Jean Nereson *

Jean "Jeanie" Nereson was told that she would be teaching in Los Alamos "for the duration". Although she was only expected to teach on the Hill until World War II ended, "I got married to Norris, I loved it here and I'm glad I stayed", said Jeanie, who taught for the Los Alamos Public Schools for fifty years.

Named the Los Alamos Teacher of the Year in 1995, Jean taught more than 1800 students. She travelled the globe. Returning with globes and artifacts, tools she used to made the cultures and geography of the world's people come alive to her students.

From astronomers to the late renowned potter, Maria of San Ildefonso Pueblo, Jeanie's students learned from hands-on exploration.



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