



# MHA Women's History Month 2019



## Margaret Breuer

Margaret is an Arikara. She was born on Aug. 16 1907, in Grandma Many Bear's house near Like a Fish Hook Village. It was a log house with a sod roof and a bare dirt floor, not too far away from the present town of White Shield.

She was a people person. She particularly liked those people who range in age up to eighth grade because she taught them for more than 50. She paid

for many of the student's piano lessons, voice lessons, twirling lessons, and tumbling lessons. She also took students to her home and taught them how to can vegetables, make jelly and paid them to help her with her daily chores. She encouraged others to help themselves by going to college and get an education.

She was concerned about her American Indian colleagues and believed they only need a helping hand at the right time in order to make it. You see, that's what happened to her and she never forgot it. Margaret did for others as someone did for her, "She Wears Good Shoes."

She was winner of the Leo Reano Memorial Award which was presented during the NEA Convention in New Orleans. She was notified in a letter from President Mary Hatwood Futrell. "Your leadership has proven valuable President Futrell wrote, "Both to Indian people and to education in general."

Margaret, an 81-year-old elementary teacher, was the first North Dakota Educator to be honored with one of the NEA Human and Civil Rights award.

The White Shield Elementary school was named Margaret Breuer Elementary School. She was also North Dakota Mother of the Year.