



Mildred C. Templin Ph.D.

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Templin, Mildred C. PhD Oct. 30, 1913 - Oct. 22, 2008 Last surviving member of Milwaukee's South Division High School "girls of '31," Professor Mildred Templin died peacefully last Wednesday afternoon at the Augustana Nursing Home in Minneapolis, where she had lived for the past five years. Scholar, investigator, speech clinician, educator, advisor, researcher, and friend of students and colleagues, Mildred was one of the earliest workers to detail the nature of language development in children. Together with her colleague Dr. Frederick Darley in 1969, they created The Templin-Darley Tests of Articulation which were used to obtain a detailed description and evaluation of a child's articulation. Today her work is considered to be the cornerstone of the discipline known as psycho-linguistics. See www.humec.k-state.edu/fshs/templinarchive/ Professor Templin was exceptionally educated; she received her B.A. and M.S.A. in Speech and Speech Pathology from the Univ. of Wisconsin and her PhD in Child Development from the University of Minnesota. During her career at Wisconsin, Purdue and the University of Minnesota (1936-1976) she held every teaching position possible, from Graduate Assistant to full Professor. In 1976 she received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Purdue University in recognition of her distinguished career as a teacher, investigator and author. She was a Fellow in the American Psychological Association, the American Speech and Hearing Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was also a member of the Society for Research in child Development, the

American Educational Research Association, the National Association of University Professors and numerous other professional organizations. She was a local hero who received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award in 1981 for academic achievement, and in the early 70's was listed in numerous Who's Who publications. Her volunteer activities were extensive - she joined Hope Lutheran church in 1961, served as President of its congregation from 1973-1975 (the first woman to do so) and remained a member up to her death. She also was a strong supporter of the neighborhood she lived in; she was a member of the University Development Improvement Association - the forerunner to what is now the Marcy Holmes Neighborhood Association. She was a founding member of both First and Second Southeast Corporations and served for an extended time as an officer and board member. After moving to the Augustana Apartments, she served there as a Board member of the Residents' Association and on the Bylaws Revision and Publication committees. Mildred leaves behind a world of friends stretching across America to the United Kingdom and on to India. Her impact on the world she lived in is incalculable. Fiercely independent and always industrious, she wove hundreds of people into her life's activities. When honoring her with its Doctor of Letters degree, Purdue University noted that her career was marked by her dedication to scholarly endeavor, her ability to lucidly convey her thoughts through manuscripts, books and research articles, her influence on today's leaders in academic and research settings and her humaneness in dealing with her colleagues, students, and the thousands of youngsters she studied throughout her life. A particularly special tribute was bestowed on her by the University of Minnesota earlier this year - she was named one of the 100 most significant contributors to the University's educational efforts in the past 100 years. Her final days were made comfortable and peaceful by the very devoted Augustana Nursing Home staff on 3 East who lovingly cared for her to the end and by the Twin Cities Hospice staff who provided special comfort through their music and prayer. Special friends throughout her life, Jo Schroeder, Mary Kay O'Hearn and Mildred Holmgren were frequent visitors

and former colleagues Professors Peggy Nelson and Ann Smit were in contact with Mildred before she died. Mildred particularly appreciated the spiritual guidance and concern provided her by Pastors Craig Shirley, Kwanza Yu and Dave Johnson, of Hope Lutheran. She also commented frequently on how blessed she had been to find her business and legal advisors Joe LaFave, Warren Kelly and Anita Goulet. Mildred will be greatly missed by all her friends, neighbors and colleagues. She played a particularly special role in the lives of her friends and neighbors Linda Messenger and Bob Distad. For Linda she became a surrogate mother, an advisor, a confidante and always a friend - for Bob she was a source of political counsel and guidance, a strong role model, and always a friend. She leaves their world immeasurably enriched. Funeral Services Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 , 11AM at University Lutheran Church of Hope, 601 13th Ave S.E., Mpls. Visitation Monday, Oct. 27, 5-7PM at Washburn-McReavy Southeast Chapel, 200 Central Ave S.E., Mpls. Interment Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, 11AM Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI. Washburn McReavy 612-379-2368