

## Ann Garland West's Remarks Upon Receiving the Doris Barnes Retired Educator Lifetime Achievement Award



Barbra Streisand told us that if we needed people, we were the luckiest people in the world. For 89 years, I have needed people and have had the most wonderful people there for me. I have been the luckiest person in the world. They are all responsible for my receiving this special award.

I have time to mention only a few. Caleb Niles, my first superintendent, told me that if I wanted a successful career in education, I should become best friends with the principal's secretary and the head custodian. Thank you Ruth Wheeler and Bud Clay for making my school life so much easier.

Ivah Hackler, my Pinkerton Academy principal for 15 years, became a second father to me and told me that the best teachers were fair, kind, knew their subject, and had a sense of humor. Thank you, dear Hack.

Olive Abbott, my mentor and dearest friend, taught a 5'2" young woman how to walk into a classroom and be met with a quiet but respectful silence. Thank you, Ollie.

My colleagues and my students, you gave me 60 years when I never had to work a day in those years because I loved what I did and loved you. Thank you.

Thank you Elsie Brown and Kristine West and my Girls Staters who made the ALA Granite Girls State and Girls Nation a special part of my life.

Harry Walen, Jane Price, Donald Murray, Marion Pounder, and Debbie Wolflein made me realize the need of professional organizations in an educator's life. Thank you and NEATE, NHCTE, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Thank you to my brother Bob and those not with us now and to my niece, Becky Martin, Kristen Burnham, Lydia Bessler, and their husbands and children. You have made my life meaningful and wonderful. The person most responsible for my receiving this award is my husband, Richard.

For 52 years he has shared my interests and worked endlessly for each one, making it possible for me to be so involved.

Richard, my prayer each day is that we may have more time to go down those miles that we still want to travel.

To the Edies people and organization, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you, Barbra!