

Although it's been many years since Norma Keenan was the vocal music instructor for the Victoria district, she still recalls how much she "loved the talent at Victoria", and the high ratings she and her choir received for three consecutive years. Her musical memories include bringing in guest conductors such as Ken Shaheen from Barton County Community College who praised her choirs with positive comments.

Norma taught in Victoria from 1970 -1978. Prior to that, she taught one year at Alta Vista and one year at Dighton.

Growing up on a farm in Hoisington, Norma graduated from Hoisington High School in 1946. She attended Marymount College in Salina for three years and later graduated from KU in 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education.

After retiring from Victoria, Norma worked at FHSU in the business office for several years. She also was invited to judge a number of times at the La Crosse Music Festival.

In her retired years, Norma has loved gardening and always enjoyed classical music and concerts. She says she misses attending concerts now as she is no longer able to drive at night. She remains active in the KU Alumni Association, Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity and Theta Phi Alpha Sorority. Locally she is a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Daughters of Isabella and the Christian Mothers of St. Fidelis.

Norma is the mother of four: **Tammy Keenan Thorson '76**, who currently lives in Kansas City and works in San Francisco; **Greg '78**, who lives in McPherson; **Carolyn Keenan Boxberger '80**, who resides in McPherson; and **Terry '83**, who was killed in a car accident in 1981.

At the age of 95, Norma is honored to be remembered as a valued faculty member in Victoria.