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**Joanne
Aulenbacher**

**December 10, 1938 -
September 13, 2019**

Nu

Inducted 1976

Joanne Aulenbacher

Nu

December 10, 1938 - September 13, 2019

Joanne Aulenbacher was inducted in the Nu chapter of the Wisconsin State Organization of DKG in 1976. While she enjoyed the fellowship of her Nu chapter sisters, she considered DKG membership not only an honor, but also essential to her professional and emotional well-being.

Joanne, a native of Galena, Illinois graduated from Platteville State Teachers College in 1960, with a focus on elementary education. Upon graduation she embarked on a 32-year career as an elementary teacher, starting with the first kindergarten class of Cottage Grove in 1961. Throughout her lengthy career, Joanne positively influenced countless youth from Cottage Grove, Lincoln and Olga Brenner Elementary Schools in Shawano.

Joanne was a very active member of the Retired Teachers Association, Shawano Women's Club, her church and the local Republican Party. However, she was probably best known as the lady with the green thumb. While she enjoyed her extensive travels, especially her trips to Italy, Ireland and the Holy Land, it was the many hours spent gardening she cherished the most. In addition, she was a painter and a fashionista, which led her to be a runway model to raise funds for a local charity.

Joanne and her late husband Orval raised 3 daughters during their 49 years of marriage prior to his death in 2009. While Joanne relished being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she was especially proud of having been an elementary teacher. She truly appreciated having had the opportunity to make a difference in so many young people's lives.

Joanne was 80 years old at the time of her passing.



Joan Cook

**August 15, 1941 -
June 5, 2019**

**Alpha Upsilon
Sigma**

Inducted 1982

**➤ Chapter President
1988 - 1992**

August 15, 1941 - June 5, 2019

Joan was inducted into her local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1982 and served Alpha Upsilon Sigma faithfully in many ways. Most notable was her service as a two-term chapter president from 1988 -1992. She was always proud and pleased to have been an Alpha Upsilon Sigma chapter member.

Being exceedingly goal oriented and hard-working, she graduated in 1962 from what was then Wisconsin State College-La Crosse in elementary education, while still helping out at the family dairy farm. She spend her entire professional career as an elementary educator in Sparta, retiring in 2001 as a beloved second grade teacher from Lawrence Elementary. Joan was indeed the consummate educator, who genuinely enjoyed teaching students and mentoring student teachers throughout her long career. Joan took great pride and pleasure having had the opportunity to serve in many leadership roles within the school district and community. Especially, she considered having been an effective mentor to 60 student teachers and working eventually alongside several of them as a colleague one of her greatest achievements and joy.

Likewise, following her retirement she continued serving proudly in education and her community for 15 years as a member of the Sparta Board of Education. In fact, she never quit being an educator, serving as Sunday school teacher, children church choir director, and as Martha Washington for historical reenactments, as well as mother and doting grandmother, who loved taking the grandchildren to the library and school outings. Moreover, she requested in lieu of flowers donations be made to special school projects and scholarships.

Joan lived a highly engaged life and was always volunteering. Some of her accomplishments were being a cofounder of the Monroe County Historical Society, taking on the lead in preserving the Wegner Grotto north of Sparta, helping to save and rededicate the Bracket Valley School as an off-campus learning site, and organizing initially the Craft Fair of the Warren Cranberry Festival.

The 77 year old Joan is survived and dearly missed by her husband Jim of 57 years, their son and his family.



Rose E. Chitwood

**July 9, 1918 -
February 7, 2020**

Lambda

Inducted 1975

➤ **Chapter President
1990-1992**

Rose E. Chitwood

Lambda

July 9, 1918 - February 7, 2020

Rose was inducted into Lambda chapter in 1975. She was very effective at the chapter level during her nearly 45-year Delta Kappa Gamma membership. She served as Lambda chapter president from 1990-92 and continued being active with chapter activities until the last decade when traveling to meetings became too challenging.

A graduate of Blue River High School and the Richland County Teachers College, Rose later earned bachelor and master degrees in education, and additional credits in Reading, from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She began her 36-year teaching career in one-room schools in Richland County, Upper Knapp's Creek, and then, Grant County, Byrd's Creek and Tyler; six years in total. Next, she taught early elementary grades in a Consolidated school before six years at the Blue River Elementary School and later the Immaculate Conception School in Boscobel.

She finished her teaching career in the Riverdale School, for eight years teaching first grade and then ten years as a Remedial Reading Specialist. Reflecting upon her teaching career, Rose said: "Living in a smaller community, it has always been a joy to watch the students I taught in their early years proceed through school and then hear of their accomplishments in college and in their chosen career."

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, Rose was a member of local, state and national educational associations and in retirement, the Richland County Retired Educators Association. Her volunteer activities did not stop with educational association; she was very active in her community. She served as the president of the Five Points Homemakers' Club, was treasurer of her high school alumni association, chaired her local church group and the Richwood Township American Heart Association.

Rose and her late husband Clifford liked to travel in the United States, visiting many states, and they also made an overseas trip to Ireland. Rose also had time for a few hobbies, especially flower gardening, baking and reading.

Rose Hennessy Chitwood was 101 years old at the time of her passing.



Gwen Daluge

**April 27, 1921 -
April 12, 2019**

Alpha Iota
Inducted 1971

April 27, 1921 - April 12, 2019

Gwendolyn “Gwen” Broege Daluge was a 1971 inductee into Alpha Iota. She cherished her DKG membership and loved being engaged in many Alpha Iota committees throughout her long membership.

Gwen received a bachelor degree in home economics education in 1942, and a master degree in 1976, both from UW – Madison. Following graduation, she taught Home Economics in Spring Green for two years and was a county extension Home Economist in Washington County for five years. After World War II, she married Harlan Daluge, returned to dairy farming and raise a family, while working part-time to supplement the family’s income. In 1964 Gwen returned to teaching and taught high school home economics for the next 21 years until the passing of her husband Harlan.

Throughout her life Gwen was very active in several professional and community service organizations. She was an effectual member of the American and Wisconsin Home Economics Association, WREA, Zonta service club, 4-H, 5-H, PEO, and Phi Lambda Theta. Once retired, she became exceedingly engaged with the Janesville Retired Teachers Association, WREA, and with the AARP’s Wisconsin Health and Long-Term Care committee. Gwen’s dedication and personal commitments were positively noticed. She achieved several high accolades for her professional and civic contributions. In 1979 she was honored as the Wisconsin Home Economics Teacher of the Year, and two years later with the Distinguished Alumna of the School of Human Ecology at UW-Madison. Furthermore, in 1996 she was named one of the four Janesville YWCA Women of Distinction, and most significantly she received the National Community Service Award from the AARP in 1994. Gwen’s leadership in promoting state legislation, which resulted in the creation of the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Rock County, has and continues to benefit many seniors. Many of the local residents feel indebted to Gwen for this lasting achievement.

She really loved to travel, visiting many countries around the world. Gwen was a deeply spiritual woman, who was inspired volunteering for her church, including serving on its consistory, as choir bell ringer and Sunday school teacher. However, she was most distinguished due to her loving and caring nature and inner strength, when faced with hardship and challenges.

Gwen passed away shortly before her 98th birthday, and is survived by her four children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. 11



Joyce Aaberg Dewey

**February 2, 1935 -
March 21, 2019**

Phi

Inducted 1986

- **Chapter President
2006-2008 & 1stVP**

Joyce Aaberg Dewey

Phi

February 2, 1935 - March 21, 2019

In spite of her health issues later in life, Joyce had always been a loyal and interested Phi member. She was inducted into Phi chapter in 1986, serving as chapter president from 2006-2008 following a term as first vice president. Additionally, she was a longtime active member of the Phi professional outreach/grant committee and assisted with the DKG state conventions in the Madison area.

The Mankato, Minnesota native received a bachelor in education from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in education from UW-Madison. She was a devoted and beloved classroom teacher and reading specialist for the Madison Public Schools for nearly 35 years. Several of her former students commented, she positively influenced them not only as their teacher, but also as a mentor. She was dedicated to her calling, caring as much for her students' literacy skills as for their well-being. She reluctantly retired in 2005 at the age of 70.

Throughout her life Joyce enjoyed three major loves; her faith, family and career. She was very active in her church, and just loved the friendships she made being a decades long member in her church choir. She and Bill, her late husband of 62 years, had been high school sweethearts who raised four children, and over the years greatly appreciated their growing family with the addition of grand- and great grandchildren. Joyce especially loved sharing with her growing family the joy of reading. Moreover, she appreciated being able to teach her extended family the importance of faith, familial and community responsibility.

Gwen was happiest either singing or reading a book. Hence, she also belonged to several book clubs. In addition to DKG, Joyce was also an active member of the Madison Metropolitan Women's Association.

The 84 year old Joyce never stopped promoting literacy. Thus, upon her passing memorials were requested to be made to the Madison Literacy Center, or a charity of choice.



Gay Louise Eliason

**Sept. 5, 1944 –
May 9, 2019**

Phi
Inducted 2007

Gay Louise Eliason

Phi September 5, 1944 - May 9, 2019

Gay Louise was inducted into Phi chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Wisconsin State Organization in 2007. Most of her chapter work entailed diligently working with grants and scholarships as a member of Phi chapter's professional outreach committee. A task requiring focus on chapter goals, vision and mission, as well as infinite attention to details.

Gay was the consummate educator, receiving her bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Gay was a lifelong learner, who was always looking forward to gain new knowledge to share with her students. She was exceptionally passionate about mathematics. Her long teaching career as a superlative mathematics instructor of Madison middle and high school students, garnered her several recognitions. However, most significantly for Gay, teaching mathematics brought her immeasurable joy and satisfaction.

Her academic scholarship was recognized with her induction into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Furthermore, Gay was honored with the Golden Apple Award and the Metropolitan Madison School District Distinguished Service Award for high school mathematics. Not surprisingly, following retirement Gay volunteered in classrooms of Lincoln and Midvale Elementary schools. She was indeed the consummate and lifelong educator.

Throughout her life Gay enjoyed several hobbies and talents. She was an avid musician, gardener, baker and most importantly a lifelong learner. She loved being a mother and later on, a doting grandmother. Gay genuinely appreciated the many and faithful friends she made and always found time to share her time, passion and talents with them.

Gay was 74 at the time of her passing.



Elaine Fish

**May 11, 1926 -
May 17, 2019**

Pi

Inducted 1967

**➤ Chapter President
1984-1986**

Elaine Fish

May 11, 1926 - May 17, 2019

Inducted in 1967 into DKG, Elaine always appreciated the leadership training, skills, and most importantly the literary focus her Pi chapter affiliation offered all members. She excelled as Pi chapter president from 1984-1986 and flourished as literacy chapter chair. Elaine was proud of her 50 year plus DKG membership, and her Pi chapter indeed was proud of her.

The Rockwell City, Iowa native graduated from the State College of Iowa, today known as the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa with a B.A. in education. As a lifelong learner she continued her path for academic excellence with a M.A. from Northwestern University and Garrett-Evangelical Theology Seminary in Evanston Illinois. Furthermore, she additionally obtained a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Elaine dedicated her entire life fostering education. She enjoyed a 20-year career as a Kindergarten teacher from 1966 until her retirement in 1986 with the Racine Unified School District. Prior to that she spread the joy of learning for five years as a primary teacher in the public schools in her home state of Iowa. Likewise, Elaine used her desire to make a difference and encourage literacy at all levels with her two year assignment as Director of Christian Education at her church, and as the Director of the Nursery School at Family Service of Racine, Wisconsin for another nine years.

Besides being a longtime member of DKG, she also was engaged with the American Association of University Women. Following retirement Elaine joined the Racine County Retired Teachers and the Wisconsin Retired Teachers Association to continue promoting education and educators.

Elaine Fish was 93 years old at the time of her passing.



Phyllis Frederick

**December 15, 1923 -
August 19, 2019**

Alpha Xi
Inducted 1969

➤ **Chapter Charter
Member**

Phyllis Frederick

Alpha Xi

December 15, 1923 - August 19, 2019

Phyllis was proudly inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma Wisconsin State Organization in 1969. As one of Alpha Xi chapter's charter members, she genuinely cherished her membership throughout the past 50 years. To her, DKG indeed represented scholarship, commitment to educational excellence and continued professional development.

Phyllis graduated in 1952 from Wisconsin State College Oshkosh, as UW-Oshkosh was then referred to. Upon graduation the newly married Phyllis embarked on a long teaching career with the Beaver Dam School District. She was an outstanding teacher whose former students still remember her very fondly. One such former student now living in California noted in his online condolence that he still keeps his picture from Mrs. Frederick's 5th grade at Jefferson Elementary, and how fortunate he feels having had such a thoughtful and tremendous teacher. In particular, he appreciated the opportunity to have had the opportunity to be part of her annual class tree planting project for earth day. He further credits her with her stressing reading, which helped him achieve successfully a master's degree from Northwestern University.

Phyllis spent the 40 years of her retirement traveling the world. She had visited all the continents except Antarctica. Additionally, to her commitment to Alpha Xi, Phyllis also was highly engaged with various organization throughout her long life. More significantly, she also was a donor of the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation. Furthermore, she had always been a strong advocate for environmental awareness, which led to her and her late husband teaming up with the local Rotary Club to set up an arboretum at Jefferson Elementary School. An arboretum that continues to benefit from a city-wide sponsored annual tree planting during earth day.

In spite of many challenges, including the passing of her husband Richard in 1985, Phyllis always remained a kind and caring individual. Several of her fellow chapter members noted how deeply she will be missed. Also, how proud they had been to be nominated by her for Alpha Xi membership, thus granting them the pleasure to be a participant of their joint DKG journey. In particular, these members concurred in saying she was a great lady and always knew what was happening even when she was in her 90's.

Phyllis was 95 years old at the time of her passing and will be deeply missed by many, but especially by her Alpha Xi members.



Judith Harrison

**November 29, 1933 -
January 4, 2020**

Chi

Honorary 1963

- **Proofreader for Sigma State News**
- **Professional business woman supporting education**

Judith Harrison

Chi

November 29, 1933 - January 4, 2020

Judy is being recognized as a fervent supporter of DKG, and especially Chi chapter. Since Judy never held an educator's license or taught in a classroom, she was according to the previous DKG rules ineligible to join as an active member. However, she was honored by Chi chapter in 1963 as an honorary member. Chi selected Judy, because she was actively engaged educating her entire community during the 1960's about the work of the charitable Hope ship. She started this mission as president of the Cedarburg Junior Woman's Club. The Hope ship provided free health care for children around the world by just "floating around" between 1958 and 1974. Likewise, Judy volunteered to proofread the *Sigma State News* for the Wisconsin State News editor. She was indeed very supportive of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Judith graduated from the UW-Madison with a bachelor of science degree and took great pride in being a Life Member of the UW Alumni Association and the UW Memorial Union. Additionally, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the speech honor society Phi Beta.

Professionally, Judy was an accomplished executive administrator, working as assistant to the president at Commercial Printing and Lithography, as well as the assistant to the president of Alverno College-Milwaukee. She distinguished herself throughout her professional and retirement years promoting education and the mission of DKG.

Furthermore, Judy was a highly engaged community volunteer. While she worked on several committees and boards, such as the Cedarburg Library Planning Commission and as chairperson of the Cedarburg Girl Scout Association, she was most passionate about the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and the Woman's Club of Wisconsin. She served the former as a 17 year long board member, Chairman's Council member, and co-chair for its annual fund. Furthermore, she was president of the MSO League, board member and annual fund chair of Florentine Opera, board member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, and a longtime board member of the United Performing Arts Fund. Moreover, she served as president of the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, as the state junior director and state president of the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Club (WFWC) president, and as its state magazine publication editor. Her assiduous effort was recognized with her appointment to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, the Columbia/St. Mary's Ozaukee Community Council, and the Member Citizen's Advisory Board for local PBS stations.

The 86 year old Judy was a widow and is deeply missed by her beloved daughter Kathy Harrison, an active Chi and Wisconsin State organization member.



Margaret Henze

**June 7, 1931-
February 18, 2020**

Pi

Inducted 1965

Margaret A. Henze

Pi June 7, 1931 - February 18, 2020

In 1965 Marge, as her friends called her, was inducted into Pi chapter, and throughout her 55 years of membership remained very active in various chapter committees. Pi chapter members were pleased they were able to celebrate the 55-year milestone with Marge prior to her failing health.

Marge, a Chicago native, followed both of her parents' footsteps graduating from Northern Illinois State Teacher's College with a bachelor degree in education, and becoming a teacher. The same year of her Pi induction she also earned a master's degree in education from UW-Milwaukee. Marge excelled as a 40-year educator, teaching for 15 years at Winslow, 10 at Franklin, and at Olympia Brown for another 15 years. One of her former fifth grade students said she was one of his favorite teachers, even though she was strict, but then back then he needed that.

While teaching was in her blood, music was in her soul. She was an extremely gifted and skilled musician, playing for many years her beloved French horn with the Racine Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, for the past 68 years she had been most supportive of the music program at her church. Although, Marge supported several community endeavors, none meant as much to her as working with the Racine Symphony Orchestra and the Racine Theater Guild.

Marge truly loved her family and friends, and just like her five rescue cats, all friends became family to her. She felt honored and blessed by all of their devotion. Furthermore, she enjoyed her frequent travels, and happily shared the gained knowledge exploring the world with her many students.

The 88-year-old Marge had one last wish that any memorials be directed to her church, Racine Theater Guild and or the Racine Symphony Orchestra.



Marjorie Keenan

**July 21, 1924 -
November 3, 2019**

Alpha Theta
Inducted 1987

Marjorie Keenan

July 21, 1924 - November 3, 2019

Alpha Theta

Marjorie, a lifelong educator, was inducted proudly into Alpha Theta Chapter in 1987. She greatly appreciated the opportunity to continue her innate desire to enhance education. Specifically, she was focused on the continued education of educators. Marjorie genuinely believed in the mission of DKG: “Leading woman educators impacting education worldwide”.

Marjorie graduated in 1946 from Marian College with a bachelor’s degree in education, followed in 1970 with a master in education from Wisconsin State College, Oshkosh, what was then UW-Oshkosh. She augmented her academic status with further education from UW-Madison and Milwaukee, Cardinal Stritch, Mount Mary Colleges and San Francisco City College.

Her career as a professional educator began in a state-graded school in Brandon, WI, continued through public schools in San Francisco, Catholic parochial schools in Fond du Lac and ended following a 15-year career as tenured Assistant Professor in Division of Educational Studies at Marion College, now Marian University in 1986. At Marian College she taught pre-school and elementary school reading language arts, children adolescent literature, and special needs of disabled children and gifted learners. In this capacity she effectively prepared and mentored elementary and secondary teachers. She was driven by the innate desire to be the best mentor and teacher to all of her adult students.

While reading was essential to her life, Professor Keenan enjoyed many other hobbies. Most unique was being a professional actress in New York City and California.

Professor Keenan was 95 years old at the time of her passing and is deeply missed by Alpha Theta members.



Carolyn Mahoney

**February 13, 1942 -
July 29, 2019**

Pi

Inducted 2018

Carolyn Mahoney

Pi

February 13, 1942 - July 29, 2019

Carolyn was inducted into Pi chapter in the fall of 2018. Unfortunately cancer stopped her from really working much with her chapter. However, Pi members stated that she was a very kind and inspiring woman.

Carolyn was a native of Carrolton, Missouri, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from the University of Missouri. She was a special education teacher at Wheeling High School, Columbia, Missouri from 1965 to 1985, was a business owner and the financial officer of the family business.

Carolyn believed strongly in community engagement. Thus, she volunteered for many organizations, taking great pleasure sharing her time and many talents with others. Likewise, she appreciated many different hobbies. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belonged to various fine arts, garden and book clubs. Most notably, Carolyn was a gifted pianist, who loved entertaining family and friends. However, the cause dearest to her heart, was her crusade against domestic violence. On behalf of this because Carolyn traveled throughout the country, making a positive difference in women's lives through her speaking and mentoring. It was indeed her lifelong mission to support domestic violence victims.

For the past ten years Carolyn found genuine happiness with her second husband Dennis. The 77-year-old Carolyn is deeply missed by her husband, children, grand- and great grandchildren, stepchildren and step grandchildren, and her many friends.

Carolyn's final legacy was the request for memorials to be made to local domestic violence agencies.



**Julie Rose
Marin**

**April 24, 1995 -
November 30, 2019**

Delta
Inducted 2018

Julie Rose Marin

Delta

April 24, 1995 - November 30, 2019

Julie was a young educator who looked so very much forward to becoming a more productive member of Delta chapter. Unfortunately that was not to be. She attended her first Delta chapter meeting in November 2018 and had paid dues for active membership of Delta Kappa Gamma. Unfortunately, due to various previous commitments, Julie was not able to take part in the red rose ceremony. She was delighted to attend meetings whenever possible and had looked forward to finally schedule the formal induction ceremony.

Julie received a bachelor of science in education from Cardinal Stritch University and had started a promising career as a second-grade teacher at Robinwood Elementary in Franklin and as a skilled tennis coach.

Julie was a gifted artist and a highly accomplished tennis player, who is deeply missed by her family, students, colleagues and friends. Several parents of Julie's former students posted tender and affectionate online tributes. One noted that her daughter felt so lucky to have had such a bright and great teacher for a whole year, and how much her child misses Ms. Marin's girlfriend high-fives. Moreover, this same tribute added, Ms. Marin's motto: 'Go with the flow' is something that would always stay with her daughter.

Julie was only 24 years old at the time of her death, and is deeply missed by her Delta sisters.



Leona Mielke

**February 3, 1926 -
May 12, 2019**

Psi

Alpha Iota

Inducted 1961

- **Longtime Psi
Literacy Judging
hostess**

Leona Mielke

Psi February 3, 1926 - May 12, 2019

Leona was a very proud 58-year-old DKG member, having been inducted into Alpha Iota in 1961. Upon her transfer to Psi-Northwest, she faithfully attended meetings until her health no longer permitted her to do so. Leona focused mainly on the Mary Jo Nettesheim Literary Contest, hosting for many years the judging of Psi chapter's entries at her home in Almena. Following her move to Monroe Manor in Barron, her chapter made arrangements to judge the literary books there. This allowed Leona to continue participating in the judging, a task she completed for the last time three months prior to her passing.

The Almena native graduated from the UW-River Falls with a bachelor of science in education and a master of science in curriculum from UW-Madison. Leona enjoyed a 42-year career as an educator, including schools in Chetek, Jefferson, Monroe and Janesville. One of her more rewarding professional endeavors was supervising and mentoring 40 student teachers and serving on the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Even in retirement, Leona remained a teacher, continuing to teach Sunday School for another 10 years.

Leona was highly engaged in her community and church. She belonged to many societies in addition to DKG, including the Retired Teachers of Barron County, Barron County Historical Society and VFW Auxiliary. Moreover, she volunteered at the Barron Hospital Gift Store, Yours Mine and Ours Thrift Store and the Almena School. Likewise, she demonstrated her leadership serving in various capacities in her church. Leona was quite well known for her talents in the embroidery art of counted cross stitch. She completed over 25 Christmas stockings, and several banners on display at her church. Furthermore, she was an active flower gardener and card player.

Barb Millerman, Psi-Northwest long-term member, reflected upon her very good friend Leona, stating they all just loved her, and were all so proud of their oldest chapter member. Barb had just talked to Leona a couple of days before she died. Leona had called to let her know how much it meant to her that Psi-Northwest chapter had given \$250.00 to Sigma State Foundation in Leona's honor.

Leona was 93 and had been a widow for the past 40 years.



**Shirley
Richardson**

**January 10, 1921-
March 28, 2019**

Zeta
Inducted 1969

Shirley Richardson

Zeta

January 10, 1921 - March 28, 2019

Shirley was a dedicated 50 year member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was inducted into Zeta chapter in 1969, and stayed engaged with her chapter even after her move from Green Bay to Columbus. During her years as an active Zeta member she focused mainly on the World Fellowship committee, keeping members informed on international issues, including UNICEF. Zeta's online tribute included noting that Shirley was all DKG represented as a key woman educator. That she performed her educational tasks always with enthusiasm and dedication. They further noted she carried through all of her attempts responsibly and sought to enrich the lives of her students and colleagues. She truly represented DKG's mission of enhancing intellectual and emotional growth.

The Oconto Falls High School graduate received her professional education training at Marinette Teachers College. Following her marriage to the late Robert Richardson, Shirley completed her studies for her bachelor's degree from then Wisconsin State College-Oshkosh. As an early educator Shirley taught in Gillette, Frostville and Mountain, having all eight grades in one classroom. Shirley was an educator her entire life, always striving to be the best teacher, and inspiring students of all ages in either Illinois or Wisconsin to become readers. Thus, as a leader in the Literacy Council of Brown County, she taught English to Hmong adults, creating an individualized learning system. Her work amongst the Hmong was well recognized in Brown County.

Shirley was deeply committed to her church and community, serving as a lay leader, Sunday school teacher, and a grief peer counselor. Likewise, she served as the Women's Society president, was an active member of the Brown County Retired Educators and served as a care team member visiting and spreading joy throughout nursing homes and care centers.

To honor and recognize what was important to Shirley, her family, residing in Wisconsin, Germany and Austria, requested donations to UNICEF or a local education program or scholarship.

Shirley was 98 years old at the time of her death.



Dorothy Schattschneider

**February 6, 1921 -
September 21, 2019**

**Alpha Theta
Inducted 1963**

- **Chapter Charter member**
- **2 term Chapter President**
- **Chapter Secretary**

February 6, 1921 - September 21, 2019

Inducted into DKG in 1963, Dorothy was a charter member of Alpha Theta in 1964. Additionally, she served Alpha Theta as secretary and as a two-term president. Moreover, she was instrumental in organizing and implementing the Alpha Theta literacy contest. Indeed, she was the consummate educator who was honored not only with her membership in DKG, but also with Pi Lambda Theta, an honor society and professional association for educators.

Dorothy graduated in 1938 with honors from high school, and with the assistance of the annual AAUW and Ripon College Competitive Academic Scholarships, she attended Ripon College and graduated with a B.S. degree from Wisconsin State College Oshkosh, now UW-Oshkosh, and eventually an M.S. degree from UW-Madison.

Dorothy enjoyed 45 years teaching at many different schools. The last 30 years were dedicated enhancing Fond du Lac public schools, as well as teaching evening classes in English improvement at the Fond du Lac Vocational and Technical Institute. During her long career she accomplished several firsts. She was the first married woman to receive a contract in the Fond du Lac school district, initiated the area's spelling bee, annual Spanish pronunciation contest, annual foreign language trip and poetry contest. Furthermore, Dorothy piloted a gifted and talented project, assisted with the school newspaper, yearbook, and forensics program. She served as the middle school English and Foreign Language Department Coordinator and served on many district and school committees.

Dorothy was also exceedingly involved in her community and church. Her incredible commitment was acknowledged with several awards, most notably in 2014, the Birch Sturm Fellowship Award, the highest Lions Club recognition. Some of her numerous activities included, member of the Fox Lake Girl Scout Council, the AAUW Association, and serving on a congressional campaign. In addition, she guest-lectured at UW-Oshkosh, hosted 15 student teachers from Marion College and UW-Oshkosh, and belonged to the local Retired Educator's Association and was a lifetime member of WEA and NEA. She was active as a Sunday school program coordinator and teacher, vacation church school director, scholarship and pastoral search committee chair, and held several church mission and administrative positions.

The twice widowed Dorothy enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and traveling. She was 98 years at the time of her passing.



Hilda Scholler

**February 19, 1921 -
April 9, 2019**

**Lambda
Gamma Gamma -
Illinois**

Inducted 1967

**➤ Chapter President
1974-1976 , Illinois**

February 19, 1921 - April 9, 2019

In 1967 Hilda was inducted as a charter member of Gamma Gamma chapter of DKG in Champaign, Illinois. She served as chapter president from 1974-1976 and was active as site chair of the international convention. Upon relocating to Wisconsin in 1980, Hilda transferred her Delta Kappa Gamma membership to Lambda chapter, where she participated in a wide range of activities. During Lambda's 50th Anniversary she took daughter Susan to the celebration to hear the first female chancellor at the university. Her daughter too became a Lambda member and at the time of Hilda's death they shared Lambda secretarial duties. She also participated with Lambda's Guest Reader program at a local school and made it her mission to attend as many DKG sponsored conventions as possible.

Hilda was indeed a trailblazer. She was the first in her family to go to college. She graduated from Illinois State Normal University with a degree in health/physical education and English just three months after being married. She was the first married and pregnant female teacher in Champaign, Illinois. Following a move to Schaumburg, Illinois, Hilda taught fourth grade including her son, served as president of the Classroom Teachers Association and was actively engaged in several school and community organizations and projects. Throughout her effective career she also taught physical education, and eventually earned a master in guidance and counseling from Northern Illinois University. Following her degree she returned to the same campus as a guidance counselor, working in classrooms and with small groups of students with problems, implementing innovative methods.

Once relocated to Spring Green, Hilda and her husband continued being productive community citizens. Hilda worked on the Spring Green Senior Board, as their secretary, and wrote the Senior Citizen Corner in the Home News until 2009. She belonged to the Sauk and Richland County Retired Teachers and the Rolling Hills Toastmasters. Moreover, she raised funds, organized annual fundraisers for the building and maintenance of the Spring Green Library, and served on the board of the Friends of the Library. Likewise, she was exceedingly engaged in her church, chairing and serving in many committees.

The 98-year-old Hilda was a talented artist, avid crafter, quilter, world traveler and devoted water aerobics participant. She requested in lieu of flowers memorials to be made to her church or the Friends of the Spring Green Library.



Meg Sekel

**August 15, 1963 -
May 25, 2019**

Alpha Xi
Inducted 2018

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Alpha Xi

While Meg was an Alpha Xi member for only about one year, having been officially inducted in November of 2018, she had been supportive of the chapter prior to that. Whenever she was able to attend meetings she was always encouraging and appreciative of the opportunity to be part of Alpha Xi. Likewise, Alpha Xi chapter received generous memorial donations for its scholarship fund in the name of Meg.

Meg was a graduate of UW- Eau Claire with a bachelor degree in education. She was a beloved special education teacher for over 25 years, spending most of those years at Beaver Dam High School. She was an extremely passionate advocate for special education. Moreover, Meg was passionate about life, always seeing the positive in every situation and person. As one of her chapter members stated, Meg was always bubbly and smiling, in spite that she was always struggling with her own severe illness.

Meg loved raising her daughter and spending time with her family. She was an animal lover, enjoyed relaxing by the pool and always found contentment while knitting. However, it is Meg's beaming smile and infectious laugh that will always be remembered and missed by her many friends, family and former students. Several of them wrote endearing tributes to Meg on the online condolences.

Meg was only 55 years old when she lost her battle with cancer. Her beautiful spirit will be missed by anyone who had the pleasure to have known her.



Marlene Smith

**November 22, 1927-
April 25, 2019**

Delta

Inducted 1976

➤ **Chapter Vice
President**

November 22, 1927 - April 25, 2019

Since her induction in 1976 into Delta chapter, Marlene exemplified the spirit, vision and mission of Delta Kappa Gamma. She served as Delta chapter vice president and long-time scholarship chairperson. She was constantly focused on enhancing members' professionalism, and most of all helping local youth achieve their educational goals. In particular, she was unceasingly looking to enhance the educational opportunities for high school aged women. Likewise, she assiduously cared about the wellbeing of her fellow teachers and students.

Marlene received her education training and degrees from Sauk County Normal and the Wisconsin State College-La Crosse, today UW-La Crosse. Throughout her 38-year career as a dedicated teacher she was supported by her late educator husband, Gerald. Marlene first taught in a rural one-room school, grades 1-8, eventually teaching grades 4-6, and children with disabilities for most of her effectual career in Wauwatosa. Marlene was pleased to receive, along with her 5th grade class, an honorary letter from President Gerald Ford for participating in Whip Inflation Now (W.I.N.) program. Her class prepared a cookbook featuring sugarless recipes. Furthermore, she organized a class project to have students write all state governors urging them to observe a Wildlife Day at their state fairs. This garnered her recognition from the acting Wisconsin governor. Upon retirement she continued being an educator, teaching adults math and reading skills.

Marlene was very patriotic, writing and publishing a play "Salute to America" and planting on their family farm 1000 trees and wildflowers in celebration of America's bicentennial. Following the presentation of the play, it was placed in a time capsule in her hometown of Reedsburg and in several other U.S. cities. Moreover, Marlene was very active with several charitable and non-profit organizations. As chaplain and historian for the Milwaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), she was able to trace her genealogy with ancestors coming to America in 1627. Additionally, she volunteered at the Boerner Botanical Gardens, the Milwaukee County Zoo and at her church right up to her death. Marlene was genuinely proud of her community and always did her part to support it.

Marlene was 92 years old at the time of her passing and is deeply missed by her fellow Delta sisters.

We Miss You - We Remember You

We remember your caring, enthusiasm, dedication and love
For your students, DKG chapter,
And most of all for us your fellow sisters.
You offered encouragement, guidance and always a smile.
We miss you, we will remember you.

You paved the way for us professionally
You endured the challenges to succeed
You created cherished memories for us to keep
Your inspirational service is a constant reminder
To emulate your commitment is to honor you forever.

Farewell dear Sister, we do remember.