mollie's children became school aged she decided to pursue a degree in elementary education. She completed her degree in three and a half years while working part time and raising a family. Mollie's first teaching job was at Birchwood Elementary School in Bellingham, Washington. After one year there she started teaching 1st grade at Big Lake Elementary School. Mollie switched between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade for the 15 years she taught at Big Lake.

Mollie loved teaching, spending most of her free time working on her lessons and activities. If she wasn't working on school activities, she was attending her students sporting events or concerts. She especially enjoyed reading children's books and had a very large collection of books at the time of her death in 2007.



Mollie's former students sitting on a bench, dedicated to her, at Big Lake Elementary