

Reva Doreen Hoyt, daughter of Charles Walter (1890-1968) and Jennie H. (Havens) (1893-1982) Hoyt, was born 17 August 1924, Midland County, Michigan. She graduated in 1942 from a local high school and then worked in the medical field for several years before attending Greenville College (now Greenville University), Greenville, Bond County, Illinois. Greenville is a liberal arts school affiliated with the Free Methodist Church. Reva obtained her BA degree from Greenville in 1950.

For several years Reva taught school in Midland County. She began her long career with Okemos School in 1957, retiring in 1980. "Miss Hoyt" became a fixture in Okemos Middle School, teaching at both 7th and 8th grade levels. She taught high school pupils for at least one year, 1959-1960, but returned to her Middle School pupils thereafter.

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By DIANE JOB
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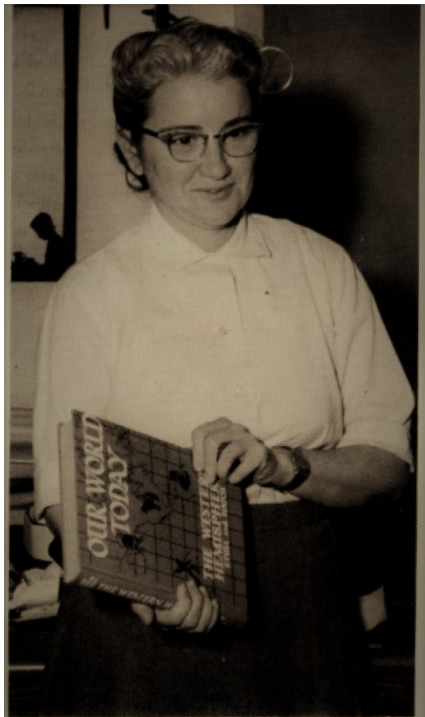
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Reva taught for years at the Middle School level. Anyone coming through Okemos Middle School had her! Unfortunately, I can only vaguely remember her class. She was a very kind person but had discipline in her classroom. I can still see Miss Hoyt "bustling around".....efficient, organized and knowledgeable. This picture is from the 1959 Tomahawk yearbook.

Sherrie Paty Barber '67

Reva, who never married, was very involved with her local Free Methodist Church. She also traveled making a 1971 trip to Israel and Athens.

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CHURCH NOTES

Compassion Sunday will be observed Sunday night at Central Free Methodist Church. Rev. James Johnson, returned missionary from Barundi, Africa, now doing graduate work at Michigan State University, will speak. Miss Reva Hoyt will be in charge. Boys and girls of the Junior Missionary Society also will take part in the 7 p.m. service.



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REVA DOREEN HOYT

LANSING, MI

Age 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 3, 2006. She was born on August 17, 1924 in Jasper Township, Midland County, on River Road about 8 miles from St. Louis, MI, the daughter of Charles and Jennie Hoyt. She had five siblings. She graduated from St. Louis High School in 1942. After working as a Nurse's Aide at Alma Hospital and also for a local Doctor, she went to Greenville College (IL) and received her BA Degree in 1950. In 1958 she received her Master's Degree from MSU. She taught at rural schools in Midland County from 1954-1957. In 1957 she went to Okemos Middle School where she taught until she retired in 1980. She was a member of the Central Free Methodist Church in Lansing where she was very active at the Local and Conference levels. She worked many years in Children's Summer Camps. She also taught in various levels in her Church. For many years she directed the "Young at Heart" Senior Adult Ministry. She had a heart for missions and for reaching out to shut-ins, in a visitation

ministry. She had made Delta Retirement Center her home since 2001. Preceding her in death were one brother, Harlow (Evelyn) Hoyt of St. Johns, and a sister, Ruby (Ted) Brenner of Lansing. She is survived by two brothers, Rev. John (Constance) Hoyt of Greenacres, FL, and Carl (Fern) Hoyt, of Holland, MI, along with one sister, Mary Ellen (Harold) Rudd of Crystal, MI, and by a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 8th at 12:30 p.m. at Central Free Methodist Church, 828 N. Washington, Lansing, MI. The Rev. Dan Sinabarger will officiate with assistance from the Rev. Joanna Dewolf, and Pastor Ralph Funk.