

Frazier rites held

Longtime Letcher County educator Cora Reynolds Frazier, 94, died at her home in Whitesburg on October 11 after an illness of several months.



CORA REYNOLDS FRAZIER

Mrs. Frazier began her teaching career in Letcher County in 1923, and spent many years teaching seventh grade at the old Whitesburg Grade School. Her former students recall how her school day began with group singing including her favorites, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "My Old Kentucky Home". She continued teaching and worked as a substitute teacher until the late 1960s.

She loved to recall how she received her education. She walked to Whitesburg High School from her home at Ermine. She was never absent or tardy, and she was valedictorian of her graduating class at age 16. She attended Eastern Kentucky Teachers College, now Eastern Kentucky University, where she washed

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dishes at a Richmond hotel to pay her expenses. She also recalled how her family survived the great flu epidemic of 1914.

She was made a life member of the Parents, Teachers Association (PTA) for her work with young people. She was also a member of the Kentucky Education Association, the National Education Association, the Thornton Regular Baptist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a life member of the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary.

She was one of 11 children of the late William Henry and Mahala Hall Reynolds of Ermine, and the widow of Troy W. Frazier, a former Letcher County Court Clerk. Mrs. Frazier was a candidate for that office in 1953.

Surviving are a brother, James Reynolds, Ermine; a stepdaughter, Joy Wray Breeding; and two step-grandsons, Dr. Van Stanley Breeding and Randy Breeding, and five step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held October 13 at Letcher Funeral Home. Burial was in the Hall Cemetery at Ermine.