

HELEN OLIPHANT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Helen Carter was born on August 22, 1916 in Plattsburg, Missouri. She graduated from Plattsburg High School in 1932 at the age of 16. She attended college at Fayette, Missouri for 2 years and started teaching in a one room rural school. She continued teaching in that area until 1941. During this time she married Lloyd Oliphant.

Her first of 5 children was born in 1942. Her husband worked in the VA center in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. When it closed, he transferred to the VA center in Leavenworth, and the family moved to Kansas.

She started teaching in this area in 1959. She taught at Hazel Dell, Fairmount, and Richardson. When the schools unified, Richardson became a part of the Lansing Unified District #469. She had a grandson in one of her classes. She retired as a first grade teacher at the Lansing Elementary School in 1975.

Her four daughters, Sue, Mary Lee, Joyce, and Ramona are all graduates of Lansing High School. Her son, John is a graduate of the Plattsburg, Missouri High School. Three sons-in-law, John, Gary, and Michael as well as 11 of her 13 grandkids are graduates of Lansing High School.

Helen died on October 12, 1992. As you pursue your formal education, and later when school is behind you, be as inquisitive and anxious to learn as Helen was during her entire life and you will never grow old.

- 1. Applicant must be in the top 50% of class.**
- 2. A completed application, an essay of 250 words or less and TWO teacher evaluations with counselor section is required**