

## Minniebelle Churchill



Minniebelle Churchill taught Latin for 24 years (1965-1989) at Chickasha High School. Teaching was her life. Mrs. Churchill was named Chickasha Teacher of the Year in 1975. She was named the seniors favorite teacher in 1989. Mrs. Churchill retired in 1989.

Minniebelle Churchill was born June 25, 1917, in Haileyville, OK to James L. and Belle Ekers. She graduated as Salutatorian of Durant High School in 1934 at the age of 16. Minniebelle received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937 from Southeastern State University with a teaching certificate in Latin, English, Speech, and Business. She did graduate work at University of Oklahoma, Northeastern, and Central State College (now UCO). Prior to teaching at Chickasha, Mrs. Churchill taught at Wilburton, Oklahoma from 1962-1965.

During her years at Chickasha, Mrs. Churchill sponsored the Junior Classical league (Latin Club) which included running the concession stand for the Junior Varsity Football and Basketball games as well as hosting the annual spring banquet and the Homecoming Parade. Minniebelle also led the Junior Classical League in annual Christmas caroling at area nursing homes.

Mrs. Churchill was induced in the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2001.