

# Family Heritage Wall of Honor

## Sample Biography



**Full Name of Nominee(s): Mayme Tyner, 3/15/1906 - 11/05/ 2002, Laurel Hill, Florida**

Mayme Tyner was one of four children born to Mack and Effie Campbell Tyner, Laurel Hill, Florida. She was a life-long resident of Okaloosa County, living on the land of her forefather, Daniel Campbell. After passing the Florida Education written exam, Mayme began teaching school at age 14. Later she returned to school herself, finishing high school and college at Florida State University (then Florida State College for Women), finally receiving a master's degree in education.

Recalling her early childhood, Mayme talked about attending the annual four-month school which usually began the first Monday following the 4th of July. Prior to 1900, the school in the Laurel Hill area was a two-room shack with an enrollment of 70 students and two teachers. The teacher usually lived with local families who had a spare room.

Of her years teaching in the Okaloosa County school system she said, "It has been the rewarding experience of my life to attend the class reunions of my former students and to have them tell me of the effect I have had on their lives." She added that all she ever wanted to do was to help build a better community. Mayme was also a rancher and was a registered real estate broker for some 20 years.

The epitaph on her grave stone reads as follows: "I wait for green mornings to come again, my heart warm with friends I have made, students I have taught, and a daughter I have loved."

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