

Jennielind Smith Memorial Scholarship

Jennielind Smith was born September 29, 1915 in Marshfield (now Coos Bay) to Charles and Lulu McKnight. Her father died when Jennielind was 12 years old. Her mother taught music and ran a boarding house to support the family. Her mother was also a longtime member of the Marshfield Public Library Board, which might explain why Jennielind was seldom seen without a book in her hands. She developed her love of music and education from her mother.

She graduated from Marshfield High School in 1933 and attended Southern Oregon Normal School (now Southern Oregon University) in 1935. When she left Southern Oregon she taught in Bandon from 1935 to 1938 and taught another four years in Astoria.

Jennielind returned to Coos Bay where she taught at Harding School and Blossom Gulch for 30 years.

She went back to Southern Oregon University to complete her teaching certification requirements.

Jennielind died in 2008 at the age of 92.