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## Chapter 31

Former EDCI Faculty Member - Gladys Houffpaur Robinette - Her Early Teaching Experiences.

## Transcript

**Title Card:** What were your early teaching experiences?

**Gladys Houffpaur Robinette – Former Faculty:** Playing school with my sisters long before I started to school, and that was our chief pastime. We didn't have radios and television, so we played. We played regular school. We played Sunday school. I would learn whatever they were teaching. I wanted to be the teacher so badly, but I was the youngest in the family of six girls. And you know who never got to be the teacher.

I went to 1<sup>st</sup> grade knowing my ABCs and there was a boy in the class who also knew his ABCs so the teacher came up with a good idea. She said, "You teach all the little boys to say from A-Z in order" and she asked the little boy to teach all the little girls to say it.

We must have been about equally divided in numbers, but I have never taught any harder in my life and you try to run 6-year-old boys down on the campus to get them say from A-Z. That was hard work, but there was a prize at the end of it.

By the way, my little boys won. They would go one by one and recite the alphabet and after they had won it, we were treated. The teacher took us up on the stage, closed the curtains and fed us little bowls with chopped apples and bananas. A banana from heaven couldn't have tasted any better. That was my first pay as a teacher.

I've had a very blessed life and I feel that much of it was due to the fact that I came to Southwestern. Made so many friends. Count my blessings one by one. I couldn't live to get it done.