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The funeral of Nellie Merry, 97, a long-retired teacher remembered by her Belleville Collegiate Institute students spanning two generations, was held Wednesday.

She taught English at BCI from 1920 to 1954, and was so popular with her students that, on her retirement, the school dedicated an issue of its year book to its "beloved teacher."

Miss Merry died at Westgate Lodge Aug. 9.

She was born at Stratford, daughter of William and Maria Granger.

As a teacher, she was known for her enthusiasm for teaching English and empathy with her students.

During her career, school plays at BCI—then the city's only high school—entered something of a hey-day. Miss Merry, as one former student recalled even "had the effrontery to enter school casts in the (then) Dominion Drama Festival."

From 1929 to 1952 she headed BCI's English department.

For many years she lived at 183 Ann St., and, after retiring from BCI, was busy with various community activities until she was 85.

For 15 years she was active with the Belleville General Hospital Auxiliary, and was a member of the Women's University Club.

She was a member of the United Church.

Miss Merry leaves a sister, Anne Stuart, of Toronto, and was predeceased by another sister, Rachael Rutledge.

The funeral service, at the John R. Bush Funeral Home, was directed by Dr. Harold Wilson and burial was in Belleville Cemetery.

Bearers were Jack Knight, Hal Keiser, Eugene Lang, Alan Burkitt, Harry Tom and Don McKinney.

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