

On Sunday, January 25, 1981, at 3:00 PM there will be a Memorial Service held at the Mill Valley Community Church, 8 Olive Street, Mill Valley, for Edna Maguire, former teacher and principal in the Mill Valley School District for 34 years. She died in mid-December 1980, at the age of 92.

Miss Maguire came to the Mill Valley School District in September 1920 as a teacher-principal of Homestead School. She stayed there until 1927 when she took over the same job at Park School. After 20 years as principal she took the job of primary teacher in the district in 1947.

Miss Maguire's teaching career started right after she graduated from Berkeley High School, as principal and teacher of a rural school in Mariposa County, with 35 students and nine grades. Many of the children were Chowchilla Indians; and Miss Maguire rode 10 miles on horseback each way to teach.

She was born in Lowell Hill, California, a mining town in Nevada County where her father was an engineer at the mines there.

Since 1954, when Miss Maguire retired from teaching in Mill Valley, she worked in various private schools in the county, including Meadowsweet School in Corte Madera which is still in existence. In 1956 a new school opened in the district and was named the Edna Maguire School and is now known as the Alto-Edna Maguire School and is located on Lomita Avenue.

During her many years in the teaching profession, she was also very active with the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association. She was very instrumental in getting the tenure laws in California passed.

During the last years of her life she stayed with her niece, Catherine Gratton in Santa Rosa, the Mill Valley Rest Home and in a convalescent home for the last five years in Santa Rosa.