IN MEMORIAM

PATRICIA ANN DODDS

Retired Assistant Professor Patricia Ann Dodds of The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing passed away July 12, 2009. Dr. Dodds joined the faculty of the School of Nursing in 1962 as an instructor and advanced to an assistant professor in 1966. She retired from the school in 1995. She was preceded in death by her parents Marie Ann and James Russell Dodds of Victoria, Texas, and her infant sister, Sheila Dodds. She was survived by her sister, Mary Alice, husband Bernard Tracey of Los Angeles; sister, Marian Beissel of Houston; sister, Eileen; and brothers, Donald and Robert Dodds of Austin; and her extended family of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces.

Dr. Dodds was born in New Orleans on September 30, 1934. After graduating in 1956 from Sacred Heart Dominican College in Houston, she worked at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital. Subsequently, she obtained a master’s degree in nursing from the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and a Ph.D. from Texas Women’s University.

Throughout her thirty-three year career as a faculty member teaching clinical nursing, she touched the lives of numerous nursing students and shared her commitment to a holistic approach to patient care. Dr. Dodds was committed to excellence in nursing education and patient care, and she integrated her passion for both by setting high expectations for her students. Her dedication to teaching students was extraordinary; she made continuous efforts to improve the learning experiences of her students. She was greatly respected by her faculty colleagues and by students.

During her retirement, Dr. Dodds was involved in numerous charitable missions through her church home, St. Thomas More Catholic Church. In addition, she was an active volunteer in the Prisoner Visitation and Support Program. For several years, Dr Dodds visited with prisoners incarcerated in the Federal Correction Facility, Bastrop, Texas. She continued visiting with inmates until she was no longer physically able to make these trips. She was honored and respected by the men she visited each month, and for most, she was their only visitor.

This memorial resolution was prepared by a special committee consisting of Betty Skaggs, (chair), Lorraine Walker, and Jan Taylor Fox.

Distributed to the dean of the School of Nursing, the executive vice president and provost, and the president on October 26, 2009. Copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, WMB 2.102, F9500. This resolution is posted under "Memorials" at: http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/.