

Malyne Hilburn

Malyne L. Hilburn served as principal and dean of students for Chickasha High School.

Malyne L. Hilburn was born December 27, 1927, in Oklahoma City to Professor D.W. Lee Sr. and Elnora (Kornegay) Lee who were both educators. Mrs. Hilburn graduated from Douglas High School, received her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Langston University and holds a Masters' Degree from Central State University (now UCO). She continued her education in Post Graduate work in School Administration at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, and Colorado State University.

Malyne Hilburn spent 38 years in secondary education as a Science and Mathematics teacher, counselor, and administrator in the Oklahoma school system. In 1990, Malyne retired as the principal of Chickasha High School. Malyne loved her students and was proud of their accomplishments.

She believed you could achieve anything in life you desired by hard work. Her students can always remember Mrs. Hilburn's famous quotes, "I have spoken" and "You have the audacity....."

Malyne returned to work on a part-time basis as a Director of Placement and Counseling at USAO for 6 1/2 years.

She was active in the Retired Teachers Association of Grady County, Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Sigma Theta, and was a member of the First Baptist Church at First and Dakota where she was the First Vice-President of the General Missions. Mrs. Hilburn served on the Chickasha Library Board, Friends of the Library, AAUW, Washita Valley Community Action Council, Southwest Youth and Family Services Board, Special Young Adults Advisory Committee, Grady County Historical Society, and was appointed to the USAO Board of Regents by former Governor Frank Keating.

Mrs. Hilburn received numerous awards and recognition for her leadership and achievements in education and community service including the V.I.M. Award from the Grady County Retired Teachers' Association. Hilburn Street in Chickasha was named in her honor.

She enjoyed gardening, shopping, collecting old Jazz music and visiting with family and friends. Mrs. Hilburn was inducted in the Chickasha High School Hall of Fame in 2001. She passed away May 31, 2006.