

Commentary

Necrology: Jeanne Goldberger

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Necrology

Jeanne Goldberger, a Life Member of IAOM, died peacefully on December 22, 1979, in Mt. Sinai Hospital, in Cleveland.

Jeanne, 68, joined IAOM soon after it began, and quickly completed her certification procedures. Her husband, Milton, became an Associate member, and the two of them attended every annual meeting until 1979. Jeanne had hoped to attend the 1980 convention, also. She had suffered a mild stroke earlier in the year, leaving her temporarily aphasic, and she wanted to describe her impressions during the period when she was without speech. However, she was overtaken by cancer and remained in the hospital for five weeks prior to death.

Jeanne raised a family before returning to school at age 49 to complete her degree in speech pathology at Western Reserve University. She worked at her profession in the Cleveland school system from 1962 to 1973, after which she was in private practice.

Mrs. Goldberger was a generous volunteer, giving time and effort to several of her local organizations, including the Red Cross, PTA, United Fund, Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary and Hadassah.

IAOM has lost a friend and staunch supporter. She will be greatly missed.

— Anita Barrett,
Executive Secretary of IAOM

Jeanne Goldberger was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1911 and remained a life-long resident of that city. Her education was interrupted after two and a half years of college by the depression of 1929 and by marriage in 1938. Jeanne returned to Western Reserve University in 1960 when she was 49 years of age. She was graduated in 1962 with a B.A. degree in Speech and Hearing Therapy and was employed immediately as a speech therapist by the Cleveland School System.

Jeanne's interest in "Tongue Thrust" sparked a need to search for knowledge concerning this condition and possible correction of the problem. The earliest work which Jeanne discovered on the subject was written by Dr. Morton, a dentist, in the 1920's. Her research also led her to the writings of Straub, Zickafoose, Barrett, and Hanson.

Mrs. Goldberger was greatly concerned that tongue-thrust therapy was not included in college and university speech pathology course curricula. She shared her research with others and, at the invitation of the administration of Cleveland Schools, she presented in-service training workshops to all the speech therapists in the school system. She also submitted articles to various dental journals. Feeling an urgent need

for a textbook on the subject, Jeanne utilized experiences and knowledge from her own clinical practice, teaching, and observations and designed a teaching manual to assist speech therapists in their work.

Because of an expressed need from dentists and orthodontists of the area, Jeanne began a private practice in 1969 while still employed by the Cleveland Schools. She continued her private practice and her research following her retirement from the school system in 1973. Jeanne felt very honored by her invitation to join I.A.O.M. and to find peer recognition by Zickafoose, Barrett, Hanson, and many others.

During her public employment and private practice, Jeanne presented audio-visual lectures to many state and regional Speech and Hearing Associations in the United States and Canada and to the Ohio State Dental Association and the Cleveland Dental Society. She also addressed many college and university speech classes.

Jeanne is survived by her husband, Milton, and by two daughters: Ruth Sherman, Ph.D., of Houston, Texas and Faye Trilling, M.S.S.W., of Durham, North Carolina.

Jeanne became a friend to everyone she met; she will long be remembered by her family, her friends, and by members of her profession.