



Hilma Colton Biography

Hilma Colton was born in 1909 in Delta, California (in Shasta County). She graduated from the University of California, Berkley, in 1931 and began her teaching career in a one room school in Wildwood, California. She then taught in Davis for four years before coming to Elk Grove as an English and Girl's Physical Education teacher at Elk Grove High School in 1941. She taught there until 1952, when she married Rowland Colton and resigned to raise her three step children, Jon, Dana, and Sara. Her interest in education and involvement in the community did not end there, however.

Mrs. Colton was active in the formation of the Community Services Organization, the forerunner for the Elk Grove Community Foundation. (This organization helps students in need by offering educational scholarships.) She served as President, and First Vice President, in the Cosumnes River College Patrons Club, which acts as a liaison between the community and the college and raises funds for the college. She also served as Secretary of the Elk Grove-Cosumnes District, was a Girl Scout leader and eventually the District Officer, was an Elk Grove Election Board Committee Member for many years, was involved with the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and interviewed students and prospective families for the American Field Services exchange student program.

Hilma Colton was honored as Elk Grove Citizen of the Year in 1967 and received the Los Rios Community College Service Award in 1981.

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