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Long-time Sweetwater elementary school teacher, Verona Jim Younger, 99, passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2012.

Mrs. Younger spent most of her adult life in Sweetwater and began her Sweetwater ISD career at East Ward School (Philip Nolan), then moved to East Ridge Elementary when that new school opened. She taught first grade, although she switched to second grade for the last few years before she retired. Mrs. Younger taught at least two generations of families, and one family's six children all spent a year in her classroom. A silver platter with the engraved names of that family's children can be seen at the Sweetwater's Pioneer Museum, along with other school memorabilia her family has donated. Mrs. Younger was a long-time member of 4th & Elm Church of Christ.

One school story Mrs. Younger told that tickled her fancy and that of most listeners was about students asking her age. While some teachers would respond to that question with their actual age, Mrs. Younger always said that she was 110 years old. One day following students asking her age and hearing her answer, two little boys were overheard on the playground discussing the situation. One boy said to the other, shaking his head, "Naw, she's not 110. If she was 110, she'd have a long white beard."

Married 74 years to J.V. Younger, an active member and officer of the Sweetwater Lions Club, Mrs. Younger enjoyed immensely the many meetings and conventions in various locales she attended with Mr. Younger.

In 2001, the Youngers relocated to the Houston area to be near their only child, Kathryn Gehbauer and her family. Mr. Younger died in 2006.

Born in Rockwood, Texas, on November 13, 1913, Mrs. Younger was the eldest, yet the last surviving, child of the five siblings of the late Jim and Catherine Featherston family.



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Survivors include daughter Kathryn; grandchildren Gary Gehbauer, Keith Gehbauer and wife Sharon; great grandchildren Kelsey Gehbauer, Eric Hall, Reed and Emma Gehbauer; and nephews John and James Walker.



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BC

Bill Clark posted:

Mrs. Younger was my wife's teacher in the 1955-1956 school year. This was the first grade in East Ridge Elementary. My wife's name was Glenna Riggan. We still have the 1st day of school certificate from that year. It was signed by Mrs. Younger.

September 3 at 7:00 PM

PR

Pam Rhodes posted:

Mrs. Younger started many students on the road to success with her smile and calm spirit. She taught me in the 1st grade in 1959, but the Youngers also were neighbors of mine for many years. We enjoyed many visits while they were working in the yard on Lakeview Drive in Sweetwater.

January 14 at 7:00 PM

MC

Mary Louise Logan-Clark posted:

To Younger Family, Mrs. Younger was my first teacher at Philip Nolan Elementary School in Sweetwater, Texas. She also taught my brother Gary at East Ridge Elementary School. She was an excellent who cared about her students. Mrs. was my teacher in 1950. My condolences and prayers to her family.

January 14 at 7:00 PM

DF

Denise (Neicy) Hunt Friend posted:

WOW-There isn't enough space to express my feelings for this INCREDIBLE lady. She was my 2nd grade teacher and she ABSOLUTELY was an angel. She had the most beautiful printing of ANYONE I have ever seen. They didn't get any better than Mrs. Younger as a teacher. How blessed I was to have had her, as did both of my older brothers. Prayers and sympathy to her daughter and entire family.

January 14 at 7:00 PM

DM

David Mayfield posted:

My condolences to my first grade teacher way back in 1960. I still think of her and the other influences I was afforded at East Ridge Elementary. God bless her soul. David Mayfield

January 14 at 7:00 PM



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