

Bertha Ann Young



On September 15, 2005 the Oklahoma Hall of Fame for City and Town officials proudly inducted Bertha Ann Young, as it's newest honoree. Bertha Ann began serving the citizens of Shawnee in August 1948 as a cashier in the water department and retired 51 years later as city treasurer/finance director. During her service, she earned virtually all of the professional certifications available for clerks and treasurers, as well as serving as a president of the Oklahoma Municipal Treasurers Association, the Governmental Finance Officers Association of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Municipal Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officials Association.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, her friends and colleagues know Bertha Ann best as a mentor to others who looked to her service and leadership as an example of dedication and integrity. In her own word's, Bertha Ann described the Clerks and Treasurers Conferences saying, "the conference is such a great foundation for learning for clerks, treasurers - both old and new. We found a place to network, to learn, to get ideas, and to grow. I served as officer for several years. I remember when we first offered scholarships to new clerks who could not afford to come. I would always try to make sure that each attendee felt welcome and received the valuable training."

In 1978, Bertha Ann was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund and two years later began serving as the Fund Secretary. Twenty-five years later, she is still holds her post and remains active in the management and oversight of OMRF. Bertha Ann's singular achievements bring great credit to herself and to the people and organizations she served for so long in Oklahoma.