



**RAVENNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APRIL 12, 1968 -- GRADES 3 & 4**

First row, sitting left to right: Jerri Webster, Lynn Wise, Stella Mae Watson, Wanda Watkins, Rebecca Tipton, Cynthia Shuler, Wendell Watson, Harvey "Butch" West, Judith Ann Woosley, Debbie Trimble, Marty Snowden. Middle row, left to right: Mrs Eva Samples, Patty Johnson, Rita Rogers, Russell Walling, Johnny Rogers, Debbie Sparks, Lloyd Shuler, Debbie Shuler, Randy Woosley (Ann's twin), Donny Tipton, Doug Rogers, David Tipton. Top row, left to right: Jeannie Tipton, Teresa Tipton, Glen Cockrell, Debbie Stamper, Judy Tipton, Phyllis Tipton, Tracy Shuler, Geraldine Reed, Jackie Spicer, James "Jimmy" Watson and Alvin York. (Courtesy of Estill County Memories on Facebook and Rita Rogers Chaney who says "My favorite class!!!!")

Some comments include: Sharon Alexander Wilson, "Two of my first cousins are in this photo: They are twins Ann and Randy Woosley. They are both deceased. Ann is on the front row, third from the right. Randy is on the second row, 4th from the right." Debbie Stamper Barnes wrote, "I was fourth from the left at the top! I loved this year, we had music, art, and my Aunt Sarah Smyth was one of the cooks! Thank you Rita, I have no pictures, they were all lost after Grandma & Grandpa Stamper passed. Facebook has given my past back." JaneScott Christopher Bentley, commented, "My first teaching job was at Ravenna. I loved that school." Doug Rogers tells us, "Donnie Tipton and I are wearing matching blue and white check shirts."

Ravenna Elementary School (at right) is closed now and is in a serious state of repair, but the School has a history that dates back more than 100 years. According to the book "Schools of Estill County, Kentucky," the first Ravenna Elementary School was located on the same lot as the current building, at the right front corner of the lot. It contained five classrooms and an office, and one of the classrooms also served as an auditorium. While the "new" brick building was being built, the students continued their education in the old frame building. Ravenna was formed as an independent school in 1927, and about 20 students were in the 8th grade graduating class of 1928 and are pictured in front of the the present brick building in a photo in the schools book which was compiled by Joe and Sonja Estes and others and is still presently available from the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society. Ravenna was first consolidated into the Estill County system and then the school itself was eventually consolidated with other schools; then closed in 1998.



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