

Carolyn G. Ward

Carolyn was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1894. She was married to Frank Ward, Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Business Administration and a nationally known economist.

Carolyn was initiated into Chapter D Knoxville on January 7, 1947. When Chapter T was organized on December 5, 1966, Carolyn was a Chapter T charter member. She served in several P.E.O. offices including secretary for the state. Additionally, Carolyn was a president of the UT Faculty Women's Club and member of the Friday Book Club, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, UT Carolyn G. Ward Music Scholarship President's Club, and an honorary member of the Knoxville Garden Club.

One of Carolyn's talents was a "knack for versifying," and in 1976 she gave a long program in verse celebrating the P.E.O. founders and her local P.E.O. chapter members. Her verses about the founders would make a good program for any chapter anywhere.

As with many prominent University of Tennessee faculty wives, Carolyn was a member of Tennessee Chapter D and sponsored many other university-affiliated women for membership in that chapter. Among these were Julia White, wife of James W. White, a former University of Tennessee professor of physics, and Martha Holt, wife of former University of Tennessee President Andy Holt. In 2004 both Julia and Martha were recognized as two of Chapter T's "Golden Girls."

Having no children of her own, Carolyn felt it important to assist other young people through scholarships. As a result, after her husband's death Carolyn established the Dean Frank B. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund for Undergraduates in Economics. And in 1982 Carolyn gave \$2000 to Cottey College for Chapter T (\$50 for each of the 38 members, plus an extra \$100 "for the Chapter to grow on.") This was typical of Carolyn's generosity and selfless attitude.

In 1983, with a \$10,000 gift to the P.E.O. Foundation, she established the Carolyn G. Ward Music Scholarship to Cottey College. These funds, along with additional contributions by chapters or individuals, provide for the Carolyn G. Ward Music Scholarship and are administered by the P.E.O. Foundation. Any interest or dividends earned by the Fund provide for the scholarship, which is offered first to an eligible Tennessee woman; if no Tennessee woman is eligible, then appropriate women from other states are considered.

Carolyn died in 1985 at age 89. Her memory lives on through her generosity and the Carolyn G. Ward Music Scholarship to Cottey College.

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