



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



WISCONSIN STATE ORGANIZATION
THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL
2021 STATE CONVENTION
MAY 1, 2021

*Honoring the Lives of Sisters who
have served*

2020

Shirley Braithwaite	Lambda
Jane Ross	Phi
Marie Hudziak	Alpha Iota
Catherine Bertler	Zeta
Grace Piskula	Pi
Carolyn Barnhart	Alpha Tau
Doris Zahn	Alpha Gamma

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Linda Herkert	Chi

A Service of Remembrance

Opening.....Roberta Gale

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

John Newton -1725-1807

Poem "Gifts and Giving"

Priceless gifts are wrapped in love.
They are topped with ribbons of
Knowledge and experience.
Such gifts have been given and shared.

The gifts of leadership, courage foresight.
The gifts of teaching and leading of teachers.
The gifts of loyalty, trust and dedication.
The gifts of sisterhood, guidance and enrichment.

Today we acknowledge those gifts
And celebrate the lives who gave them.
Receiving them with careful hands we share
What our mentors taught us to become.

Together we will further education and educator.
Together we will be one in purpose and mission.
Together we will continue the legacy clearly left us.
Together we stand firmly and move forward.

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Rose Ceremony
.....Barb Albrechtson, Kathy Clouthier, Roberta Gale

Dr. Carolyn Barnhart

May 2, 1952 – November 9, 2020

Carolyn Barnhart was inducted into the Alpha Tau chapter of the Wisconsin State Organization of DKG in 1999. As a valued member of DKG she received the Lorraine Missling Award. Carolyn served on committees at the local and state level of DKG including on the Sigma State Foundation Board.

Carolyn received her bachelor's degree in Home Economics from UW-Stout. Since education (learning and teaching) were important to Carolyn she went on to earn a master's degree in Educational Administration and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. As Home Economics evolved into Family and Consumer Sciences she contributed 36 years to teaching at UW-Stout. Carolyn served as Department Chair of Food and Nutrition with accolades as Teacher of the Year and Program Director of the Year.

Since Carolyn believed in leadership through service she contributed to numerous and varied Foundation Boards over the years. She humbly received honors over the years from many organizations for her countless contributions. She valued the friendships she made through all these contacts.

Carolyn felt her greatest honor was to be married to Larry and together raising their four children and being blessed with seven grandchildren.

Carolyn battled a rare form of leukemia for almost three years.

She was 68 years old at the time of her passing.

Alpha Tau



Doris Zahn

July 12, 1931 – November 11, 2020

Doris was inducted into the Alpha Gamma chapter of DKG in April, 1968 and was a member for more than 50 years.

Doris served in several offices including President and on many committees for the Alpha Gamma chapter. She was a driving force in chapter work especially establishing a scholarship for young women training in education at UW-Whitewater. She participated in many state conventions.

Doris was born in Juneau, WI. She learned the value of hard work, perseverance and frugal living from her mother. Doris met her husband, Karl, through her father. Doris and Karl were married in 1951 and they supported each other through the work of earning five degrees in education. Both started their careers in rural one-room schools and they were devoted to children through teaching. Doris retired in 1990 from the Whitewater Public Schools after spending much of her career as a Reading Specialist. In her early retirement years Doris worked with UW-Whitewater as a supervising teacher for those working in the southeastern part of Wisconsin.

Using her Creative talent, Doris created centerpieces for the annual DKG holiday auctions with her many flowers, seasonal containers and bows. Her best idea was the famous Christmas chocolate pizzas.

Karl and Doris were proudly inducted into the UW-Whitewater's Hall of Fame in 2006. In March, 2014, Doris drove Karl, who was undergoing cancer treatments, to Orlando, Florida for the Warhawk baseball training games.

Doris was 89 years old at the time of her passing,

Alpha Gamma



Norma Jeanne Triebold

January 14, 1933 – February 15, 2021

Norma “Jeanne” Triebold was inducted into the Alpha Gamma chapter of DKG in September, 1982. Norma served as Chapter President and she was a supportive member for 38 years as she brought many new members to the chapter through her association with so many other community groups.

Jeanne was born in Chicago and graduated from The Chicago School of Dental Nursing. She married Robert Hawes in 1954 and they moved back to his hometown of Whitewater 2 years later. She happily left the big city. Bob suddenly passed away in 1966. As a widow with two young children, Jeanne took over the ownership of The Little Red Schoolhouse. This began her 33 year career directing and teaching 3 and 4 year-old preschoolers. She treasured her connections to the preschoolers and the teachers in the building. She enjoyed seeing former students and parents especially when they'd bring their own children for “Trick or Treat”. In late 1967 Jeanne married Frederic “Fritz” Triebold. They shared 50 years of fun and adventure including summers on Blue Spring Lake, travels in Europe and many winters in Naples, Florida.

Jeanne played an active role in choir and Vacation Bible School for First United Methodist Church. She led her daughter's troop of Brownies through to Senior Scouts. Jeanne served as both Vice-President and President of the umbrella organization that coordinated the activities of her numerous clubs in the Whitewater Federation of Women's Clubs.

Norma “Jeanne” was 88 years old at the time of her passing.

Alpha Gamma



Catherine Bertler

January 17, 1922 – July 17, 2020

Catherine Bertler was inducted into Zeta chapter of DKG on October 1, 1974. As an active member of Zeta chapter Catherine served as treasurer and president. She also received funds from DKG International to attend a mastery learning workshop at the Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction and was key to the establishment of Sigma State Foundation. .

Catherine was born in Mishicot and in 1947 she married George in Mishicot. Less than three years later he passed away from kidney disease leaving Catherine with two daughters to raise.

Catherine returned to Oshkosh for her bachelor's degree in Education and taught for 12 years in Two Rivers. She became a reading specialist in the Green Bay school system after she received her master's degree from UW-Milwaukee in reading education. Catherine has served on the WEAC board of directors, as secretary for the state PTA, as president, secretary and delegate to the WEAC Representative Assembly for GBEA (Green Bay Education Assn). In retirement she served as President of the Brown County Retired Teacher Association. Catherine had been active in the International Reading Association, Wisconsin State Reading Association and the Greater Bayland Reading Council. For her work with GBEA, Catherine twice received their “Apple” award for excellence in association leadership. She received the Distinguished Service Award twice “in recognition of a significant contribution to the teaching profession”. She also was nominated for the DPI Wisconsin Teacher of the Year Award by the Green Bay school district. Catherine was 98 years old at the time of her passing.

ZETA



Shirley (Walker) Braithwaite

March 19, 1930-March 19, 2020

Shirley Braithwaite died on her 90th birthday. She was initiated into the Lambda Chapter of DKG in 1967. At the time of her death, Shirley held Lambda's third longest membership. She was a very active member for most of those 53 years, serving as president, secretary, treasurer, chair of the Rules Committee and as music chair. She also served as Standing Rules chair as well as music chair and song leader for two years for the Wisconsin State Organization, Shurl, as she was known to many friends, organized and led a group of Lambda sisters that sang at Northwest Regional Convention in Madison in 1981.

Shurl attended the Richland County Normal School from 1948 to 1950 and then began teaching in rural schools in the area, including first and second grades at West Lima, 1-8 grades at Berger School and 5-8 grades at Dixon School. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1962 from Wisconsin State University-Platteville, and afterwards, taught sixth grade for 23 years at Ithaca Elementary School. During those years, she earned graduate credits from WSU-Platteville and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

She was very active in several community groups, her church and other religious groups and the American Legion Auxiliary. Shurl once said, "I am addicted to the piano," which she played "by ear" from the age of four. She sang solos, in groups, and choirs and, in her last few decades, regularly played at five retirement homes and began making C.D.'s. In their rural community, she and her husband of 69 years are fondly remembered for being Santa and Mrs. Claus of three decades. Shirley also enjoyed reading, traveling and crossword puzzles.

Shirley was 90 years old at the time of her passing.

Lambda



Jane Ross

1934-March 26, 2020

Jane C. Ross was inducted into Phi chapter in 1967. She was an active member in the chapter until dementia made it difficult for her to continue.

She graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Whitewater State Teacher's College and began teaching second grade in Beloit. After a year she moved to Madison and began teaching at Glendale and to most other Madison Metropolitan School District Schools throughout her career.

She joined the Dominic Club, a church singles group, with some friends and there she met David Ross, the love of her life. They married on July 16, 1960 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. They were blessed with three children who enjoyed the teaching talents of their mother - she taught them to read and to always be curious about learning new things. She filled their summers, with outdoor camps, art classes, and drives across the country to see our natural history. During this time she was a substitute teacher in all the Madison public schools and specialized in Reading Recovery and Chapter 1. She travelled on a daily basis to help students in Cambridge, Oregon, and Brooklyn. For many years after her retirement in 1999, many of her Reading Recovery students and their parents still approached Jane to tell her what a difference she made in their lives. She continued this teaching legacy by reading with her grandchildren and volunteering at her church school, St. Maria Goretti.

Jane was 86 at the time of her passing.

Phi



Grace Piskula

February 26, 1926 – October 26, 2020

Grace was inducted into Pi chapter of DKG on April 1, 1966.

Grace served as Pi Chapter president and on various committees during her 54 years as a DKG member.

After graduating from UW-La Crosse, Grace accepted the opportunity to play for the Rockford Peaches in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League depicted in the movie "A League of Their Own". She had her very own baseball card prized by many.

Once Grace retired from baseball her natural athleticism led her to become a PE teacher at both Junior and Senior High Schools in Racine. She later served as the Director of Health and Physical Education for grades K-12 in the Racine Unified School District. Grace was lucky enough to work one year at the University of Hawaii. Grace's stories of working with students, teachers and parents were always delightful to hear.

In 2001, Grace was inducted into the Wall of Honor at the Brewers Stadium for accomplishments in Baseball. In 2002, she had the privilege and honor to participate in the Olympic Torch run. At 76 years old she was determined to RUN her mile so she jogged her uphill mile while smiling the whole way with torch held high.

In retirement Grace's generous and caring heart led her to volunteer her time at the Health Care Network in Racine. Grace was 94 years old at the time of her passing.

Pi



Linda Herkert

April 15, 1948-March 16, 2021

Linda (Sam) Herkert was inducted into Chi Chapter of DKG International in May of 1995. As an active member of Chi chapter, Sam served as president and held several board positions.

Sam was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and spent her childhood in Brookfield. She married her high school sweetheart in 1970. Before starting a family, Sam taught 5th and 6th grade in Waukesha. She and her husband Joe raised four boys in Cedarburg and had an opportunity to enjoy six grandchildren.

Sam earned her educator certification from Mount Mary University in 1970. She had a burning desire to learn. While teaching at Parkview Elementary School from 1984-91, she earned her reading license at Cardinal Stritch University, a Masters degree at Aurora University, and a Reading Recovery Certification from the University of Illinois. Her love of children and enjoyment of watching her students become successful and grow kept her teaching for over 27 years.

Often serving her community, Sam was president of Cedarburg Pre-School, a docent for Cedarburg school tours, and supported the lunch program at Cross Church in Milwaukee as well as "Bob's Under the Bridge".

Sam approached everything in her life with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. All who knew her were blessed to have had her in their lives. Sam lives on in the hearts of many.

Linda Herkert was 72 years old at the time of her passing.

Chi



Marie Hudziak

Alpha Iota

August 2, 1924 – May 21, 2020

Marie was inducted into Alpha Iota chapter of DKG on May 1, 1979.

Marie was born in Plover, WI and married her husband Clem in Wautoma. They traveled together to all 50 states and much of Canada

After working in an ammunition factory in Milwaukee late in World War II Marie attended UW-Stevens Point to earn a Bachelor of Education degree.

Marie went on to teach for 41 years beginning in a one room school in Almond, WI. She ended her career with 27 years at the Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped in Janesville.

Marie was a member of the Catholic Women's Club, Janesville Area Retired Educators, Wisconsin Retired Educators Assn., Rock County Historical Society, St Patrick Catholic Church and Delta Kappa Gamma.

Marie was 95 at the time of her passing.



Margaret (Maggie) Machesky

Alpha Tau

September 7, 1953 – December 14, 2020

Margaret was inducted into the Alpha Tau chapter of DKG in 2012.

Margaret was born in Fontainebleau, France during her father's military service abroad.

Maggie earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Early Childhood Development from UW-Stout. While working at UW-Stout she met her true love, Steven Machesky. Their wedding in 1981 was the first to take place in Caddie Woodlawn Park.

With the military in her blood, she followed Steve's Air Force assignments around the world. Maggie managed Child Development Centers for the Air Force at these deployments. After Steve retired Maggie took a position with Zero to Three, a non-profit out of Washington, DC where she traveled to military installations teaching health care professionals about the impact of frequent military deployments on child development.

In 2009, Maggie and Steve returned to Downsville, WI to build their dream home on her family's farm. After the countless moves she vowed she would never leave. She did, however, work at the Child and Family Study center at UW-Stout upon their return to Wisconsin.

Margaret was 67 years old at the time of her passing

