

Ida May Johnson

1919 - 1985

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, EMERITUS

A.A., Pasadena City College, 1939

California State University, Fullerton From September 1, 1964 To May, 1980

Birth: September 15, 1919; Death: August 25, 1985

Ida May (Snyder) Johnson was born in Azusa, California on September 15, 1919 and, after a long bout with cancer, passed away on August 25, 1985 in Fullerton at St. Jude Hospital. A funeral service was held on August 29 at the Oakdale Cemetery, Glendora.

Ida began her sixteen-year tenure at California State University, Fullerton in 1964 as Secretary to the founding President, Dr. William B. Langsdorf, and was advanced to Administrative Assistant when Dr. L. Donald Shields was President.

Ida received the A.A. degree from Pasadena City College in 1939, with major emphasis on business administration. She had further formal training (1961-62) at the University of California in Los Angeles and earned a teaching credential for business education subjects offered at the level of community college and adult education.

Prior to joining the CSUF staff, she held the following positions: 1953-61, administrative secretary to the Whittier Elementary Schools; 1961-92, secretary to the president of Whittier College; 1962-63, secretary to the vice president for administration at the Fullerton Community College; and 1963-67, instructor in the Division of Business Education, Fullerton Community College.

During her career she held memberships in and took active leadership roles in several professional organizations. These included the California School Employees Association, the California Association of Educational Office Employees, the California Business Education Association, and the Orange County Educational Secretaries Association. This latter organization expressed appreciation to Ida for her helpful contributions by establishing in 1971 an annual \$100 scholarship in her name for a student planning to enter the business education field.

Another well-earned honor was given to Ida in 1979 when the CSUF Alumni Association chose her as the recipient of the first Outstanding Staff Member Award. She was selected for this special honor because of her "positive attitude, professionalism, high standards and dedication to students, faculty and staff."

Ida May Johnson was a uniquely competent person who served CSUF with distinction and loyalty and left her mark in the development of the university.

As a memorial, family members established the Ida May Johnson Fund at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Submitted by
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