MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR PEARL M. AUGSPURGER

Students, faculty and staff were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of their friend, Pearl M. Augspurger, head nurse at the UWM Student Health Center. Miss Augspurger was killed in an automobile accident on Sunday evening, November 8, 1970. She had been visiting her family in Illinois and was returning to her home in Milwaukee when the accident occurred. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Emma Augspurger, two brothers, Merle and Delmar, and one sister, Mrs. Russell Stred. For the past 23 years, she had made her home with her close friend, Miss Alice M. Jensen, also a nurse.

Miss Augspurger was born in Chenoa, Illinois, April 5, 1911 and graduated from Chenoa High School in 1929. Early training for her profession was taken at the Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois which granted her diploma in 1940. In 1953, she received her B.S. degree in Nursing from Marquette University.

Her professional positions were mainly administrative in nature. She served as head nurse at Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Illinois; at Pekin Hospital, Pekin, Ill.; and at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she also served as clinical instructor in the Nursing School.

When she came to Wisconsin State College in 1954 as the college nurse, she was the only full-time member of the medical staff. After the merger in 1956, she continued as head nurse of the UWM Health Center and remained in that capacity until her death.

While at UWM she served on the faculty Health & Welfare Committee. Her professional activities included membership in the American Nurses' Association, Wisconsin Nurses' Association, Wisconsin League for Nursing, and in the Nurses section of the American College Health Association.

Pearl Augspurger had a remarkable capacity to take things in stride and to adjust to ever-changing conditions. Her fine leadership, her ability to project future needs and her willingness to take responsibility for important decisions made it possible for the Health Center to keep pace with the rapidly growing University. Her quiet, cheerful manner endeared her to those she served, and her efficiency was greatly admired and appreciated.

One of her responsibilities at UWM was to work with the Athletic Department taking care of injuries and keeping countless records. Players and coaches quickly recognized her as a capable, conscientious and thoughtful person. Because she knew the participants personally, she attended many varsity sports events and was a staunch UWM supporter.

Among her other special interests were the Fine Arts, particularly Music. She was a devoted follower of musical events on campus. She also had a great fondness for people, especially those of college age. Her colleagues recall that she always gave top priority to students and their needs.

It is no wonder that Pearl Augspurger chose Nursing for her life's work. She was happiest when she could be of help to others. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was fortunate to have had her dedicated services these past 16 years.

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