

Awarded by the Louisville Historical Commission

Pioneer Award

**VERA DIXON TAYLOR
1998**



**BORN JULY 7, 1907 IN SUPERIOR, COLORADO
DIED MARCH 9, 2011 IN LOUISVILLE, COLORADO**

Vera Dixon Taylor was born in Superior, Colorado, a community founded by her great-grandfather, William Hake. She grew up on the Dixon farm where the Louisville Tech Center is now located. She graduated from Louisville High School in 1925 and the University of Colorado in 1929. She taught English and Latin after graduation in South Dakota and Colorado, including at Louisville High School from 1952 to 1972.

During her tenure as a teacher in Louisville, Vera did volunteer work at the Louisville Public Library in the summers, and spent one summer working with Laura and George Ellis recording information about the Louisville Cemetery. Another summer, she catalogued the negatives for photos from the collection of the Louisville Historical Museum.

After her retirement, Vera continued to volunteer at Centaurus High School's library for the next 25 years. She served as a member of the Louisville Housing Authority Board for 10 years and was active in the Saturday Study Club. Centaurus High School's library was named the Taylor Library in 1983, and Vera was named Colorado School Volunteer in 1988, an award presented by Gov. Roy Romer.

"Mrs. Taylor" passed away at the age of 103, and will always be considered a treasured icon in our community as she touched many lives with her teaching and volunteer work.