

Selma F. Bartlett Biography

Selma Bartlett is truly a distinguished Nevadan. Though she was born in Oklahoma in 1927, spending many of her formative years living there through the Great Depression, Selma moved to Southern Nevada in 1954 when her husband was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. Having earned a degree from Hill Business College in Oklahoma City in 1945, Selma quickly put it to use as she began her 60+ year banking career in Henderson. As a banker, Selma Bartlett served as one of the first female bank officers in Nevada. She made history in 1962 when she was promoted to bank manager of the Henderson Bank of Nevada branch. Selma was the vice president of the National Association of Bank Women from 1958 to 1960. She also served as an instructor at Clark County Community College from 1979 to 1982 and the American Institute of Banking.

Selma Bartlett's significant contributions to Nevada span much further than the banking world. She is equally known for her extensive community efforts. She helped found Nevada State College and set up scholarships there and at UNLV with her late husband, Troy Bartlett. The pair helped found the hospital system now known as St. Rose Dominican Hospitals, as well as Henderson's first senior center and below-market rental housing. She has served on advisory boards for St. Rose Dominican Hospital, the State of Nevada Economic Development Board and the Henderson Boys & Girls Club. Her devotion to the community has earned her the National Jewish Humanitarian Award and honors from the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. Selma Bartlett has been instrumental in community, real estate, and educational development as well as promoting the growth of medical and professional facilities. Her personal and financial support in the medical professions and higher education has garnered her many prestigious accolades and awards. Selma Bartlett was inducted into the UNLV Foundation Palladium Society and was also awarded the Academy of Engineering Distinguished Community Partner Award for her contributions to the Engineering College at UNLV. One of her proudest honors was the naming of the Selma F. Bartlett Elementary School in Henderson in 1992.